

# NO BLACK SHEEP AMONG THESE LAMBS

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## NEVADA'S LAMBS



In this picture, you will find one of your State Senators, a County Commissioner and the Sheriff of Clark County. Regrettably, the picture is incomplete--Not present when the Lamb Family was photographed were Sheldon, 2nd eldest, and baby brother, Larry.

## NAACP POSITION ON SCHOOL DESEGREGATION

Rev. Marion D. Bennett, President, Las Vegas Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has submitted a 14-page statement of the position of the local NAACP on School Desegregation to Dr. Claire E. Woodbury, President of Clark County School Board of Trustees, and to Dr. James I. Mason, Superintendent of Schools in response to a request from the latter for such a report.

The local Branch's in-depth analysis of the problem of providing racially integrated education for all students in Clark County included review of "Adopted Policies on the De Facto Segregated Schools", "Effective School Desegregation Plans", "The Neighborhood School and BUSSING", and the much probed issue of "Correcting De Facto Segregation vs. Raising Educational Standards".

The NAACP concluded its report to the School District administrators with the following statement and recommendations.

"THERE ARE many studies which relate socio-economic factor with academic performance but they report no evidence whatsoever that children of poor families, white or Negro, are incapable of learning. On the contrary, the evidence, largely ignored, indicates that children learn when they are expected to learn and when they are taught.

"While the influence of complex non-school factors--a high degree of student mobility and all of the ills resulting from segregation, discrimination, and poverty--cannot be denied, it must be clearly recognized that the problems inherent in segregated and unequal schools impair Negro students of all cultural, educational, and economic backgrounds. And where general environment deprivations DO exist, it becomes all the more imperative that the public schools, serving disadvantaged children, be very good schools beginning with grade one.

"There is no choice, however, between correcting de facto segregated schools as much as possible and raising educational standards. Both are essential--together."

### RECOMMENDATIONS

The Las Vegas NAACP urges the Board of Education to take effective and prompt action on the following recommendations:

1. That the Board of Education adopt a policy (1) recognizing the educational harm of racially concentrated, de facto segregated public schools, and (2) calling for the greatest possible school desegregation.
2. That the Board of Education, with the assistance of experienced consultants, develop and adopt plans to correct de facto segregated public schools to the fullest extent possible.
3. That site selection for new schools and other school expansion programs be planned to prevent the growth of segregated schools.
4. That the Board of Education Act or other sources of funds, initiate a crash reading program for every student reading below grade level.
5. That the Board of Education develop a training program for educational and vocational counsellors to assure effective and unbiased counselling of students.
6. That the Board take immediate steps affecting the recruiting employment, and assignment of teachers and administrators (1) to end the present practice of assigning almost all Negroes in teaching and administrative posi-

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## SNCC HEAD FUMES LUCI HONEYMOONS

NEW YORK - (NPI)--Stokely Carmichael, chairman, Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, has accused other civil rights leaders of displaying "more backbone in defending (President Johnson's daughter) Luci than you have shown for the millions of black people being brutalized every day in the United States."

THE RIGHTS leaders had urged Carmichael not to lead a protest demonstration in connection with the wedding of Luci Baines Johnson and Patrick Nugent.

Signing a telegram to Carmichael were the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Southern Christian Leadership Conference; A. Philip Randolph, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; Roy Wilkins, NAACP; and Whitney M. Young, Jr., National Urban League. They told Carmichael that the demonstration would "implant the erroneous idea in millions of Americans that this demonstration represents an action by the civil rights movement."

Carmichael answered by asserting, "You have displayed more backbone in defending Luci than you have shown for the colored people of Viet Nam being napalmed by Luci's father.... (or) for our black soldiers being exterminated in Viet Nam today.... (or) for our black brothers engaged in acts of rebellion in our cities."

Carmichael said the rights leaders could (See SNCC, page 19)

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