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For Your Thanksgiving



A Prayerful Thanksgiving

"THE PRIVATE AND PERSONAL BLESSINGS WE ENJOY, the blessings of immunity, safeguard, liberty, and integrity, deserve the thanksgiving of a whole life". On this Thanksgiving day of 1965, these words of Jeremy Taylor take on added significance in the present day world of war and rumors of war; of international and national strife; of political and

ideological dissension; of rebellion and revolt at home and abroad.
It is to be hoped that all Americans regardless of race, creed, religion, or national origin will, give, today, a sober moment of reflection as to whom and for what we owe a debt of gratitude.
Here, at the VOICE office, the reflection has been made, and a judgment has been reached

... We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all those serving in our country's armed forces today with an especial acknowledgment to the boys in Viet Nam as well as our prayers. . . For whatever is ours for which to be grateful, we owe it all to you. . . May the Good Lord keep you and bless you. It will be truly a day of Thanksgiving when you are all returned to us.

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Teenagers Aware Of Problem, Too

COMMUNITY LEADERS and Public Officials who attended the special meeting of the Clark County Citizens Council, Tuesday night at the Doolittle Center, were not alone in their concern over what has been reported as a "spasm of teenage disorder" in the Westside area of Las Vegas. Present (and vocal) were, at least, four young girls who had something to say and said it.

There was no denial from the youngsters that juvenile delinquency is not a reality; theirs was a grievance that there is nothing for the 18-21 age group to do.

It was apparent at Tuesday night's meeting that Public Officials and Community Leaders share a mutual, grave concern over the recent eruption of violence in the Westside area, and the open, frank discussion that ensued, indicated an honest attempt at resolution of the problem.

The special Council meeting was called by Mayor Oran Gragson and was also attended by Police Chief Lorin Bunker who flatly debunked charges of police brutality in the Negro community with the statement that "any officer who he found to be prejudiced would be dropped immediately from the force".

FEARFUL OF OUTBURSTS of disorder over the Thanksgiving week-end after the past week-end of a series of outrages, both the Mayor and Chief Bunker pledged ample protection to the community.

Undersheriff Lloyd Bell said "There is no simple answer to this problem". "We're dealing with a national headache, and not one which is peculiar to just West Las Vegas, Clark County or Nevada" Bell pointed out.

Although no specific program was agreed upon for attempting resolution of the problem plaguing the community, there was much stress placed on the need for stricter parental guidance.



Downpour Strands Fans As Clay Pours It On

MUCH OF THE EXCITEMENT for many Las Vegas residents and visitors over the Clay-Patterson Championship Fight was engendered by the anticipated arrival of New York's famed "Copasetic's" Club members and friends by chartered plane. The "Copasetics", so named in tribute to the memory of the late Bill "Bojangles" Robinson, is a limited membership club of male theatrical personalities, reputed as much as "swingers" as they are for the spectacular Charity Show they present annually in New York. Their distaff counterpart is the equally renowned "Co-Petite's" Club. In typical "Copasetic" fashion, the club organized a chartered plane junket to Las Vegas for Monday night's fight for members and friends, only to be grounded in Albuquerque, New Mexico because of weather.

Here, in Las Vegas, apprehension and tension mounted among the large, self-appointed welcoming committee for the group as fight time drew near when no verification of the Capital Airways chartered flight could be made. Constant communication between committee members and the Airport's line chief was to no avail.

SOME 16 HOURS after Cassius Clay had successfully defended his championship, the New Yorkers arrived in the City and enjoyed an enthusiastic eight hour visit before departing on the return trip. The visitors reported a "fun" evening in Albuquerque where they watched the fight on television.

Muslim Conduct Is A Puzzlement

JOHN P. WEST, General Manager of the VOICE, expressed surprise, as well as concern today at the conduct of members of the Muslim cult at Monday night's Championship Fight in Convention Center. The donnybrook, witnessed by West, which resulted in the arrest of four Muslim members for disturbing the peace, erupted when the self-styled bodyguards of Champion Cassius Clay traded punches with deputy sheriffs who had deferentially attempted to remove them from the \$100-a-seat ringside area for which they had no tickets.

The men arrested, and later released from the Clark County jail after posting a \$25 bond each, were identified as Delano Grant, 28, and Robert Deckard, 35, both of Los Angeles; Isaac Starks, 40, of Oakland, California and Otis Perlotte, 36, of Miami, Florida.

The VOICE General Manager said that the attitude and actions of the Muslims confused and perplexed him because what personal exposure that has been his to members of the local Mosque has given him a completely different impression of the Muslim image.

The quiet demeanor in manner and attire, the scrupulous courtesy and dignity that marks the Las Vegas Muslims whom he has encountered, "left him", West said, "not only totally unable to relate the arrogant and belligerent posture of the men involved in Monday night's fracas to Muslims", but has posed a bothersome question in his mind.

"Is it", West wondered, "a policy of the cult to 'move in' with the soft approach biding the propitious time for the unveiling of the true personality, or . . . are there opposing factions representing different theories of attitude and method in selling the single ideology of the Muslim movement?"

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