

# Operation Opportunities Officially Endorsed

GOV. GRANT SAWYER has joined the Clark County Commission in endorsing and designating "Operation Opportunities--Clark County, Nevada" as the county-wide planning and screening board and as the applicant agency for monies available through the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964.

"It is my feeling that the board, as recognized by the Clark County commissioners . . . is representative of Clark County, its services, its various interests and its communities," Gov. Sawyer told chairman Harvey Dondero. "It is my pleasure to endorse the board and its purposes and aims."

Operation Opportunities, which serves as a "parent" body to Operation Independence in West Las Vegas, received the official blessing of the County Commission in the following resolution prepared by Commissioner Bill Briare and signed by chairman James Ryan:

WHEREAS, there has been enacted Public Law 88-452 (78 Stat. 508), also known as the "Economic Opportunity Act of 1964"; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners, Clark County, Nevada, subscribes to and endorses the purposes and aims of said "Economic Opportunity Act of 1964", directed to increasing and improving the well-being of the citizens of this country by promotion of social and economic independence, with consequential preser-

vation and enhancement of personal dignity of individual citizens; and

WHEREAS, said "Economic Opportunity Act of 1964" contemplates and authorizes the designation and endorsement of private nonprofit agencies for promotion and furtherance of its purposes and aims, said private nonprofit agencies to serve and act as county-wide Planning Boards for coordination of available and possible human and financial community resources in connection with the development of programs for the promotion of economic opportunities; as county-wide Screening Boards for the screening and evaluation of all applications of any group or association for the funding of projects under the "Economic Opportunity Act of 1964"; and as county-wide Fiscal Agent, with exclusive power to enter into contracts with the Federal Government for funds available under said Act for support of county or community projects meeting and satisfying the eligibility requirements and criteria as provided in said "Economic Opportunity Act of 1964; and

WHEREAS, it has been represented to the Board of Commissioners, Clark County, Nevada, that a nonprofit corporation, namely, "Operation Opportunities--Clark County, Nevada" has been established under and pursuant to applicable law of the State of Nevada, for the specific purpose of qualifying under and performing the functions of a county-wide Planning Board, Screening Board, and Fiscal Agent within Clark County, Nevada, as contemplated, provided and authorized in the "Economic Opportunity Act of 1964" for promotion of the Act's purposes and aims; and

WHEREAS, there has been submitted to the Board of Commissioners, Clark County, Nevada, a list of approximately thirty (30) names of residents and citizens of Clark County, Nevada, reputedly prominent in their respective private pursuits and considered eminently civic and community-minded, all of which individuals are represented as holding membership on the Planning Board of said nonprofit "Operation Opportunities--Clark County, Nevada" corporation;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners, Clark County, Nevada, at a regular meeting thereof held at the Clark County Courthouse, in Las Vegas, Nevada, does hereby recognize and designate the nonprofit Nevada corporation, namely, "Operations Opportunities--Clark County, Nevada", as sole and ex-

clusive agency for Clark County, Nevada, to act as County-wide Planning Board, Screening Board, and Fiscal Agent, as contemplated and provided for in the "Economic Opportunity Act of 1964", subject to eligibility and qualification thereunder, for mobilization and coordination of human and financial community resources within Clark County, Nevada, in connection with economic opportunities programs; the screening and evaluation of all programs sponsored or proposed by other groups or associations submitted for consideration and funding under the "Economic Opportunity Act of 1964"; and to enter into contracts for the allocation of Federal monies for the funding of any and all County-wide community programs and projects designed to attain, within Clark County, Nevada, the purposes and aims provided in said "Economic Opportunity Act of 1964".

## Nigeria Ignores Meredith

LAGOS, Nigeria--A scholarship offered him by the Nigerian government had not materialized as of last week according to American Negro scholar James Meredith, who further claimed he has been studiously ignored since arriving here two months ago.

"I have been in Nigeria for two months and no official of the Nigerian government, high or low, has even given me the courtesy of discussing this matter," he said.

He exchanged correspondence with the government for several months before accepting the offer, Meredith said, and his leaving the United States "was well marked by official representatives to Nigeria and by world-wide press coverage."

Meredith also said local press reports "have reflected misleading views. Each report I have seen has stressed the untrue point that I was expelled from school in the United States."

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