

WHO'S WHO and doing what

By EDDYE K. KIM

THE LAST DAYS OF SUMMER . . .

With the end of the "long, hot summer" in sight (we hope!), and the usual school-holiday family vacation period fast coming to a close, social activity in Las Vegas turns to small dinner parties for local friends and out-of-town visitors.

The past week brought many socialites and civic leaders to our town for the political action workshop of the Southern Area Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's West Coast Region. Most prominent of our feminine guests, perhaps, was Mrs. Tarea Hall Pittman of Berkeley, Calif., who made a principal address to the assembled delegates from all sections of Southern California and Nevada. (See story page 1) Mrs. Pittman, who happens to be a cousin of our new local resident from Bakersfield, Donald Clark (no relation to the VOICE religion editor of the same name), has served on the boards of the Oakland YWCA, the Central Volunteer Office of the Bay Area and the Berkeley Council of Social Welfare in addition to her long official service to the NAACP.



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We also were happy to greet Mr. Claude Hudson, president of the Broadway Savings and Loan in Los Angeles, who gave us a graphic description of his recent experiences in Mississippi. Also in from LA was Dr. John Wilson, a supervisor in the Space Research Dept. at Lockheed Aviation, who hosted a party of six at the Sands Hotel, including Mr. and Mrs. J. David Hoggard, Sr.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barnes (from San Fernando Valley) and Mrs. Pittman.

Also enjoying the desert sun were Dr. and Mrs. Albert McNeal, who stopped at the Flamingo Hotel, and Mrs. Thelma Pettit of San Pedro.

OTHER VISITORS ON THE SCENE . . .

Mrs. Norfleet Taylor, mother of Mrs. J. David Hoggard, Jr., was in from Portsmouth, Va., who "like-mother, like daughter" is a school teacher in the Virginia tidelands city. The Hoggard, Jrs., gave a dinner in her mother's honor at the Dunes Hotel. Others entertaining for Mrs. Taylor were Mrs. Atha Tolliver, who also feted her sister from Louisiana; Mr. and Mrs. Onward Abington, and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Johnson. Also enjoying the bright lights were Mrs. Charles DeMann and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson II, who drove up from the Southland to see young Jim's father and his dad's new bride. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Grant and their children also were in from Los Angeles as house guests of grandmother Mrs. Mary Smith.

African Adventure

IT WASN'T MERELY the fact that she was the only white teacher in the Government Girl's School at Magburaka that made San Francisco Peace Corpsman Sue Sadow a woman of distinction in Sierra Leone according to San Francisco Chronicle writer Joan McKinney.

It was her crisply curling gray hair!

"It's great to be a gray-haired woman in Africa," the newly returned Miss Sadow said.

"The Africans have a great respect for age, and I was treated accordingly."

"The girls in the school, who ranged in age from 12 to 17, were impressed that a person obviously not young would come so far from home to help and teach them."

The former chief nutritionist for UNRRA in North Africa and Italy, who is a world traveler and private "people to people" ambassador by avocation, was fired with enthusiasm the moment she heard the late President Kennedy's proposal for the Peace Corps, she told reporters.

"I thought it was one of the most constructive ideas I had ever heard," she said, "and I wanted to be part of it. But at first it was only for young people."

"The moment President Kennedy said age was no barrier, I applied, and I bombarded Peace Corps officials for months until I was accepted."

That was in September of '61.

She was among the first group of 36 slated for Sierra Leone, with training for ten weeks at Columbia University.

"I arrived in Freetown on January 1, 1962," Miss Sadow related, "and was immediately assigned to Magburaka in the northern provinces."

"I started out teaching home economics, nutrition and hygiene, but before I knew where I was, chemistry, French and arts and crafts had been added to my schedule. No, I had never taught before."

And, she added, there weren't any textbooks to help her. But this was just the sort of challenge the resourceful Miss Sadow welcomed.

She had her brother send her a Gilbert chemistry set, and with this, a sheet of asbestos, some canned gas and a collection of empty jelly jars, set up a laboratory.

She found one beginners' textbook in the French Embassy in Freetown, and cajoled the cultural attache into having copies mimeographed for her students.

She asked all her friends in the U.S. to send books—any books at all—and in return received enough to start the school library, plus the offer of a collec-

tion of 30,000 elementary school books from the Agricultural, Technical and Cultural Foundation of Los Angeles.

The offer was accepted by the Minister of Education, and after a year's negotiations, four U.S. Navy ships steamed into Freetown Harbor, bringing the books under the Navy's "Operation Handclasp."

For the second year of her tour, Sue was assigned to CARE's school lunch program.

During this period she wrote a school lunch manual and a nutrition guide for Peace Corps volunteers.

"Now I am hoping to use these two efforts to greater advantage," Miss Sadow said.

"I am going to Washington in September, and shall bend my efforts to seeing if I can get authorization to develop them into manuals that can be used in any country around the world."

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