

# AFSCME SHOWS SUPPORT FOR FRONTIER STRIKERS



Thousands of delegates and guests of the AFSCME march along the world famous Las Vegas 'Strip' in support of the local unions fighting for a new contract at the Frontier Hotel.

Close to 3,000 members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees recently took part in a march and rally, along with members of five Las Vegas un-

ions who are striking against the Frontier Hotel.

Members of the AFSCME, which is based in Washington, D.C., marched from the Las Vegas Convention Center,

Photo by Savoy/LVS-Voice where approximately 6,000 attended the five day conference, to the Frontier Hotel.

Just under 500 members of the Culinary Local 226 and Bartenders Local 165, in addition to

members of Operating Engineers Local 501, Teamsters Local 501 and Carpenters 1780 have been on strike at the Frontier since mid-October of 1991.

At the rally, Gerald W. McEntee, president of the 1.3 million member AFSCME, announced that the organization was donating \$25,000 to the striking workers. Negotiations on a new five-year labor contract resumed a month ago between Frontier management and the Culinary union. Both sides reportedly submitted new proposals, however no new talks have been scheduled.

In a July 1 letter addressed to Tom Elardi of the Frontier Hotel, Governor Bob Miller aired his concerns regarding the dispute and its negative impact on our local and state economy.

"The national recession has been devastating. It has had an especially serious affect on economies that depend upon revenue. This labor dispute adds

significantly to the impact of the national recession on Nevada. If the talks do not proceed to a quick and successful outcome, it will have a devastating effect on our economy," Miller said in the letter.

The Governor also said he felt it is in the best interest of the Hotel, the workers and every Nevadan, that all the parties involved go back to the bargaining table and pursue a quick and equitable settlement.

## ASSEMBLYMAN WILLIAMS

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management practices of the Elardis reveal a pattern of regulatory evasion and abuse. Actions taken by the Frontier under the guise of confronting the strike betray an inexcusable lack of concern for the economic stability of Las Vegas and our primary industry," Williams said.

Williams went on to say that over the past 30 months the Frontier has been cited by the State's OSHA inspectors on six separate occasions, and has been named in at least 8 separate complaints issued by the National Labor Relations Board, in addition to running a series of misleading advertisements in the Los Angeles Times.

"The legislation I will propose in the next session will benefit the entire state of Nevada. The past five years have seen unprecedented growth in gaming. Many of the leading gaming companies from Las Vegas are currently expanding beyond the borders of the state. It does not help them and it does not help the citizens of Nevada if our ability to regulate ourselves is brought into question. We must be able to demonstrate beyond a shadow of a doubt, to the other states and the federal government, that our gaming companies are clean, our hotels safe and regulators thorough," he added.

Williams then announced he would officially kick-off his reelection campaign this week, and that he was proud of his 100 percent voting record with labor.

"As I kick-off my campaign this Friday, those who will work my campaign will be strikers who are at the Frontier. I'm proud of the endorsement of labor and even the financial contribution. Therefore, I feel it is my duty to take that contribution, turn it back and pay strikers to work my campaign events; and I encourage other policy makers to do the same thing."

Williams closed by saying, "It hurts to some degree to think that people would be out of work for this long based on greed, arrogance and simply mistreating people and their families. This is not about one particular property, it's about all of us."

# NAACP ANNOUNCES SEARCH COMMITTEE TO SELECT NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, (NAACP) the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization, has named a search committee to begin the process of selecting a new Executive Director to succeed the Reverend Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, who will retire in the spring of 1993.

Dr. William F. Gibson, Chairman, NAACP National Board of Directors, appointed a committee that reflects the diverse membership of the association. Members selected for the NAACP Search Committee are from all regions of the country, and they encompass a wide variety of backgrounds and points of view.

Selected to serve as Chairman of the committee is Ernest G. Green, of Washington, D.C., Managing Director of Lehman Brothers. Mr. Green was one of the original group of black students who integrated Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1956.

Mr. T.H. Poole, Sr., President of the Florida State Conference of the NAACP was named Vice Chairman. The other members are: Ben F. Andrews, of Simsbury, Connecticut; Owen F. Bieber, of Detroit, Michigan; Eric Boone, Chairman of the National Youth Work Committee, of Hempstead, New York; Franklin Breckenridge, of

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