

## ON THE OTHER HAND

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BITING, STINGING rejection is the forte of the white backlash. This rejection is part of the angry resistance characteristic of a hard core of Northerners who are fighting the drive toward equality for the Negro.

Leading disciples of this newest subversion set for themselves during the last election the task of removing humanitarianism from the vocabulary of the Caucasian population.

The un-American credo of this outspoken sect urges that whites stop being "pushed around."

It proposes jail for unwed Negro mothers. It lashes out at elegant Negroes who can afford homes in luxury neighborhoods.

It says, "Take a stand. Resist any kind of improvement in the lot of the harassed, segregated minority population. Fight to not only keep the underdog where he is, but work to push him farther back--and thus make being white a badge of shining distinction."

THE BACKLASH hogwash may prove palatable to some. But it would seem that most Americans would see through this neurotic regurgitation.

It would seem that most would recognize that a new day has indeed arrived. This new day is one that can make the dull pallor of rust that impedes peaceful integration--a bright shiny armor of accomplishment.

This new day can also see a kind of retrogression toward the thinking of feudal days.

How biting and stinging the backlash can become will be reflected in the results of future elections across the country.

With entrenched resistance in the South, the spread of backlash Northern recalcitrants could mean difficult days ahead.

Elections in the coming years are of tremendous importance to the future of the Negro. Consequently those citizens who are reluctant to demonstrate peacefully, or write, or speak for racial equality--can express their concern by showing up at the polls in solid ranks and voting for the liberal candidates who care about all of the people.

## Clinics To Administer Measles Shots Sunday

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 is the day 10 clinics operating in Clark County will administer free immunization injections to all children between the ages of 1 and 12. Clinics will be in operation at the following locations: Matt Kelly Elementary School, 1900 No. W. St.; Gibson Jr. High, 3900 W. Washington Blvd.; Jim Bridger Jr. High, 2505 N. Spruce; Convention Center, Garside Jr. High, 400 S. Torrey Pines; Hyde Park Jr. High, 900 Hinson; J.D. Smith Jr. High, 1301 Tonopah Ave.; Roy Martin Jr. High, 2800 E. Stewart; J.S. Ullom Elementary School, 4869 Sun Valley Drive; and Basic Elementary School, Ocean Avenue, Henderson.

All parents are urged to see that their children receive immunization, and since the "Victory Over Measles" campaign is slated for one day only--Sunday, August 20, parents are asked to be sure to set aside a period of time between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on that day for taking their children to the clinic closest to their residence.

REGISTRATION forms for the immunization of each child are required. Forms are now being widely distributed by drugstores, banks, public utilities, doctors and dentists offices. Parents are asked to complete the forms prior to the visit to nearest clinic in order to speed up operations in the clinics. For more information, the public may call 735-6576.

"Victory Over Measles" campaigns throughout the nation stem from recent medical conclusions which point to measles as the cause of serious and often fatal complications in children. An alarming number of deaths occur due to complications following measles; also, permanent disabilities such as loss of hearing, or mental retardation can result. Similar campaigns in the United States have virtually wiped out the disease in some areas.

The local program is sponsored jointly by the Clark County Medical Society and the Las Vegas Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Infections are practically painless, due to an "air-gun" device which is used in place of syringes and needles.

## Memories Are Made Of Days Like This



## WESTSIDE TEENAGERS TO FORM COUNCIL

George Lawson, NYC Counselor Coordinator, announced this week that a number of local teenagers have expressed enthusiastic interest in the formation of a Teen Council to plan and conduct recreational and social events pleasing to teenagers of West Las Vegas. To this end, all interested teenagers are urged to attend an organizational meeting, Thursday, August 17, 6 p.m. in the Neighborhood Youth Corps office, 928 West Owens Ave. (West Owens Shopping Center - East Mall).

The idea of a Teen Council composed of teenagers, selected by teenagers of West Las Vegas resulted from a meeting held August 7 at Doolittle Recreation Center when teenagers in attendance were invited to speak frankly of any dissatisfaction with local city recreation programs, or facilities, to city officials which included Fred Martin of the City Recreation Department.

Teenagers present expressed interest in broader programs which included Junior and Senior Dances, Talent and Fashion Shows, and Fencing, Archery, and Tennis Programs.

THE PROPOSAL of local teenagers to organize a Teen Council to plan and implement

A total of 22 Head Start classes, numbering 30 youngsters a class, received diplomas last week marking the completion of the Clark County School District's 1967 Summer Head Start Program... In West Las Vegas, Head Start Programs were conducted under the supervision of Jo Mackey Elementary School Principal, H. P. Fitzgerald, at Madison, C.T.V. Gilbert, and Jo Mackey Elementary Schools.

It would be difficult to find a matching enthusiasm of teachers, aides, supervisors, and children for the program than that of this Head Start area #3. Unfortunately, graduation exercises were scheduled so closely together it was impossible for the photographer to cover each... It was certain the pride and happiness evidenced at the Jo Mackey ceremony was duplicated at Madison School where attending parents outnumbered the 30 capped and gowned graduates. Mrs. Borrayne Hall was program chairman at the Madison ceremonies... It was the same story at C.V.T. Gilbert School where Miss Connie Addington and her committee made the occasion a memorable one for parents and graduates alike.

At the Jo Mackey School, a proud graduation class was pictured with an equally proud staff--from left, teachers Bobbie Smith, Florida Murphy, Beverly Hall (Principal H. P. Fitzgerald), Jackie Guibransen, Louise Earl, and Virginia Hodges... In photo left, Mrs. Bertha Hoggard shares the rapt interest of four year old daughter Josetta in her diploma.

## No Water Discrimination

Discriminatory charges against the Las Vegas Valley Water District by a local Negro minister, recently reported in one of the dailies, are without foundation according to information received by the VOICE.

Art Force, Public Relations Consultant of the Water District clarified the matter in an information fact sheet noting that the Las Vegas Water District provides 25,000 gallons of water per month each, at no cost, to 75 churches within the district's boundary. Twenty-one of these churches are located on the Westside and Vegas Heights. In addition, the regular \$3.25 per month service charge is waived to all churches. Only when a church uses more than the allotted free 25,000 gallons of water, is there a charge to any church.

(Editor's note: Now the question arises, in this department, why churches qualify for free water and school's do not. The school district's water bill must be staggering).

programs satisfactory to the young people in the community has the approval and cooperation of the City Recreation Department.

Every effort is being made to involve as many teenagers in the community as possible, and it is hoped that Thursday evening's meeting will be attended by all teenagers in West Las Vegas--Pass the word along.