

Everything is "Go" for Riley Benefit

LIKE THE LATE, and irreplaceable Nat "King" Cole recorded so plaintively, "People Who Need People Are the Luckiest People in the World". How wonderful it is to realize that, in Las Vegas, there are so many people who care about people, and the Las Vegas VOICE has irrefutable proof that most of those who care about others are living here in our City--The response to our story of Mrs. Riley's situation has been simply magnificent.

To answer some of the questions that have

poured in, may we ask your pardon for not knowing the age and sizes of the six children you want to help. . . But keep calling, because we have informed Mrs. Riley of your concern, and next week we will furnish that information. Mrs. Riley wishes the VOICE to pass on her deep appreciation to you.

AND--We have another request: All you wonderful people who belong to clubs or organizations of any type--Please call an emergency meeting to appoint a representative to meet with us and lend your name and your prestige as

sponsors of the Benefit for the Riley Family that will be held Sunday afternoon, February 13 at the Cove Hotel's Surf Room.

THE MANAGEMENT of the Hotel has donated the facilities; Hiram Walker's ebullient West Coast Representative, Steve Halle, has promised full cooperation from his Company, and, also to interest representatives from other Companies in this most deserving charitable event. Gene Lewis of Texas Pit Bar-B-Q called to offer his contribution--Let's make it a real community affair--Come On In. . .

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HOW ABOUT THIS!

(Shown here is reproduction of a petition currently being circulated in the West Las Vegas area.)

WE THE POOR, of Westside Las Vegas, demand that we have a voice in the poverty programs for our community. Many lawyers, educators, businessmen and politicians of the Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County cannot identify themselves with the community and its problems or how to solve them. If we are given a chance, we will solve our problems, in our own way. Therefore we the undersigned, support P.A.L. and its sponsor, Catholic Welfare, in their attempt to obtain a workable program for the poor of our Westside area.

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Alice In Wonderland

AS A NEWCOMER to this area, Alice is growing curious, more curious, and most curious about the sudden overpowering interest and concern over the West Las Vegas community that has developed among various factors in the city. To her certain knowledge, this deep concern over the plight and the future of West Las Vegas is, not only a recent development, but a highly questionable one. For our Alice has been here before, both as a one-time resident, and an oft-time visitor.

She grew quite familiar with the district and even worked with some of the individuals and groups who were struggling mightily to overcome the myriad disadvantages peculiar to West Las Vegas residents long before that community evolved into a political entity and also before Federal funds were made available to subsidize the struggle. "Did these two factors", Alice is asking, "have anything to do with the present interest evinced in West Las Vegas by those who, until the involvement of those two factors, gave little indication of knowledge that there were residents in West Las Vegas (rich or poor)".

CURIOUS ALICE came up with a lot of questions this week, particularly after being shown the petition reproduced on this page. Questions like "Who are these 'We, the poor, of Westside Las Vegas' that, according to the petition, are demanding a voice in the poverty program. "What", Alice demands to have explained to her, "is meant in the concluding statement of the petition which makes reference to an attempt to obtain a 'workable program' for the poor of our Westside area"?

"Is this", Alice continues in her answer-seeking quest, "meant to deny the proven success of programs now in existence under the dedicated efforts of Operation Independence?" "In challenging the ability and qualifications of

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What A Difference Five Years Make



MOVING ON UP--Robert C. Weaver beams happily as the Senate waived its rules and voted swift confirmation of the 58-year-old Negro New Yorker as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

"IT DOESN'T COME EASY"

SENATE ACTION MONDAY that confirmed the nomination of Robert C. Weaver as Secretary of the new Department of Housing and Urban Development contrasted sharply with Senators' moves five years ago when the late President John F. Kennedy named Weaver to direct the Housing and Home Finance Agency

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JOHNNY E. JOHNSON, JR. STC (Sonar Technician Chief) U.S. Navy, is now stationed aboard the U.S.S. R.B. Anderson DD-786 which embarked January 7 for another Mission in Viet Nam. Johnson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson, Sr. of 102 W. Jefferson Ave., Las Vegas. He entered the U.S. Marine Corp near the end of World War II and served overseas. After making PFC, he was honorably discharged from the Marine Corp and returned to Las Vegas where he was graduated from Las Vegas High School in 1948.

The Chief entered the U.S. Navy in 1948. Since then he has seen action in Korea and in Viet Nam.

which makes up the bulk of the new department.

The same Senators who posed sharp opposition to Weaver's appointment in 1961 were fickle in their praise of the nation's Housing Administrator when his name was presented to them for the Cabinet post on Monday. The new Cabinet member was heartily endorsed by Senators A. Willis Robertson (D-Tex.), John Sparkman (D-Ala.), Wallace F. Bennett (R-Utah), and John G. Tower (R-Tex.) Senators Strom Thurmond (R-S. C.) and Bourke Hickenlooper (R-Iowa) were on record as opposing the creation of the new department, but described Weaver as

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