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### AIR NEGRO COMPLAINTS

## Equal Rights Boss Says Law Forces Corrective Action

MORE GAMING INDUSTRY JOBS for qualified Negroes, one of the prime objectives of Nevada civil rights leaders, will be among the first major problems examined by the reorganized Nevada Commission on Equal Rights of Citizens according to chairman William (Bob) Bailey of Las Vegas.

Bailey said the first meeting of the equal rights commission since it was endowed with new powers on July 1 under the recently enacted Nevada "Civil Rights Law of 1965" would be held before the end of the month.

Noting that the new legislation makes it incumbent upon the commission to: "Study and investigate problems arising between groups in the State of Nevada which may result in tensions, discrimination or prejudice because of race, color, creed, national origin or ancestry, and formulate and carry out programs of education and disseminate information with the object of discouraging and eliminating any such tensions, prejudices or discrimination," Bailey told the VOICE this week that his commission will seek an early meeting with the State Gaming Commission to discuss employment policies within the Nevada gaming industry.

"Charges of discrimination against Negroes in the employment policies of our larger casinos cannot be ignored by the equal rights commission under the new law," Bailey said.

"Failure of the larger gambling operations in this state to offer equal employment opportunity to Negroes at levels above the lowest rung on the socio-economic ladder has been a festering sore within the colored community for many years," the commission chairman declared.

"COMPLAINTS HAVE become increasingly bitter," he said. "But up until now, there was little the equal rights commission could do to correct the situation. We simply did not have the power to take effective action against discriminatory practices in this area and I suppose you could say we were forced to brush the complaints under the rug. Now we are forced to remove the rug and act on the complaints."

"The law does not give us any choice in the matter," he pointed out. "Section 22 does not say the commission 'may' or 'can' investigate complaints of discrimination, tensions or prejudice in the employment practices of corporations or companies with 15 or more regular employees. It specifically says the commission 'shall' conduct such investigations and is em-

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### Las Vegas Joins Nation in Giant Project



"FLAG-RAISING" CEREMONY--Las Vegas joined the White House and 2800 other communities throughout the nation last week to mark the launching of "Project Head Start," a pre-school program designed to better prepare children from sub-standard cultural environments for assimilation into formal educational processes. Participating in a simulated "flag-raising" ceremony at Las Vegas city hall were (from left) Dr. David Sands, assistant superintendent, Clark County schools; Art Trelease (kneeling), city manager; Walter McCall, school board trustee, and Dr. Joseph Caliguri, local director. (See story this page.)

## Caliguri, 62 Aides Help Prepare Handicapped Kids for Schooling

SOME 350 YOUNGSTERS, most of them from West Las Vegas neighborhoods, are busily engaged in pre-school programs throughout Clark County as part of "Project Head Start," a nation-wide endeavor to better prepare children from sub-standard cultural environments for assimilation into formal educational processes.

In addition to the children involved in the local undertaking, many parents are participating in a concurrent program designed to assist them in helping their offspring become socially adjusted to actual class-room procedures.

A staff of 62 administrators, teachers, teachers aides, secretaries, social workers and a registered nurse is conducting the programs under project director Dr. Joseph Caliguri, Madison School principal. His secretary is Ruth Harris. The staff was assembled by county superintendent of schools Dr. Leland Newcomer and his top aides, principally Dr. Leslie Shuck, special assistant for research and development, and assistant superintendent Dr. David Sands. A federal grant of \$53, 131 is defraying a major share of the project cost.

THREE OF THE FOUR site administrators are West Las Vegas school principals. Earl Brunner, Highland, is in charge of the combined Highland and Quannah McCall site; John Walker, Matt Kelly, supervises the Matt Kelly and Madison site, and H. P. Fitzgerald, Kit Carson, presides over the Kit Carson and Westside site. The Henderson and Moapa Valley

(Overton) site is administered by Marty Boland.

Brunner's staff consists of secretary Sarah Jackson, teachers Norma Johnson, Mary N. Bowen, Florence Dorman, Faye Ivory, Rose Rice, Patti Brewer, Leon Smith and Wayne Lytle; teacher aides Gladys Bohem, Viola Harris, Autumn Keyes, Barbara Lisby, Jolean Lytle, Hattie Mitchell and Anthony Wright (Highland); Donna M. Frederick (Quannah McCall).

Working under Walker are secretary Verna Ware, teachers Naomi Goynes, Esther McGlothen, Florence White, Janyce Anderson and Lero Erbe; teacher aides Nettie Buyling, Annie M. Calhoun and Shirley Doss (Matt Kelly); Earlene Ward and Lonnie Marshall (Madison).

ASSISTING FITZGERALD are secretary Virginia Hodges, teachers Joyce Carnegie, June McEnroe, Janice House, Shirley Satterfield, Sylvia Fish and Loanne Pughsley; teacher aides Johnnie M. Armstrong, Ivonia Johnson, Sylena Jones, Dorothy McCormick, Louise Roberts, Marie Ware and Zeola Woods (Kit Carson); Florence Givens (Westside).

Boland has secretary Veral Shaw, teachers Adelaide West, Barbara Koepsall and Linda

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