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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"

VICE PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFUL REV. JESSE JACKSON ADDRESSES THOUSANDS AT FRONTIER AS (SEIU) CONVENTION CULMINATES

By Muhammad Abdullah

"KEEP HOPE ALIVE! KEEP HOPE ALIVE! DOWN WITH DOPE! DOWN WITH DOPE! SAVE OUR JOBS! SAVE OUR JOBS! REBUILD AMERICA! REBUILD AMERICA! The theme song was "Solidarity Forever."

These chants resounded in a thunderous roar amidst thousands of sign carrying local union demonstrators, tourists and members of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) as they rallied behind the cheers of Rev. Jesse Jackson on Tuesday, April 21, 1992 at 1 p.m. in front of the Frontier Hotel, culminating their convention in Las Vegas.

Rev. Jackson is a former close associate and aid to the late civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, former candidate for the presidency of the

United States, founder of Operation PUSH, President, Rainbow Coalition, and Vice Presidential running mate of Presidential candidate, former California Governor Jerry Brown.

Union Local 226 President Jim Arnold, when asked about Rev. Jackson's impact on reaching some agreement with Frontier Hotel and Casino management responded this way:

"Rev. Jackson has been a long time supporter of labor and Union causes. He is truly concerned about fair treatment for the "little man" and has made this known wherever he has traveled around the country and the world. He has been to Las Vegas on six occasions to support our cause, three times here at the Frontier."

Arnold said the rallies were invaluable to the (See Rev. Jesse Jackson, Page 5)



Thousands of union members and supporters march up the world famous strip and gather in front of the strike ridden Frontier Hotel and Casino in an attempt to shut down the Las Vegas resort. Photos by Savoy/LVS-Voice

JOHN RHODES APPOINTED TO CCSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

By Muhammad Abdullah

On Tuesday, April 21, 1992 at 6:30 p.m., five candidates were screened by the Clark County School District Board of Trustees for appointment to a slot vacated by outgoing District C incumbent Yvonne Atkinson-Gates. Gates resigned from the board to run for a County Commission seat presently held by Dr. William Pearson.

The prospective appointees were drilled on their opinions on various issues. Among these issues were: 1) challenges for the CCSD in the next 15 years; 2) busing and desegregation; 3) the role of a board member; 4) the responsibility of parents and community members to the education process; 5) their primary goal if elected; 6) the primary objective of the CCSD; 7) The relationship roles of administrators, support staff, superintendent and the Board of Trustees among others.

Applicants for the appointed post included John Rhodes, county employee, community activist, and Vice President of Committed 100 Black Men Helping Boys, Richard Prato, local attorney and former college teacher, Dr. James McMillan, local dentist, community activist and former President of NAACP, Dwayne Stedman, founder of "Common Cause," and Patricia Spencer, former School Board of Trustees member in Detroit, Michigan.

Rhodes, 27 years old and appearing very confident and relaxed when asked why he wanted to be a trustee said that he wanted to give back



Newly appointed trustee to the Clark County School Board, John Rhodes, gets drilled with questions before being unanimously voted in to represent District C.

Photos by Savoy/LVS-Voice

to the community because of what he achieved as a community member.

He said he wanted to provide opportunities such as he had been afforded and help his constituents understand the education process.

When asked about disagreements on various issues between board members and how he would deal with that, Rhodes said that he would be willing to compromise to reach an

(See John Rhodes, Page 20)

First A M E Church Brings A King To Las Vegas

by Y. Ali El-Shabazz

The First African Methodist Episcopal Church held a luncheon at the Aladdin Hotel to help raise the needed dollars for a building addition. This fundraiser was filled with singing, a fashion show and a powerful message from the Rev. Dr. Bernice King.

Rev. Dr. Bernice King, the fourth and youngest child of the slain civil rights advocate Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, addressed the more than 300 attendees with moving words of wisdom and thoughts. Speaking of this year's theme of "Pioneer Dreams Become a Reality," the young Spelman College graduate moved quickly into her topic of discussion. It centered around "dreamers" and the visions they possess. She stated "that in every age there need to be dreamers and without them to challenge us at our deepest point, the best in humanity couldn't be brought forth". She also expressed that men and women of thought are not readily accepted in our society. Bernice gave numerous examples of dreamers who got in trouble for their ideas and ideology, ending up with her father, Dr. King. For it was his dream of seeing a world free of racism, militarism and poverty that killed him, she explained. However, Bernice pointed out that it was the vision of Martin that took form on other people, "you can kill a dreamer, but you can't

kill an idea who's time has come." Picking up on the spiritual energy of the AME congregation, the ordained Baptist minister said, "our nations priorities are misguided and misdirected. That violence and war has long become obsolete. The dollars spent on wars need to be put to better use within our society, Bernice said. There are over three million homeless women and children and over forty million Americans without some kind of health care. Coming to the conclusion that the real war and threat of the U.S. government is "not without, but within". She quoted a saying of her father's "a nation that continues to spend billions of dollars year after year on the military industrial complex rather than programs of social uplift, is approaching spiritual death."

Calling upon the legislation branch on Capital Hill in Washington, D.C. to restore confidence in America from it's economical woes, Bernice, questions why the rich get richer and the poor get poorer in the process. Between the rescuing of the Chrysler Corporation and 150 billion dollar bailout of the Saving and Loans affair, she said something is wrong when our nation can't solve our domestic problems.

A government that spends 52 cents on a dollar for the military and only 2 cents per dollar on (See Dr. Bernice King, Page 20)

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