

# Neighborhood Council Meetings Scheduled

If you live within one of the school districts listed below, you are urgently needed by your neighbors to actively participate in the Anti-Poverty Program by attending and helping to select temporary officers, a nominating committee and representatives to the Economic Board of Clark County and to the Operation Independence Board.

Neighborhood Councils are Forums democratically organized for people living in prescribed geographical areas to attend, bring their problems to and to gain assistance. This program is in line with the dictum that those for whom the Poverty program was designed will partici-

pate on the policy and decision making level.

There are to be eight Neighborhood County Councils, six of them on the Westside. To date, The Westside School District Neighborhood Council is the most mature and have elected their officers. Mrs. Ethel Pearson was the elected representative to Operation Independence Board, Thomas Wilson will be their Neighborhood Council representative on the Clark County Economic Opportunity Board, and Mrs. Mary Smith was elected as Chairman of the Council.

Operation Independence is sponsoring Neighborhood Council Meetings at the schools on the dates listed here. Your Neighborhood Council is the one in which school district you live.

Matt Kelly School District  
Matt Kelly School  
Fri. May 20--7:30 p.m.

Highland School District  
Highland School  
Mon. May 23--7:30 p.m.

Madison School District  
Madison School  
Tues. May 31--7:30 p.m.

Kit Carson School District  
Kit Carson School  
Wed. May 25--7:30 p.m.

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## EDITORIAL

### NEW OFFICE OF EQUAL HEALTH OPPORTUNITIES SAYS, "NOW"

There is a new 'dance' which is sweeping frantically across each of the 50 States. Hospital staffs, and administrators invented the new step, which has been dubbed "The HEW Shuffle".

Uncle Sugar, together with one of his administrative departments, the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW), is providing the music for the 'Shuffle'. Uncle composed the music when he enacted the Civil Rights Act of 1964. HEW selected an opus from the composition. The opus is called Title VI.

TITLE VI goes something like this, "No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

A new office was established in HEW by the Surgeon General. He intended to be certain that all hospitals receiving Federal assistance, danced to the tune of Title VI. The new office is the Office of Equal Health Opportunities (OEHO). It is immediately concerned that all hospitals comply with Title VI. OEHO MEANS BUSINESS. They are insisting that COMPLIANCE BE "NOW", and that it be "TOTAL", NOT TOKEN.

On March 4, 1966 OEHO sent questionnaires to ALL HOSPITALS IN THE COUNTRY to assure compliance. Responses to these questionnaires indicated that a sizeable number of hospitals were not in step with the music. Another much too sizeable number of hospitals failed to even answer the OEHO questionnaire.

Uncle Sugar didn't cherish the idea that some of his nieces and nephews would dare to ignore his questionnaire. Nor, did he look with favor upon those of his kin who were not willing to apply the Golden Rule to his sepia kinfolk. Uncle got real angry about the way some of his nieces and nephews continued to act in defiance of his wishes. After years of pleading for Civil Rights, Uncle suddenly stopped talking and started acting. He said, "Before I give them another penny of my money, they are going to dance to Title VI". He added, "If I cut off their bread, their hungry stomachs will soon have them doing the 'HEW Shuffle'."

Before ANY hospital ANYWHERE can be approved to receive Medicare funds it must come into compliance with Title VI. Uncle is not going to take anyone's word about compliance, he is going to inspect every one of them himself. He is sending teams of skilled investiga-

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### Voters League Elects Interim Chairman



A SWITCH--Temporary Officers of the Voters League appear to hold a caucus AFTER the election at Thursday's meeting--From left Woodrow Wilson, Treasurer; Attorney Robert Reid, Chairman; Bobby Johnson, Secretary, and Attorney Earle White, Voter Registration Chairman.

The newly re-activated Voters League met last Thursday night in the third of a series of meetings programmed to get the non-partisan citizens action group re-organized and functioning.

In keeping with a previously made decision to withhold election of permanent officers until July so that there will be full democratic participation in the selection of leadership, League members voted in Attorney Robert Reid as temporary chairman, at Thursday's meeting. Reid and Marjorie Elliott were the only two candidates for the temporary office. By common consent, it was agreed that Woodrow Wilson, past treasurer, would continue to serve in that office until the July elections, and that Bobby Johnson would act as recording secretary.

The general consensus of feeling expressed at the League meeting was that a concentrated effort should be made to gain greater citizen participation although no program for a membership drive was evolved or even discussed. However, the importance of an all-out registration drive in a vitally important election year was emphasized and Attorney Earle White was made chairman of a Registration Committee of volunteers. This committee, it was decided, will begin to function immediately, and will have a report of its activities for the League at the next meeting.

In the meanwhile, the VOICE suggests, unofficially, of course, that every League member make it a point to bring at least two new members to the next meeting, the date of which, will be announced publicly a week in advance.



The VOICE publisher, Dr. Charles I. West has just returned from Dallas, Texas where he attended an orientation seminar of the Office of Equal Health Opportunities to which he has been appointed as a Consultant. "OEHO" was recently established under the United States Surgeon General's Public Health Service.

Dr. West was formerly a Commissioner in the United States Public Health Service, serving that agency from 1944 to 1946. As Executive Officer of the U.S. Public Health Service, Mission to Liberia, his assignment was the re-organization of the Liberian Government Hospital. At that time, he also started Liberia's Government School of Nursing.

### Gaming Board Supports Equal Rights Commission

Bob Bailey, Chairman of Nevada's Equal Rights for Citizens Commission and ERC Commissioner George Rudiak and John Mendoza appeared before Nevada State's Gaming Commission when it met here in Las Vegas, Tuesday, seeking clarification of the Gaming Commission's position on the Equal Rights Commission's ultimatum to the Hotel and Casino Industry on employment policy and practice here in Southern Nevada.

As a result of the give and take discussion that ensued, the Gaming Commission agreed to mail copies of a resolution passed by the Nevada Gaming Policy Board on September 9, 1961 to all Nevada licensees along with a copy of the Equal Rights Commission's clarification of the State of Nevada's July 1, 1965 Equal Rights Law (free of legal verbiage).

The Resolution passed by the Gaming Policy Board in 1961 under the title of "Discrimination" reads as follows:

#### DISCRIMINATION

The gaming policy board, as a board and as individuals, deplores the practice of discrimination on the basis of race, color or creed in and around gaming establishments or elsewhere. The Nevada State Legislature at its last session created an Equal Rights Commission for the express purpose of investigating, reporting and attempting to prevent practices of this kind.

We nevertheless intend to exert the influence of this body to discourage discriminatory practices in the fields of public accommodation and employment where properly within the primary (See COMMISSION, page 2)