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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"

## Executive Director Not Asked To Leave

# HOOKS, NAACP AGREE ON RETIREMENT

After 15 years as the leader of the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization—the NAACP—Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, its Executive Director/CEO, recently announced that he will retire from his position at the end of his contract year, April, 1993.

Dr. Hooks' first public announcement came on Saturday, February 15, as the NAACP's Board of Directors held its winter meeting in New York City.

Several days after the board meeting Wednesday, February 19, Dr. Hooks held a press con-

ference in Washington, D.C., in which he emphasized that his decision to retire was not sudden, nor was it connected with any other event except his own desire to step down.

This all comes after an article in the New York Times, which NAACP Chairman Dr. William F. Gibson cited as having, "Many distortions," spoke of turbulence at the National Board Meeting.

"It is a fact that certain events transpired later on Saturday having to do with internal Board matters that have somehow

been linked to my decision to retire. They were not related, and it is incorrect to give that impression. The matters of internal governance of the Board are within the prerogatives of the Board and any questions in this regard should properly be addressed to them," Hooks later said in a formal statement. Hooks told the media that he had informed the Board's Contract Negotiating Committee as early as March, 1991, that he would serve for another year.

"Although the offer of a two

year contract and a substantial increase in compensation was made by the committee, having reached my decision, I declined both offers," he said, adding, "there was no dissent or discussion."

The executive director's wife, Frances D. Hooks, who was in Las Vegas on Saturday, February 29, to speak at a luncheon celebrating the 63rd anniversary of the Las Vegas Branch of the NAACP and the formation of a Las Vegas Chapter of Women in the NAACP (WIN), also found time to speak on behalf of her husband who has been at the head of the NAACP for the past 15 years.

"I want you to know that

NAACP Executive Director, Benjamin Hooks, retires after 15 years. (photo by Savoy LV/Sentinel-Voice)



## UNLV'S WINNING STREAK COMES TO A HALT IN DISTRICT COURT



Runnin' Rebels (l to r) Evric Gray, Reggie Manuel, Dedan Thomas, J.R. Rider and Danny Griffin, leave the courthouse, this past Tuesday, after hearing Judge Donald Mosley's decision to deny a preliminary injunction to block NCAA sanctions and allow the Rebels to play in the NCAA Tournament. (photo by Savoy/LVS-Voice)

By W.G. Ramirez

Honorable Donald Mosley put an end to the long, drawn-out and tired case between UNLV and the NCAA by denying this year's team a request for a preliminary injunction to block NCAA sanctions.

After hearing attorney

Steve Stein's arguments, Mosley said the Rebel players had no legal right to participate in the NCAA Tournament.

Mosley called his decision the most difficult of his career. The judge also said that the NCAA unfairly punished the Rebels for allegations that they had absolutely nothing to do with.

"My first instinct was that there was a wrong to these players," said Mosley. "There must, however, be a legal cause of action. As a judge, I have to have a legal reason for what I'm doing."

As the Rebels made their way out of court, they had (See Rebels, Page 5)

## SON STILL BEING HELD IN CONNECTION WITH MURDERS

# COMMUNITY MOURNS DEATHS OF REV. & MRS. ISAAC WESLEY



West Las Vegasans are still in shock after the bodies of Rev. Isaac Wesley, 71, and his wife Doella Wesley, 75, were discovered by concerned family and friends, slain in their home on West Lake Mead Boulevard Tuesday evening.



It is not clear when the murders took place, but after the couple missed a Bible study class Monday evening, church members became worried. But it wasn't until Isaac Wesley missed work Tuesday that friends went to the house, only to find the slain couple.

The Clark County Coroners office reported Wednesday that Isaac died from multiple stab wounds to his head, chest, abdomen and right hand, while his wife suffered stab wounds to the chest, abdomen and back.

The couple's son Herbert Wesley, 26, was taken into custody while driving his father's truck Tuesday evening, and has been charged with two counts of murder. It has been reported that Herbert had a violent temper.

Witnesses have told police that Herbert Wesley was at the Lake Mead Boulevard residence Tuesday morning. He reportedly told a friend of the family that Isaac Wesley was at work in Green Valley Tuesday morning.

Some friends and neighbors still find it hard to believe that Herbert would kill his father and stepmother. A former schoolmate labeled him as, "just a normal kid."

Isaac Wesley was chairman of the deacon board and Doella Wesley was president of the mother's board at Grace Immanuel Baptist Church on West Bartlett Avenue, where Rev. S.P. Parks is pastor.

At press time no funeral or memorial services have been announced.

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