

# TWO MAJOR LAW ENFORCEMENT EXECUTIVE ORGANIZATIONS TO HOST SECOND RACIAL & ETHIC ISSUES CONFERENCE IN RENO, NEVADA

Washington, D.C. - The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), and the Reno, Nevada Police Department will host their second conference for law enforcement executives, entitled, "Unfinished

Business: Racial and Ethnic Issues Facing Law Enforcement II." Scheduled for September 27-29, 1992, the conference will feature a keynote speech by Los Angeles Police Chief Willie L. Williams, as well as workshops led by leading practitioners in the field on effective ways police

can prevent racial and ethnic conflict and defuse tension.

"In recent incidents in Los Angeles and other areas of our country, we have witnesses continued evidence of racism, or perceived racism." "It is apparent that racism remains a principal factor in American society, and will remain so until we are willing to confront it. This conference offers law enforcement executives the chance to do just that, by examining working models, trading knowledge and increasing their range conflict."

The conference also offers law enforcement executives the opportunity to learn more about the ethnic problems that confront law enforcement at a time of increasing multicultural diversity, and develop strategies and programs to cope with these problems and issues.

Interactive, discussion-oriented workshop will address racial and ethnic tension that exists within law enforcement agencies, between law enforcement agencies and communities and between different community groups. Specific topics to be addressed include: new immigrants; hiring, retaining and promoting minorities; bias crime programs; crime in the African-American community; post-Rodney King Americas and police use of deadly force, brutality and incivility.

In 1991, NOBILE and PERF teamed up to provide a forum in which colleagues of different races and ethnicities could learn

more about these divisive issues and talk to one another freely and openly. The structure of the conference provided attendees with the opportunity to devise recommendations for future action. The reaction to last year's conference was positive and overwhelming. Several hundred attendees were turned away for lack of space. Those who were able to attend praised the conference content and urged NOBLE and PERF to host a follow up event.

This year's conference will be held at the Reno Hilton, in Reno, Nevada. Hotel reservations may be made by calling (800) 648-5080. Enrollment is limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. To obtain a conference brochure or reserve your place immediately, call Angela Hurley-Clark of NOBILE at (202)546-8811. The registration fee is \$325 for NOBILE and PERF members and \$370 for all others.

## N.L.V. COUNCILMAN THERON GOYNES HONORED

North Las Vegas Mayor pro Tempore and Councilman Theron H. Goynes was honored as "1992 Public Official of the Year" at the Nevada League of Cities' annual meeting in Winnemucca on August 22, 1992.

Councilman Goynes is a three-term member of the North Las Vegas City Council and has served as Mayor pro Tempore for the past eight years. He served as a council member in an appointed capacity in 1972-1973 and 1979-1981.

As an active member of the community, Councilman Goynes serves on a number of boards and task forces. He is Chairman of the Economic Opportunity Board, Chairman of the Clark County Clearinghouse Council, Vice-Chair of the Regional Transportation Commission and is a member of the Intergovernmental Finance Committee of the National League of Cities.

Employed by the Clark County School District for 27 years, Councilman Goynes is currently a retired School Principal. He is the fourth member of the current City Council of North Las Vegas to receive the "Public Official of the Year" award.

### AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

## Joel A. Rogers (J.A. Rogers) HISTORIAN

By Gwen Walker

Joel A. Rogers was born in 1880 in Jamaica, West Indies. In 1906 Rogers came to the United States and became an American citizen in 1917.

Originally, a journalist, he covered Haile Selassie's coronation as Emperor of Ethiopia in 1930 and five years later became the first Black war correspondent in the U.S. History by reporting the Italo Ethiopian war for the Pittsburgh Courier.

J.A. Rogers was the author of numerous newspaper and magazine articles and wrote an illustrated feature "Your History" for the Pittsburgh Courier. His books included:

- Superman To Man 1917
- As Nature Leads 1919
- World's Greatest Men Of African Descent 1931
- Real Facts About Ethiopia 1935
- Sex and Race 1940-44
- World's Great Men of Color 1947

J.A. Rogers' work was often challenged for the accuracy of its documentation and interpretation, it is nonetheless impressive when one considers that Rogers was conducting much of his research at a time when Black Historians were virtually nonexistent in the U.S.

Joel A Rogers died in New York City in January of 1966. Read more at his work at Native Son Book Store and Research Center.



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## FEDERAL GRANT HELPS BOYS & GIRLS CLUB TAKE "ACTION" AGAINST DRUGS

Federal funds, totalling \$27,697, have been awarded to the SMART Moves programs at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Las Vegas through a one-year ACTION grant recently issued by the regional ACTION office in San Francisco.

ACTION is the federal domestic volunteer agency, which nationally administers substance abuse prevention and other community-based programs.

The grant will help the Boy & Girls Clubs SMART Moves program expand to three Las Vegas clubs located in high-risk neighborhoods. SMART Moves volunteer teams will help to run regular anti-drug group sessions throughout the school year.

Debbie McCarley, director of the SMART Moves program, said that the grant will be matched with locally raised funds to support drug use prevention

education, community-wide special events with an anti-drug message, and other projects carried out by more than one-hundred volunteers.

SMART Moves uses a prevention team approach, consist-

ing of parents, staff members, community leaders and older teens to guide the program. It is ideally suited for volunteers. For more information about the project or to volunteer, call the Boys & Girls Clubs of LV at 367-2582.

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