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CIVIL RIGHTS "SPECIFIC BUDGET" ASKED

THE RECENT WHITE HOUSE Planning Session on Civil Rights didn't run according to the script according to a report in columnist Rosemarie Brook's Washington Round Up.

Administration offers to push for jury legislation and housing legislation for open occupancy received a luke-warm reception. Militants among the Negro representation made demands for enforcement of present legislation with specific requests of the Justice Department emphasized.

On the subject of housing legislation, Negroes reminded the conference that legislation usually

falls short of expectations, and more important, is rarely enforced. In answer to the cry "this Congress" can deliver difficult legislation, they pointed to the fate of 14b, and home rule for Washington D.C.

It was felt that an Executive Housing Order would be a more pragmatic approach in which an education job could be done without the risks of testing the political fibre of 535 men on the hill who are susceptible to campaign contributions. In cognizance of the fact that in the Northern states, the real estate lobby has bought anti-open occupancy, failure to pass housing legis-

lation would only support housing referendums.

Labor Leader A. Philip Randolph, made what was considered the most startling suggestion of the conference when he called for a "specific budget" for civil rights. It was promised that such a plan would be unveiled after "conferring with economists".

This could mean exposing actual sums spent by the federal government on civil rights, and exposure might reveal an amazingly low budget for America's major domestic crisis. It is, however, the first time any civil righter has made a clear economic thrust.

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Tomorrow's Dinner Date At Kit Carson

TOMORROW, FRIDAY DECEMBER 17, rain or shine, hungry or not, and diet notwithstanding, the "in" thing to do as well as a community "must" is to buy your dinner at the Kit Carson Elementary School.

Dinner will be served from noon until 8 p.m. --If delivery service is desired, call the school 649-2323. This is a fund-raising event to help defray expenses for transporting Mrs. Maggie Pearson's 6th grade class at Kit Carson Elementary School to the famed Rose Bowl game in Pasadena on New Year's Day.

Now there's been a lot of talk about broadening the children's horizons, and giving them new experiences--This is the public's opportunity to be a part of providing a new and wonderful experience for the 6th graders.

Mrs. Cook, a Kit Carson Instructor, is also sponsoring a teen-age dance at the school Friday (tomorrow) night beginning at 6 p.m. Admission to the dance is 15¢--this money will also be used for the trip. The Dinners are priced at \$1.50.

So far, Mrs. Hawkins, is the only parent known to be donating her services by helping to prepare the dinner.

If Las Vegas don't support this effort--Truly, there is no hope.



—Conrad, Los Angeles Times

"We'll find the ... he he he! ... defendant ... ho ho! ... git set! ... he'ah come the punch line! ... ho he! ... NOT GUILTY!"

"Rent Law For Poor To Be Pressed"-Veep

WASHINGTON--The Johnson Administration served notice that it will continue to press for Congressional appropriations to help poor people pay their rent.

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey said in a speech prepared for a symposium on city problems that the administration's rent subsidy proposal is needed for slum eradication.

Congress refused, this year, to approve funds for the controversial proposal but Humphrey promised a renewed effort "to secure appropriations as promptly as possible."

"This approach must be given a full and fair trial," he said.

The role of the Federal Government in rescuing America's troubled cities was debated at the symposium, sponsored by the Action Council for Better Cities and attended by 300 leading businessmen.

The most far-reaching federal action was proposed by Herbert Gans, an author and teacher at Columbia University. Gans urged that the government provide "decent income for those who cannot work" through direct payments to the poor.

He also suggested a massive federal program to build comfortable, racially integrated housing for the poor and at the same time to provide jobs for the unemployed.

If living conditions of poverty-stricken Negroes are not improved, he warned, "political protest and riots are likely to become commonplace."

Walter E. Hoadley, a Philadelphia banker and businessman, questioned the advisability of broad government programs. He said they could reduce the individual's will to act "because of the belief or implied promise that the government" (See RENT LAW, page 8)

NAACP BULLETIN Meeting Tonight

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL District's Board of School Trustees meets tonight in the Board Room at 2832 East Flamingo Road at 8 p.m.

Scheduled on tonight's agenda is a report from the Las Vegas branch of the NAACP on the local organization's opposition to building any new schools in areas predominantly occupied by Negroes. The report will be limited to a half-hour. If discussion of the issue is necessary, it will be scheduled for a future meeting.

NAACP's West Coast Regional Office representative, Leonard Carter, will make the NAACP report on defacto segregated schools tonight at the Board of Trustees meeting. Representatives of the local branch will speak at any ensuing discussions.

LAS VEGAN IN VIETNAM



SP/4 Robert L. Gray, native Las Vegas, now serving in the United States Army Republic of Vietnam. . . .

SP/4 ROBERT L. GRAY is the Supply Specialist for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 12 Aviation Group presently serving in the United States Army Republic of Vietnam. In a report of his progress to his family who reside at 901 Gerson Avenue, Las Vegas, his Executive Officer, 1st Lt. Edward W. Ulmer spoke of his fine record both in Vietnam and in Europe where he was formerly assigned.

SP/4 Gray was graduated from Quartermaster school, Fort Lee, Virginia with a 90.1 average, and has been serving in Saigon, Vietnam since July working toward establishing his unit as the senior aviation unit in Vietnam. Gray arrived with the advance party during the initial stages of the build-up of the US forces.

During his service in Europe with the 9th Combat Engineer Battalion, SP/4 Gray was presented with a letter of commendation according to the report of his Executive Officer.

Those of his family still living in Las Vegas are his mother, Mrs. Mary Louise Abbitt; sisters, Mrs. Frances Harts, Mrs. Ella Mae Davis, Mrs. Lena Johnson, and Martha Kennon Abbitt, a 14-year-old student at Clark High School. Another sister, Mrs. Willie Maurine Davis is living in Dallas, Texas.

Gray was married on the 14th of April this year. His wife, Mrs. Marie Delores Gray lives in Roanoke, Virginia.