## ASK WITHDRAWAL OF FEDERAL FUNDS TO CLARK COUNTY SCHOOLS

Rev. Marion D. Bennett, President of the Las Vegas Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People revealed, this week, that outside help has been sought to aid elimination of segregated schools in the Clark

County School District.

IN A LETTER of May 4 to the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare; Rev. Bennett urged the Secretary to "seriously consider withdrawing federal funds from this County until a realistic plan to foster integration and to alleviate segregated schools has been put into effect %.

On the same date, a letter was also addressed to Congressman Adam Clayton Powell who re-

portedly is undertaking a study of the schools in California, and the efforts being made there to eliminate defacto segregation. The local NAACP leader wrote that, if the report is true, he would like to urge the Congressman's investigators to include the Clark County School

District in his itinerary.

Rev. Bennett pointed out in the letter that the "neighborhood assignment plan is pursued in this County and that almost all Negro children are segregated at the elementary school level". He added that "no plan of integration has yet been adopted or seriously considered".

The Clark County School Board was also the

recipient of a letter from the NAACP President requesting that the local NAACP Chapter be advised as to the Board's plan for Negro children now attending Craig elementary school next Fall when the school in Windsor Park Estates is opened.

Stating that the one ray of hope in the local school picture was the recent integration in the elementary schools brought about by the transfer of some Negro children from the Mackey school to Craig, Rev. Bennett wrote that concern was great as to what the Board's future plans are for those children with the opening of the Windsor school.

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## PAISANO SAWYER

LAS VEGAS--Gov. Grant Sawyer accepted honorary lifetime membership in the Italian American Club of Southern Nevada, Saturday.

In a letter to club president Nick Kelly (Fiore), the Governor said he was flattered and honored by the club's action.

'The Italians were among the first immigrants to the Nevada Territory and they played a major role in the early development of our beloved State," Sawyer said. "They are con-tinuing to make important contributions in the modern life of Nevada.'

Kelly stated the Governor was granted lifetime membership in the club for his "tremendous work' for community betterment and his "meritorious service" to the State of Nevada. He explained the Italian American Club of Southern Nevada, with a membership of 750, is dedicated to bringing Italian-Americans closer together and to encouraging active participation in civic, educational and cultural programs.



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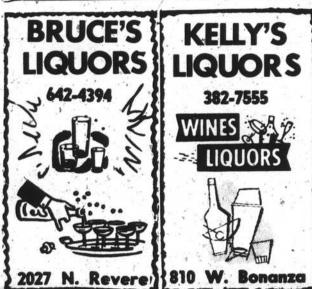


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