

U.S. Rep. John R. Lewis To Address Sigma's Heritage Luncheon

Epsilon Psi Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. will present U.S. Representative John R. Lewis, D. Atlanta, Georgia, as the guest speaker for the 1989 Heritage Luncheon.

John Lewis, the son of a sharecropper, was born in Troy, Alabama in 1940. Before his election to Congress, John Lewis served on the Atlanta City Council. He was first elected in 1981 and again received overwhelming support when he was re-elected in 1985.

As a close associate of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., John Lewis has been in the vanguard of leadership for

social change since the demonstrations, sit-ins and freedom rides of the 1960's. During the 1960's, he was considered one of the "Big Six" leaders of the civil rights movement along with Whitney Young, A. Phillip Randolph, Martin Luther King, Jr., James Farmer and Roy Wilkins.

The 12 noon luncheon will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 1515 West Charleston Boulevard on August 26, 1989. Tickets are \$15.00 per person.

For further information, please contact Anthony Thomas at 362-0772.

"It's Time To Make King Holiday Commission Permanent"

Congressman Jim Bilbray Pushes For King Monument

Congressman Jim Bilbray is cosponsoring legislation which would establish a national monument to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., in Washington D.C.

Said Bilbray, "This monument will add so much to Washington, not only to single out the work of Dr. King, but to remind all of us that Washington, with its tremendous African American community, has in the past been the focus of great social change. It was here in Washington that Dr. King gave his 'I have a dream' speech. This was a moment that changed the course of history for all Americans. It was a day that King pointed the way to settle the burning issue of racism by settling to together, not apart. When King was the

apart. When King saw the promise land it wasn't one of separate cities, separate nations or separate gods. It was a promised land where all people came together.

"We are light years ahead today as a direct result of his work. King has been honored all over this country. He should be. But his work in the Capital marks his, as well as Washington's finest hour. The two, the place and the man, are inextricably bound in history. There must be a King memorial in Washington D.C."

The bill, H.R. 937, was introduced by Congressman Walter Fauntroy, a member of the Black Caucus, who

wants the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity to oversee the project. The planned memorial will be established at no cost to the taxpayers.

Bilbray is also cosponsoring a bill, H.R. 1385, which would make the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday commission permanent. The commission was created to promote the teachings and celebrate the peaceful teachings of Dr. King. The Commission coordinates special commemorative events throughout the United States and the world.

The Dr. Martin Luther King committee of Las Vegas, which was founded by Assemblyman Wendell P. Williams strongly supports the King monument being established in Washington.

Congressman Bilbray said, "I have taken the position all along that Dr. King serves as one of our countries finest examples. I supported for the King

EOB 25th Anniversary Luncheon A Huge Success

In spite of the shenanigans of former LV Housing Authority Jim Sartini and Mayor Ron Lurie, the EOB 25th Anniversary Luncheon was enjoyable and to be appreciated. The excellent turnout of invited and podium guests certainly demonstrated the high esteem in which the Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County is held. Podium guests included former Governor Grant Sawyer, who served as Master of Ceremonies for the occasion; Gov. Bob Miller; Senator Richard Bryan; Congressman Jim Bilbray; State Senator Joe Neal; North Las Vegas Councilman Theron Goynes; County Commissioners Bruce Woodbury, Thalia Dondero and William Pearson; Mayor Ron Lurie; Rev. Marion Bennett; and Father David Watts, along with EOB Executive Director James Tyree, and its newly elected Chairman of the Board, Verlia Grice Davis. All of these guests had glowing words of praise for

the past 25 years of EOB's existence.

Special guest speaker, William "Sonny" Walker, Vice President of the National Alliance of Business, proved to be a dynamic and inspiring speaker as he put aside his prepared speech and instead told of all his former ties with many of those on the podium, extolled the Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County as one of the best Social Action Agencies in the country and stated that, in his opinion, the Clark County EOB demonstrated what a SAA should really be.

Also in attendance were former EOB Executive Directors William F. Contrell and J. David Hoggard, Sr., along with many former board members and board chairpersons.

Several beautiful musical selections were sung by Anthony Thomas, with piano accompaniment by the incomparable Henry Shed.

The luncheon was sponsored by Valley Bank of Nevada.

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the typical white household).

Much of the blame for both factors in the housing crisis rests with federal policies over the past decade. We have shown in many previous columns how Reagan Administration policies favored the wealthy and polarized American society into rich and poor. In addition, sharp cuts in housing assistance during the Reagan era kept the number of low income housing units down. According to the Center on Budget

and Policy Priorities, if the number of units added to the subsidized housing stock had continued at the same rate as in the late 1970s, about 1.9 million more low income households would now be receiving housing aid. As it is, the number of poor renter households receiving no housing assistance grew between 1979 and 1978 by more than a third, from 4 million to 5.5 million. And the housing aid cuts are an especially bitter pill to swallow now that we are learning about how the Department of Housing and Urban Development disbursed funds on the basis of cronyism and politics during the Reagan years.

Clearly, federal housing policy must be changed. That is why the A. Philip Randolph Institute, has endorsed a massive "Housing Now!" rally in Washington, D.C.

holiday as a state senator when only Joe Neal and I would vote for it. I was glad to see that Senator Neal and Assemblyman Williams were able to finally win passage of the holiday."

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FBI Called In To Probe NAACP Bomb Incident

The FBI has been called in to help investigate the mailing of a gas bomb to the southeastern regional headquarters of the NAACP in what is believed to have been a racially motivated attack.

Eight people, including a 4-month-old, were injured when the bomb went off Monday as workers at the NAACP office opened a package that arrived by mail earlier that morning.

Caustic gas, "similar to tear gas," spread from the office of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People through air-conditioning ducts into surrounding offices in a two-story brick building near downtown Atlanta, said Assistant Fire Chief Walter Campbell.

No one was seriously hurt, according to officials at Grady Memorial Hospital and

Georgia Baptist Medical Center.

Officers from the Postal Service, the FBI, the Atlanta police and the Atlanta Fire Bureau arson squad were investigating the bombing, Campbell said.

"We'll be looking to see what jurisdiction, if any, we've got. Our interest is from the point of view of civil rights," said FBI Special Agent Diader Rosario.

"Anytime something like this would come to the NAACP office, you have to believe it's racially motivated," said Democratic Rep. John Lewis, a veteran of the civil rights movement who was speaking nearby to a community group when he heard about the bombing.

"This is just a terrible experience," said Murlene Murray, a staff secretary in the office. "We've never experienced anything like this before in the 20 years I've worked here."

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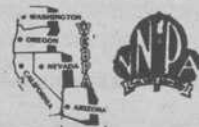
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