

Opinions Invited on Adair Views

SEVERAL PERSONS connected with the Operation Independence program in West Las Vegas indicated they preferred to withhold comment on the views expressed by VISTA worker Robert Wells Adair in a letter to VOICE publisher Dr. Charles I. West (see story this page) until they had more time to study Mr. Adair's observations and recommendations.

In accordance with its policy of presenting divergent opinion on important issues affecting this community, the VOICE invites responsible citizens to comment, pro or con, on Mr. Adair's views. Although the VOICE cannot guarantee publication of all comments received, it will attempt to present a cross-section of opinion on this subject.

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autonomous program, with the TB and Health group phased out of the picture, the local Economic Opportunities Board was set up with the director and some trustees coming from the Reno organization.

ADAIR FURTHER POINTED OUT that the project proposals were sent to Washington without the knowledge or approval of local people directly connected with the program and that at least one new \$12,000 a year position was written into a research demonstration request without local people being aware of the fact.

"New jobs, both administrative and staff,

have been created by the new Opportunities Board," Adair said. "Some of the available positions have been filled with personnel who do not meet the requirements set forth" in the federal anti-poverty act, "and the director of the Opportunities Board is not even from Las Vegas."

Indicating that he recognized the concern and valuable contributions of the original non-resident sponsors of the local program, he suggested that it was time for people close to the actual problem existing here to assume greater responsibility and control of the program.

He claimed that although Operation Inde-

pendence is supposed to be a "self-help" project, "many talented and highly qualified local persons are being left out of the process of developing leadership capabilities and self-respect . . . although they are interested enough to serve on local boards and committees. "These programs are intended to help people in the target area, but in this instance, it would seem that many outside the target area are being helped" to the possible disadvantage of worthy local people.

Suggesting that there is too much emphasis on academic qualifications in creating and filling important project jobs, Adair said: "Many local people have the interest and ability to handle these jobs, but do not have a masters degree. So these people, the ones who are supposed to help themselves, are being left out of the program."

IN RECOMMENDING that when paid positions are available, every effort should be made to fill them with qualified local people, Adair insisted that too much money "is being allocated for salaries, research and travel" to persons who are unfamiliar with the local problem.

He called for "quick assistance" in applying for and obtaining additional funds for important Operation Independence programs already under way.


"There are many financial needs of a Child Care Center other than staff salaries," he said. "And an administrative office and library (See ADAIR, page 18)

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