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FRONT news PAGE release

Hobson Reynolds, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks of the World, and long time king-maker in the Republican Party, threatens to change his party affiliation if the Republicans do not take a strong stand on Civil Rights. - Controversial Paul Robeson has returned to the USA, in poor health, to spend his last days. He has been living in Europe since 1958. - Frank D. Reeves, DC attorney, and former Democratic strong man in the early JFK administration, has withdrawn his candidacy for reelection as National Committeeman. - John B. Duncan, the only Negro to ever sit on the three man Board of Commissioners of Washington, DC, has finally won his long fought battle to enact a strong antidiscriminatory housing code. The DC Commissioners have put into law a bill which outlaws all discrimination in both sales and rentals of apartments and single family homes. The new law imposes harsh punitive measures for violators. - Negroes in the Nation's Capital have made strong appeals to both the President, and the Civil Service Commission opposing LBJ's out-back order in Federal employment. - Bishop D. Ward Nichols, under suspension by his AME Church since 1957, will finally face court charges on the alleged embezzlement of a quarter million dollars of church funds. - Josephine Baker, legend of the Folies Bergere, will participate in a giant benefit for the late Susie Edwards, of the team of Butterbeans and Susie. The benefit is scheduled for Chicago, and will feature many great names of show business. - Wilt Chamberlain, Oscar, Big O, Robertson, and Bill Russell continue to dominate the play and the statistics in the National Basketball Association. - Wonderful Willie Mays, baseball's most expensive piece of property, will join Lou Gehrig and Joe DiMaggio as recipient of the Tris Speaker Award. This award is the highest and rarest of baseball awards. - Lena Horne, who for far too many years stood aloof from the Civil Rights movement, has announced her intent to dedicate her life to the fight for freedom. She is honorary chairman of the NAACP FREEDOM SEAL CAMPAIGN. - Madison Avenue is pleasantly shocked by the audience reception of Negro models in TV commercials, and is making a national talent hunt for more sepiia models. - Bob Hayes, the Florida Bullet, has repeated his world record time of 9.1 seconds in the 100, and has been designated as the man most likely to run the hundred in 9 flat. - Adolph Plummer, the New Mexico speedster, has broken another track barrier in running the 440 under 45 seconds.

Negro Girl Earns Stewardess Pin

Miss Naomi Catlin, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William H. Catlin, 255 Fifth Street, Wilmerding, Pa., was recently honored at a luncheon by Northwest Orient Airlines. She was awarded her stewardess wings. She is assigned to their home base in Minneapolis/St. Paul. She is a graduate of Gateway High School, Monroeville, Pa. and attended Howard University.



NAOMI CATLIN

... honored by airline

THE STORY OF URBAN RENEWAL

BY GENE AMBERG

Progress can now be readily observed within the Madison School Urban Renewal Project. For the past week men and heavy equipment have been in the area busily working on the construction of the streets, curbs, gutters and all the other site improvements to make the land ready for sale to the re-developer in a completely improved state.

This work is being performed by Nevada Rock and San Company under contract with the Urban Renewal Agency. Nevada Pipe Line, Acme Electric and S & R Concrete Company are performing sub-contract work under the prime contractor.

The benefit to the present residents of the surrounding area is obvious, in that, the new streets will provide them with easier and better ingress and egress throughout the area. Additionally, new street lighting is being installed which in itself is both an aid to safer driving and walking, and also serves as a protection factor. Criminal activities do not usually flourish in a well-lighted neighborhood. The installation of new modern fire alarm stations will proved the entire area with quick efficient fire protection.

All of the above improvements will be beneficial to people living in the vicinity of the Urban Renewal Project, and further, after the completion of the new dwelling units, the future occupants of such structures will enjoy the advantages for many years to come.

Another important aspect of this project will be realized in the form of increased tax revenue to the City. It must be remembered that the land on which the new units are to be built was formerly occupied, in the majority, by sub-standard dwellings and, as such, had a very low assessed valuation and, hence, very little taxes were derived from the area. It may be expected with the erection of some eight million dollars worth of buildings on this same land that the taxes derived will be substantial, and with the additional tax money, more improvements may be planned for the community. This, as has been stated, is the purpose of Urban Renewal .. to provide a better neighborhood and a better community for all.

At the same time that the improvements are being installed, meetings are being held between the Urban Renewal Agency and Urban Developers, Inc., the selected re-developer for the Madison School Project. The purpose of these meetings is to negotiate all of the many items necessary to complete a Land Disposition contract by which the land within the project may be sold to the private re-developer. It is hoped that a "meeting of minds" on these topics will be accomplished in the near future, which would enable the re-developer to commence construction shortly thereafter.

The next article will take a look at the re-developer and point out some of the plans in store for the re-development of the area involved.

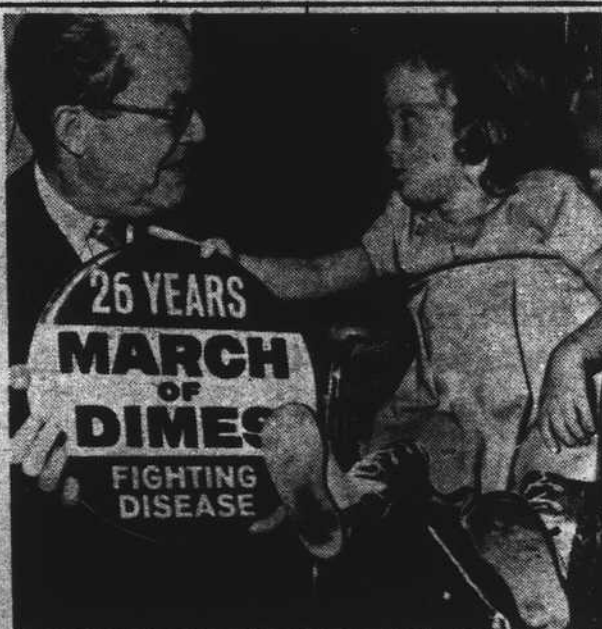
NAACP OPPOSES SPECIAL SESSION

The Las Vegas chapter of the NAACP, in general assembly on January 12, voted to cooperate and coordinate with the Reno-Sparks branch in a joint protest meeting to be held in Carson City of January 18. The combined NAACP groups will make an appeal to the Governor and the State Legislature to place Civil Rights on the agenda, or abandon the special session. The NAACP takes the unequivocal stand that there is no issue more urgent, and none more important than that of the right of all citizens to have freedom of movement, and equal opportunities in a democratic nation.

The Las Vegas branch, at the same meeting, voted to send Mr. James Anderson, and Mr. Charles L. Kellar to participate in the APPRENTICE TRAINING conference sponsored by the US Department of Labor in San Francisco on January 14th and 15th.

The members, by unanimous vote, passes a resolution to appeal to the Civil Service Commission for a complete investigation of the Las Vegas Police Department. Investigation of the police officers involved in the Christmas Eve incident on Jackson Street, and the policies of Police Chief, Leo Kuykendall, were specifically asked.

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