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Political Wheels Spin Through Town

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Martin Luther King Visit Draws Community Support

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Thousands Expected On Campus

Famous Leader To Speak Here Friday Night

The executive committee of the San Diego Martin Luther King Assembly to be held in the Golden Gymnasium tomorrow at 8 p.m. on the California Western University campus, recently met at the San Diego County Council of Churches office to an-

NEWS in brief

Evers' Memorial Plans Underway

NAACP officials plan Memorial Services on first anniversary of the death of Medgar Evers which falls on June 14. Tentatively, details are not complete but information will be made public in due course.

Star Twirler Hailed at Grove

Daphne Hayes, age 7, of 805 S. Payne, won first place in her age group as an advanced baton twirler in a contest held last week in Walker Scott's College Grove

Candidates and Cronies Prime Primary Pump

REP. GUS HAWKINS (left) of Los Angeles compares notes on campaign strategy with Rep. Lionel Van Deerlin (center) and Assemblyman James Mills in Van Deerlin's Imperial Avenue headquarters. Hawkins ably defended candidacy of Alan Cranston and enjoyed approbation of several enthusiastic San Diego groups.

— Staff Photo by Sherman S. Skeete

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Hopefuls Here in Force

By SHERMAN S. SKEETE
Independent Staff Writer

Political traffic which stampeded through San Diego on the eve of Tuesdays' primary election was thorough and awesome in scope.

Both parties sent their representatives to see and be seen.

At the head of the cavalcade of candidates was Rep. Gus Hawkins of Los Angeles who released all wraps in a withering accusation of "windmill" leaders.

He pointed out the indecision of some individuals who were staunch followers of Alan Cranston up to the 11th hour. Then when easy money appeared, they elected to change their minds and began divisive tactics on behalf of a newcomer on the California political scene.

Rep. Lionel Van Deerlin flew in from Washington on Friday.

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JOINTLY, with Jim Mills of the Legislature in Sacramento, they reported to their constituents and beefed up their campaigns to recapture votes and to add to their sum total of admirers.

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THEN Pierre Salinger joined

cently met at the San Diego County Council of Churches office to announce the details of Dr. King's visit to San Diego.

Approximately 6,000 persons are expected to attend the assembly and seating arrangements will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets will not be printed because of the lack of available time. Parking facilities will be designated on the university campus for the public.

The program will commence at 8 o'clock. The Rev. Harold B. Keir and the Rev. E. Major Shavers will be masters of ceremonies for the occasion.

Following the flag salute, singing of the national anthem, and invocation, the Calvary Baptist Church choir will sing.

Greetings will be extended by Mayor Frank Curran, City of San Diego; Robert Dent, chairman of Board of Supervisors; Murray Goodrich, honorary life president, Temple Beth Israel; The Rev. Morgan W. Tann, vice president of Southeast Ministers' Alliance; the Rev. William MacInnes, president of Council of Churches; the Rev. Galal Gouch, president of County Ministerial Assn.; Dr. Charles Hampton, honorary vice president, Western Christian Leadership Conference; and David Waters, president of Cal Western Associated Students.

Dr. King will be introduced by Dr. S. M. Lockridge. George Scott will make an offering appeal.

Councilmen Say Logan Needs Help

In this week's budget delay at city council, pointed remarks were directed to residents of Logan Heights.

Referring to studies in urban renewal, Councilman Jack Walsh said, "If the fruits go to the strong, they will only get stronger.

"Maybe," he continued, "the

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Classified Closed on Holiday

In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, the classified department of The Independent will be closed on Saturday. Regular service will be resumed Monday morning.

INTER-RACIAL PICKETS circle before Bank of America in simultaneous protest launched in 13 California cities against alleged unfair hiring practices of institution. In Friday's demonstration in which 45 pickets operated under auspices of CORE, bucket of human waste was catapulted from third floor window on top of group to dismay of scores of curious pedestrians. Without flinching, marchers continued and will be resumed (pending agreement) tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. —Staff Photo by Sherman S. Skeete

CORE, Bank Feud Brings Out Pickets, Hot Words

Bank's Side

Bank of America throughout California has been the target for implementation of its profession of being a "fair employer" by the Congress of Racial Equality which expresses certain doubts about this assumption.

The position taken by Bank of America follows:

"At our press conference of March 12, this bank publicly reaffirmed our equal opportunity employment policy and indicated that, while we were willing to entertain constructive suggestions from any groups, we would not sign agreements with or provide statistical data to any nongovernment agency.

"In addition to making this position public, we have reaffirmed it each time we have met with CORE. We have consistently pointed out to CORE that we were not meeting with them to negotiate any formal agreement. Despite this, CORE officials have consistently implied in their public statements that negotiations toward a signed agreement were underway with our bank.

"Since our press conference of March 12, this bank has remained silent on the matter of our discussions with the Congress of Racial Equality other than answering direct queries from the press. Maintaining this silence in the face of a continuing CORE publicity campaign of half truths and innuendoes has been a trial of patience. We have remained silent, however, as long as discussions were going on with CORE in order to be certain that no statement of ours would in any way prejudice the meetings that were underway. Since those meetings were concluded last evening, we now feel free to discuss the entire matter with you.

"We have included a good deal of material in your press

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Saturday's TV Log Appears Today

The Saturday (Memorial Day) TV log will be found in today's edition of The Independent, beginning on Page A8.

It is being published at this time because the Weekender will be distributed on Sunday instead of Saturday, due to the holiday when the entire Independent plant will be closed.

The balance of next week's TV programming will be found in the Weekender as usual.

Civil Strife On Horizon

Authorities in the nation's capital are taking very seriously prediction of civil rights leaders that the "long hot summer" to come may bring the kind of racial violence this nation has seldom seen.

At the Justice Department, legal experts are busily at work with R-Day plans which they hope will minimize the rioting which civil rights proponents are promising. The thrust of these riots, they know, will be at states preparing to vote on segregation and de-segregation issues.

If these reports reaching law enforcement authorities are correct, California may be embroiled in racial strife. This summer.

Ironically, the selection of California as a civil rights battle ground runs counter to the traditions of a state which has been populated by a wide variety of creeds, nationalities, and

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CORE's Side

In a statement made to The Independent, Hal Brown, head of the local chapter of CORE, has expressed certain observations over the running feud between his organization and the Bank of America. He said:

"After reading through the material enclosed in the packet sent out by the Bank of America, I have this to say. It is very obvious that Bank of America is using its multimillion dollar machinery to make it seem that CORE is the villain and not Bank of America.

"This is no new tactic employed by those companies who have been challenged to correct their 'lop-sided' employment picture pertaining to minority groups.

"In one breath, Bank of America professes to be and to have always been an equal opportunity employer as they stated on Page 8 of their statement to the press and I quote, 'We are and have been an equal opportunity employer.'

"One sentence above this statement, Bank of America states, 'This bank is willing to do and has done a good deal to improve the employment opportunities of our minority citizens.'

"Also stated in that same paragraph by Bank of America is this sentence, 'We have taken a number of major steps to open up more opportunities for minority groups.' Bank of America, while holding tenaciously to the idea that it is an equal opportunity employer, states in its own release to the press that it was necessary for them to take steps to improve the employment opportunities of minority citizens.

"This is only one example of the Bank of America's attempt to mislead the public. Other examples are included in the

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Joe S. Payne, won first place in her age group as an advanced baton twirler in a contest held last week in Walker Scott's College Grove Shopping Center. This youngster is said to show great promise.

BBC Buys 'Stars' For Exhibition

The Canadian branch of BBC has bought the rights for a tape of Stars for Freedom and will exhibit it free of charge on television in that country in recognition of the 10th year since the passage of school integration by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Death Stalks Two On Market Street

Tragedy which flared on 13th and Market street this week, resulted in a toll of one dead, one critically injured. Dead is George Powell, 49, of 3052 Logan Ave., who was gunned down by Oliver Jackson, 62, of 250 S. 33rd St. The latter was felled by Patrolman Lawrence Blanchard when Jackson endangered the officer by threatening moves. No reason has been advanced for Jackson's strange behavior.

Muslims' Influence Asserted

"The only way the American Negro can go to Africa and be fully accepted is through the leadership and teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad of the Black Muslims," declared Dr. Alfred Graham at a farewell party held this week in Elsinore where the Amos Bradfords of Mosque No. 8, Nation of Islam, of San Diego were honored.

Accompanying Dr. Graham from Riverside was Joshua Von Wolfolk, titular head of the Afro-American Association.

As guests of Brother Alfred X Pender and his wife Gussi X, Dr. Graham apparently felt free to make certain statements. While speaking on the topic of "Who Will Save the Negro?" he said. "It is hilarious to me to hear the Negro say there is nothing in Africa for him, when at the same time the white man is fighting, bribing and lying to get into Africa."

At the combination business and social affair, Von Wolfolk concluded comments by predicting that "ultimately, the program of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad holds the answer to the Negro's dilemma."

HONORARY CO-CHAIRMEN of Martin Luther King assembly set plans for tomorrow's event. From left, Dr. S. M. Lockridge, president of Southeast Interdenominational Alliance; Mrs. Jonas Salk; Mayor Frank Curran, and David Waters, president of California Western Associated Students.

EDITORIAL

All Five Propositions Deserving of Yes Vote

The fate of five propositions of varying import will be decided by San Diego voters when they go to the polls on Tuesday. The arguments pro and con have been sounded long and loud, and to repeat them here would serve small purpose.

As in all matters of moment, there are conflicting factors involved that must be weighed with utmost care and impartiality before a sound decision can be reached. This the Independent Editorial Panel, with full access to all the facts and keenly conscious of its responsibility, has done over an extended period of time.

Its conclusions are positive in each instance: the plus factors consistently dominate, with all five propositions deserving an affirmative vote.

Briefly summarized, the propositions provide:

Proposition A

Expansion of the Civil Service Commission from three to five members, with no more than four members of one sex eligible to serve.

The Independent recommends: ..... Vote ☒ Yes

Proposition B

Orderly transfer of 616 acres of Pueblo (city-

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votes and to add to their sum total of admirers.

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THEN Pierre Salinger joined the procession and told of his qualifications for a Senate seat.

Ably defending the position of Cranston, backed both by the Governor and the County Democratic Council, Assemblyman W. Byron Rumford of Berkeley, spoke to an overflow audience at OceanHouse.

Following a standing ovation, Rumford endorsed Cranston and elaborated on his now nationally-famous Fair Housing Bill—AB 1240—in a blistering attack on an appeal to emotionalism by the California Realty Association.

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HE DEBUNKED as untrue an assertion that the bill was "rammed down the throats of the Legislature."

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"WHY, IT TOOK five months of debate for it to enjoy passage," he declared.

He stated that "Salinger is a resident of Virginia and does not have residence or pay taxes

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HON. BYRON RUMFORD

FAREWELL BARBECUE for Amos Bradfords this week in Elsinore by Bro. Alfred X Pender, brought together joint group of Muslims and Black Nationalists among whom were Sister Kimberley X, Sister Ruthie X, Sister Gussie X, Sister Ann X, Sister Laura X, Sister Dorothy X, Sister Virginia X, Brother Alfred X (Dr. Graham), Brother Lenzie X, Brother Alton X, Brother Amos X, Brother William 5X, Brother Otha X and Brother Walter 2X. Bradfords leave for Guinea, Africa, on June 24. — Photo by Baynard