

COMBAT LA YOUTH PROBLEMS

APPROVAL OF A comprehensive Federal-State-local program to combat youth unemployment and juvenile delinquency in Los Angeles was announced by Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz recently.

The project deals with the problems of minority and disadvantaged families residing in slum areas of the city. Counseling, guidance, and training programs under the Manpower Development and Training

line and the Loring Kids and back them with Christine and her combo they would cure what is ailing the G. Auld revue currently careening along unevenly in the lounge of the Strip hotel. Looks like they are going to let it limp along so make the stop, order some chicken and dig Christine - at Ruben's.

I'm in a bad mood, myself. As a sports buff, there is a big gap in the year between the pro football playoff and the start of the baseball season. (Nothing sportswisely really happening.) I agree with TV 2's Martin Black that the Dodgers look like a mortal lock in the National League. Looks like the evil ungrateful O'Malley-Bavasi combine and their factory will turn out winning models for the next few years at least. (Aside: I think Bavasi's mishandling of Sandy Koufax indefensible. Shame on you, Buzzy). The SF Giants, if they are all talking to one another, have a chance and the long-shot special is the Philadelphia entry. Over in the other league, the Yankees will win the pennant and if it is against the Dodgers, I hope, the series, too! The long-shot bettors are advised to put a few bob on the beantowners, Boston, in the American League.

NEXT WEEK, WHO KNOWS? Let's see what the wind does, first.

Act, will be provided for unemployed youth with little or no work experience. Juvenile Delinquency Act, will be provided for unemployed youth with little or no work experience. Juvenile Delinquency Act funds will be used to initiate family welfare, correctional, educational, health, and community programs.

Altogether, 4,100 youths will participate in the MDTA phase of the project. Of these, approximately 3,100 will take specific training courses to equip them for jobs. The others will be tested and counseled for referral to present work opportunities. Many will be given basic instruction in reading and writing; others will receive instruction in English.

The project is primarily concentrated in two areas of the city- East and South-Central Los Angeles. The East Los Angeles. The East Los Angeles program, directed mainly toward Mexican-Americans, began last June and will provide training for approximately 1,500 youths, and guidance and counseling services for an additional 1,300.

THE SOUTH-CENTRAL program, directed mainly toward Negro youth, will provide training, counseling, and placement services for 1,600 youths.

In addition, the Youth Opportunities Board will receive the first phase of a \$700,000 grant from the President's Committee on Juvenile Delinquency for a demonstration project in the prevention and control of juvenile crime.

Total MDTA and Juvenile Delinquency Act funds for the Los Angeles project amount to approximately \$2.5 million.



DO YOU get "wiggly" on windy days? Not just you readers with wigs but all of us with tops to blow, the whole human race. I do. Almost everything is harder to do and less fun when you get it done. So it was, the past week or two. Anything you read in the column from here out must be read with the above fact in mind. Incidentally, two days ago in the Las Vegas Sun, Bryn Armstrong, subbing for Hank Greenspun in the "Where I Stand" column, discussed the desert winds here and elsewhere. Look over the back issues and enjoy an excellent commentary.

Cassius X (nee Clay) bugs me personally. I would feel differently if I really felt he was sincere, in anything. Sonny Liston has my sympathy. He did what he had to do--and got cut up in the bargain. Not all of the boat races in Miami Beach are held in the water. In fact, several who saw the closed circuit television reported being splashed. No more on that subject. It belongs in the amusement section under the category "exhibition". It certainly does not deserve description as an athletic contest in any sense of the word.

Those of you who go to the movies hardly at all, please make it a point to catch "Dr. Strangelove" at the Guild Theatre. The regulars will see and enjoy it but most of you won't and all of us should. Take a bearded tip and go. You will say "thank you" if we meet later, and you have stopped laughing!

GOOD THINGS COMING UP: Shecky Greene at the Riviera and the Vagabonds at the Tropicana. The unpredictable Sheck and the entirely predictable (but funny and enjoyable) Vags each open Tuesday.

OMMITTED LAST WEEK: The wonderful Showboat where Jack "Jive" Schaefer is a big score the first time in. Dig those knickers! Too much! Some of the best prepared but simple food in town at the Boat coffeshop.

PEARLIE MAE MOVING? We think so. The Fabulous Flamingo has seen the last of Miss Bailey for now. Last heard from, Morris Lansburgh was being wiggly (with and without wind) while Eartha Kitt and Morey Amsterdam prepared to take over the big room as a replacement for the PMB show. Pearlle was really hurt physically when she stepped on the pop bottle back stage but she was hurt even more, as a performer, when she HAD to use Harry Richman in her show. Our guess is that Pearlle will show up next with her OWN show at the Riviera.

SPEAKING OF PLACES TO GO: Try Ruben's on West Owens. Maybe the best chicken in town and certainly, with Christine Chapman and her Interchangeables, some of the best musical sounds anywhere. I don't want the bosses at Ruben's to be buggy with me but if the T'Bird would take the present Georgie Auld front

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