

Matt Kelly Students Launch New Paper

FIRST EDITION of the Matt Kelly Gazette, a student publication supervised by faculty members Mrs. Delores Musgrave, Earl Carter and John Bass, made its appearance this month. The five-page mimeographed newspaper was eagerly read by the entire student body, parents and teachers.

Hilda Williams is editor-in-chief and was assisted in getting out the first edition by reporters Oliver Banks, Evelyn Stevens, Veronica McLemore, Charlene Carney, Laura Johnson, Darlene Banks, James Carter and George Keyes. James and George were copyreaders while George is also listed as a reviewer.

Reports and contributions on a wide variety of school activities were presented in the February issue, ranging from the fact that Wilma Feltus of Room 11 (Miss Peggy Stemple) was the first first-grader to become a member of the Matt Kelly Book Club by reading ten books,

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bill sponsored by the local NAACP included a comprehensive section on private housing.

The Close-Bunker bill goes beyond AB-159 by specifically prohibiting discrimination in casinos, bars, employment agencies and labor unions. It also covers employers with five or more employees, instead of 25 as provided in AB-159, and removes exemptions on schools and state and local governments contained in AB-159.

AB-384 also places jurisdiction of complaints in state courts instead of local justice courts. The latter stipulation was not spelled out in AB-159, but was implied by limitation of punitive damages for violations of the public accommodations section to \$250. The cash penalty remains the same in the new bill, but AB-384 specifies that complaints may be taken directly to district courts in certain instances.

SEVERAL PROMINENT civil rights leaders discussed AB-384 on a local TV panel show last Sunday conducted by the Rev. P. S. Walker and aptly called "On the Spot." The Rev. Walker put all four of his guests directly "on the spot" by asking each of them, "Do you consider this new bill adequate and satisfactory?"

Participating were Charles Kellar, chairman of the Las Vegas NAACP Legal Redress Committee and a collaborator with White in drafting the NAACP bill; M. William Deutsch, chairman of the Southern Nevada Human Relations Commission; Dr. J. B. McMillan, a former president of the local NAACP and unsuccessful candidate for the U.S. Senate last November, and the Rev. Robert Brashares, chairman of the Clark County Ministerial Association's Community Relations Committee that recently ini-

tiated a "fair housing" project here.

Each in turn expressed regret that certain desirable features of the White bill had been omitted in AB-384, but seemed agreed that the new measure "is the best we can get at this time," as Deutsch expressed it.

"I'm almost 55 and I've suffered so much in my lifetime that I'm just about ready to go along with anything that is an improvement," Kellar said. "If we can get this bill passed, that will be progress. At least we're getting some cooperation from the whites. But it's only a beginning."

DR. McMILLAN said he thought the bill "was a step forward" but expressed the hope a "fair housing" act could be passed later in this session of the Legislature to supplement AB-384. The Rev. Brashares also said he was concerned about the absence of any reference to housing in AB-384.

In amplifying his opinion that AB-384 looked like "the best we can get at this time," Deutsch said he did not consider the new bill "anywhere near adequate."

The Rev. Walker, obviously nettled by the conciliatory attitudes of the panel members, wound up the discussion with a characteristic forthright blast at AB-384.

"I don't like it and must conclude it is not adequate or satisfactory to me," he said. "I can't go along with this take a little bit now, a little bit later. I want it all now. I need it all now."

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