

We've Been WONDERING

WHY it's so hard to convince Charles (Mr. Charley, that is), that a slipper spoon is a shoe horn, and a shoe horn is a slipper spoon. If you don't get it, ask someone who hails from a different part of the country than you.

WHY those veddy nice nasties (1400) that succeeded in ousting the bare-bosomed Cotton Club revue (by petition and threats) from that certain NLV casino (summer last) has had little or nothing to say about those darling bare-breasted dealers. (Could it be that the Cotton Club glamorenas had the wrong paint job).

WHY those certain sisters have such poise, grace and good manners while attending meetings in Charlesville, and cut up like hooligans hell-bent on destroying each other when meeting in Bronzeville.

WHY that delicious, dimpled darling go-go lassie's tantalizing tactics haven't won for her the late '66 model that she wants so badly. (Keep your motor warm honey; the season is young yet).

WHY Sonny Liston hasn't contacted any of the youth agencies if he is sincere about wanting to be active in Civic work. He could be a great help to the community, we hope he does come on in.

WHY the sequences of 16-17-27-40-41-47-48-26, and 2-3-5-11-73-75-77-78 are supposed to be lucky for persons born in June, July and August.

WHY totally unqualified, un-worldly, and inexperienced persons are usually the ones selected to judge the innocence or guilt of any one, is really the puzzler of all times.

WHY someone doesn't try getting the message across to those few hopefuls who claim they are being denied the opportunity to advance. In this day and age, nobody has either time or patience to pull another up the job ladder; he, or she, is lifted up by the record of their own efforts.

WHY some over-hep invited guests take so much for granted that (without asking their host or hostess) they bring a total stranger to an ultra private party. (Miss 'M', for popularity's sake, this just isn't being done).

WHY that big-time Charlie comes on so square with the lame statement that the only reason we want to integrate is so we can have a chance at his daughters. We have been sporting his daughters since the beginning of time; his real worry should be his wife's daughters.

WHY that talented effeminate male personality doesn't realize that that freeloading, jaded alcoholic he is consorting with these days, is a definite liability.

HENRY 'P.' (for 'Puzzled')

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(TRUTH, from page 1)

Poverty began, and that federal monies were to be dispensed through recognized operating agencies, that suddenly, agencies outside of the Westside area became vitally concerned with the "West Las Vegas Poor"?

At last month's Economic Opportunity Board meeting, Father Charles Shallow, Director, Catholic Welfare, said that too much "war on poverty" money was going into West Las Vegas. In one of the R-J articles on the War on Poverty program, a leading member of the Economic Opportunity Board is quoted as saying that Operation Independence has had hundreds of thousands of dollars and all it has to show is three day care centers.

The facts are, for those who are interested in factual knowledge, Operation Independence supported its entire operation including the day care centers from June, 1964 to July, 1965 on not much more than \$25,000. From July, '65 to March, 1966, Operation Independence operated on \$48,000 for the day care centers, while greatly expanding them to provide training sites for West Las Vegas youth, and jobs for West Las Vegas residents.

THIS YEAR, O.I. was awarded a grant of \$106,000, the first portion of which was received not more than two weeks ago, to support the three centers AND an extensive medical and dental program for the day care children to be operated by the Clark County Health Department AND, as well, a stepped-up Family Social Service.

I find it ironic that Father Shallow's argument that "too much" war on poverty money was going into West Las Vegas was not persuasive enough to prevent Father Shallow's chief lieutenant, Robert Fahey, from making a trip to Washington to try to talk Washington "war on poverty" officials into financing a Westside project sponsored by the PAL training program. PAL is a Catholic Community Welfare organization.

For those of you who are familiar with the PAL program, you will recall that, at best, it was a duplication of Operation Independence efforts on Las Vegas' Westside. Their project was rejected by O.I. and disapproved by the local branch of the NAACP. Its sponsor is pushing efforts to deny the Westside (meaning Operation Independence) any further funds while pursuing special projects of his own for the Westside in Washington.

Operation Independence has submitted to the Office of Economic Opportunity another project which would fund the opening of a Community Service Center and three neighborhood branch centers, all to be located on the Westside. This project, meritorious in every respect, is now in process by OEO officials despite the constant charges and distortions hurled against Operation Independence by those who profess to be supporters of the war on poverty here in Clark County.

IN THE SHORT SPAN of three years, Operation Independence, has developed from just an idea to the recognized agency delegated by the Washington, D.C. Office of Economic Opportunity to approve all OEO programs submitted for West Las Vegas.

Operation Independence is West Las Vegas oriented and directed, run by West Las Vegas people. IT IS SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF AND TO FIGHT FOR.

(Next week, we will give the chronological story of Operation Independence and discuss the most unfortunate element of the concerted effort to smear it--the unwitting participation of Westsiders, themselves. Also the motivation behind the false charges against the West Las Vegas agency and the implications of those charges).

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