

When You Got Heart, You Gotta Swing

VOICE Managing Editor, John West announced this week that, in obtaining the services of two such "Swingers" as Bob Bailey and Ted Quillan for the February 13 VOICE-sponsored Benefit for the Riley Family, he could, without qualification, guarantee the public a truly swinging affair. Both Quillan and Bailey offered their wholehearted cooperation toward making the

occasion the success such a worthy cause deserves.

West also expressed his appreciation of the many people who have said "Count on me for whatever I can do". "This is no closed society", the Managing Editor elaborated, "It is, as it should be, a community project, and the more the merrier."

Check in at the VOICE office in person or by telephone, and get your assignment, and give VOICE the benefit of your knowledge and ideas. The affair is scheduled for The Cove's Surf Room on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 13. In VOICE's next issue will appear more detailed information as will names of those participating if they wish to be publicized.

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Equal Rights Commission From Local Civic Groups Receives Financial Aid

A STUDY GRANT of \$2500 has been awarded to the Nevada Commission on Equal Rights of Citizens by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. This marks the first time since the inception of the League that such a grant has been awarded to a public agency.

Mr. Milton Senn, District Representative for the Anti-Defamation League stated that it is the belief and the position of the League that whenever, and wherever, that organization can be of assistance in achieving a more realistic democracy, they are willing and happy to help.

At the recent legislative session which enacted the 1965 Civil Rights Bill for the State of Nevada, a grant of \$18,000 per year was allocated for the work of the Nevada Equal Rights Commission. Almost immediately the Commission realized that this sum would fall short of sufficient funding necessary to initiate the primary work required to gain compliance with the Civil Rights Bill.

WITH THERE BEING no possibility of obtaining additional funds from the Legislature until its next regular session, it was apparent that money would have to be solicited from other sources. Appeals were made to civic, political, and religious organizations throughout the State along with requests to known philanthropists who, in the past, have given aid to public agencies or civic organizations engaged in the effort to bring about equal opportunities for all Nevada citizens.

The \$2500 assist from B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League was brought about through the request of Supreme Court Justice, David Zenoff and James Anderson, Executive Secretary of the Equal Rights Commission. It is the feeling of those on the Commission that the study grant was made possible by the unselfish efforts of Judge Zenoff and other outstanding members of the Jewish community.

BOB BAILEY, Chairman of the Commission, in accepting the presentation of the check for the grant commented that in his 10 years in the Civil Rights struggle in Nevada, he had found Judge Zenoff always ready to offer every assistance in all efforts to achieve realistic democratic principles in the state of Nevada. Bailey further stated "this donation from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith marks a very important plateau in the economic as well as the civil struggle for equal rights of all people regardless of race, creed or color."

Others who have made donations to the Commission fund have been the Clark County Democratic Central Committee and the Clark County Republican Central Committee.

Chairman Bailey advised that any other local organizations, or individuals, interested in helping to fill the financial void which the Commission is experiencing may contact either him or the Commission's Executive Secretary, James H. Anderson, at the Nevada State Building, Suite 203-A, in Las Vegas.

FATE OF NIGERIAN LEADERS MAY HAVE SWEEPING REPERCUSSIONS



Prime Minister Alhaji Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa
—Daily Times (Lagos)



Premier of the Northern Region, Alhaji Sir Ahmadu Bello, the Sardauna of Sokoto

NIGERIA, AFRICA'S MOST populous nation, as well as one of the richest in natural endowments, experienced a swift coup d'etat January 15. The coup was the culmination of 13 months of political crisis which followed the general elections of December 30, 1964. The parties of the UPGA (United Progressive Grand Alliance) called a boycott of the 1964 elections, and all of their candidates withdrew from the slate. As a result of the withdrawal, the NNA (Nigerian National Alliance), headed by Sir Balewa, captured nearly all of the 312 seats in the federal legislature.

Nigeria is temporarily under military government. Maj. General Ironsi heads the new government. He took over January 15.

Prime Minister Alhaji Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, one of the brightest luminaries of emerging Africa, Western Region Premier Akintola, Northern Region Premier Bello, and Finance Minister Okotie-Eboh were seized by the revolvers and, at first, were reported to have been kidnapped and held incommunicado.

A WEEK AFTER the coup, the military government of Gen. Ironsi announced that all four of the high government officials had been killed in the coup. Reliable sources however, have expressed that there was no doubt that the officials were murdered. The wife of the finance minister was also reported to have been murdered.

Speculation is high that the Moslems, who idolized Balewa, and Bello, to a slightly smaller degree, may start war drums rolling in revolt. The Moslems constitute about 60% of Nigeria's 55 million people.



Premier of the Western Region, Chief Samuel Akintola