

# ON THE OTHER HAND

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"It's not fair! I was there every day and I did my work. How could the boss give her the promotion instead of me? It's not fair!"

That is a familiar refrain.

Educators, personnel supervisors, show business devotees, parents--and the public in general--are all familiar with the "It's not fair" routine.

Any recognition given one individual must be thoroughly understood by all the others involved. Unless this is true, a company of malcontents may result. Explanations will be expected or demanded. And a revolt can become the order of the day if some acceptable justification is not forthcoming.

NOT ONLY is this response evoked in situations involving prestige; it is howled at other times. The worst kind of murder is that done without warning in cold blood. Why? The victim didn't have a chance. It just wasn't fair.

Recent Supreme Court decisions have raised the protective cry for criminals of all kinds. "It isn't fair" to parade information about their crimes before they are tried. "It isn't fair" to use certain devious methods of securing information. "It isn't fair" to use evidence obtained improperly.

Clearly "it isn't fair" has far-reaching importance.

One can easily ascertain that the remonstrance can be both helpful and distressing. It is helpful in that it persuades decision-makers to consider group opinion in such a way as to avoid being challenged.

THUS THOSE persons, whose right to recognition cannot be questioned, will be the ones who enjoy it. The superior performer, who is miles ahead of his confreres, will be given the accolades he deserves.

But what about the average person who needs just a little recognition to make him work to become outstanding?

What about the dedicated plodder whose colorless personality never places him sharply in focus?

What about the person with drive, who, tireless worker though he may be, will never reach a level above the humdrum?

Is it feasible that only the star achievers should be given an opportunity to achieve?

The "it's not fair" routine has its value. But there may be instances when greater productivity might result from giving a glimmer of recognition to the lusterless person who is loyal, conscientious and ambitious.

## NAACP Youth Branch Party



INTERMISSION--Sitting this one out are, from left, Regina Jones, Jerry Scott, Debra Jones, Scott Chaney, and Doris Bess.

The Youth Branch of the local NAACP Chapter sponsored a successful "Record Hop Waistline Party" Saturday night at the Kit Carson Elementary School. Teen-agers in attendance enjoyed the affair immensely. It is hoped their enthusiasm will spark interest among their friends to the extent that each future activity will become more entertaining and rewarding.

The group's next project will be a fundraiser to send delegates to the NAACP Regional Meeting September 22-24, Pacific Grove, California.

Membership in the NAACP Youth Branch is open to all teen-agers, and activities are planned to challenge their interest and talents. The group meets every first and third Saturday night of the month from 8 to 9 p.m. at Kit Carson School.

# MANPOWER DIRECTOR (HISTORY, from page 2)



GEORGE W. GANT, Director of the Operation Independence Manpower Program, was interrupted from reviewing applications for staff positions by VOICE photographer Monday, the day the personable young vocational and placement specialist assumed the duties of his office.

Cognizant of the Director's heavy schedule in attempting a speedy launching of the long delayed project, the VOICE reporter did not seek an interview with Gant. However, in a brief exchange of ideas on the program, Gant made an extremely favorable impression as an efficient, competent 'take charge' guy, knowledgeable in his field and of people.

There is no question that O.I.'s Manpower Director knows what he's doing and also where he is going.

## School Follow Through Program Announced

THE FORMAL launching of a nationwide Follow Through program to carry the benefits of Head Start into the regular school system, was announced recently by OEO and the Office of Education. Thirty school districts in 25 states and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico were selected to participate in the pilot phase of a program that next year, subject to Congressional approval, will involve 190,000 children throughout the Nation, and \$120 million in Federal funds.

Some 3,000 Head Start "graduates" and other children will be enrolled this year in the 30 projects to be funded by approximately \$2.5 million. The OEO has delegated authority to administer the program to the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, who has, in turn, delegated responsibility to the Office of Education.

These actions represent the first stage in implementing proposals for Follow Through made by President Johnson. The major portion of funds will be used for programs in FY 1968-1969.

SARGENT SHRIVER, Director of OEO, and Harold Howe II, Commissioner of Education, said in a joint statement: "Follow Through is an exciting new development in elementary education that will offer the disadvantaged child a very real chance to meet, on a competitive basis, the challenge and opportunity of education. Research shows that many of the gains made in Head Start are lost if these children do not continue to receive special attention and assistance in overcoming the handicaps imposed on them by poverty and community conditions which breed despair. Follow Through will provide that attention and assistance."

This fall's Follow Through children will be those entering the first year of school, either kindergarten or first grade. In future years it may be extended to children through the third grade.

One of the most critical elements of this new undertaking is the active involvement of Community Action Agencies and Head Start programs in the development of Follow Through.

shall feel it my duty, my pleasure and my pride, to concentrate my feeble efforts in elevating to a fair position a race to which I am especially identified by feelings and by blood....

IN THIS country, where money is the great sympathetic nerve which ramifies society, and has a ganglia in every man's pocket, a man is respected in proportion to his success in business. When the avenues to wealth are opened to us, we will then become educated and wealthy, and then the roughest looking colored man that you ever saw, or ever will see, will be pleasanter than the harmonies of Orpheus, and black will be a very pretty color. It will make our jargon, wit--our words, oracles; flattery will then take the place of slander, and you will find no prejudice in the Yankee whatever. We do not expect to occupy a much better position than we now do, until we shall have our educated and wealthy men, who can wield a power that cannot be misunderstood. Then, and not till then, will the tongue of slander be silenced, and the lip of prejudice sealed. Then, and not till then, will we be able to enjoy true equality, which can exist only among peers."



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## KIT CARSON COUNCIL MEETING TONIGHT

The regular monthly business meeting of the Kit Carson Neighborhood Council will be held tonight (Thursday), August 3, in the multi-purpose room of the Kit Carson School at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Leona Calhoun, Chairman of the Council, advises that Service Worker Mrs. Addie Reid Blake can be reached at 382-5814 by anyone wishing information about the Council or its activities.

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