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National Guard Expansion Enthusiasts



CAMPAIGN VICTOR--Pint-sized Assemblywoman Eileen Brookman, Chairman of Nevada State Legislature's Federal Military and Indian Affairs Committee, sponsored the Assembly Bill, responsible for the expansion program which will add two new National Guard units in Clark County. Grateful "brass" (from left) are Major Robert Gregory, Lt. Colonel Hans Eichenwald, Squadron Commander, Clark County Unit Guard; and Brig. Gen. Floyd Edsall, Adjutant General for the Nevada Guard.

General Edsall's announcement, nearly two weeks ago, that the addition of two new National Guard units in Clark County was part of a major reorganization and expansion program, preceded the present recruitment program for 250 additional men and 12 officers needed to fill the ranks of the new units.

Actual numerical increase in Clark County's National Guard will be from 113 to 374 men and it is expected the quota will be filled by Dec. 30. Although recruiters are especially interested in men and officers with prior military service, it is pointed out there are advantages in the National Guard Service for young men over 17 years old who have not yet been called to military duty that bears investigation.

Mrs. Brookman shares the hope of recruiters for Nevada's National Guard that the Clark County units will be an integrated one, and that interested young men will not delay stopping by the National Guard Armory at Stewart Avenue and 25th street to obtain detailed information as to eligibility.



Louisiana Segregationist Charged With Conspiracy

NEW ORLEANS - (NPI)--Leander H. Perez, president, Plaquemines Parish council, and four others were charged in federal court last weekwith conspiring to monopolize the chartering of work boats to oil companies.

The Justice Department is seeking an injunction under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act against Venice Works Vessels, Inc., Leander H. Perez, Sr., Luke A. Petrovitch, Plaquemines parish commissioner of public safety, Warren J. O'Brien and Thomas Popich, alleged shareholders in the Venice corporation.

It is alleged and charged that the defendants used their power as parish officials to boycott competitors of Venice works vessels.

PEREZ HAS been a top political figure in the parish (county) and state and often referred to as "the political boss" of his parish. He is an ardent White Citizens Council adherent, active segregationist, opponent of racial integration, school desegregation and once declared that he was constructing a camp infested with poisonous snakes in which to imprison any Negro demonstrators who might attempt to operate in his parish.

He was once excommunicated by the Catholic Church for statements alleged to have been made by him about the church and its racial policy. He is an ardent backer of former Alabama Gov. George Wallace and advocates a third party, if necessary, to defeat Lyndon Johnson and the present Democratic party heads.

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THE FUTURE



The NAACP Membership Drive is gaining momentum as it enters its third week. Great plans are being formulated for the wind-up of this drive. The affair to be held at Sugar Hill (date to be announced later) will be closed to the public. Admission will be by paid-up membership only. Your current card or stub from new or renewed membership will be ticket of admission.

WE ARE proud to announce that in conjunction with this affair, the Membership Committee will honor AF Officer George Sherman, who recently was promoted to the rank of Lt. Colonel, in recognition and appreciation of his valued participation in various local community affairs, plus his outstanding leadership in the Air Force. (More on Lt. Colonel George Sherman next week.)

There is still time to join or renew old memberships by calling 382-1552 or by stopping at 1320 'D' Street.

Hurry so you can be in on this swinging afternoon.



The Kit Carson Neighborhood Council will hold its meeting Wednesday, Nov. 22, instead of Thursday this week since the latter is the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Assemblyman Woodrow Wilson will be the guest speaker at Wednesday's meeting which will be held at the Kit Carson Elementary School at 7:30 p.m.

Job Programs Planned

ROCHESTER, N.Y. - (NPI)--A leading film manufacturer, oil firm, and Detroit department. store have disclosed plans to increase job opportunities among the poor.

portunities among the poor. Eastman Kodak Company revealed that it was considering a project to help start a Negroowned business venture in Rochester's (N.Y.) inner city.

Humble Oil & Refining Company is leading several other firms in riot-torn Newark, N.J., in a demonstration program to upgrade employment skills.

And in Detroit, the J. L. Hudson Company said it would train and hire 500 potential high school dropouts and hardcore unemployed.

In Rochester, William S. Vaughn, Kodak board chairman, said "One of the problems common to most inner-city poverty areas is that there are few indigenous or 'home grown and owned' independent economic units within these areas.

"Thus the pride of ownership, the confidence, and the self-remance gained from competing successfully in the business world are lost. Also, the skills and know-how learned in the process of managing a business are not developed, and certainly, no job opportunities are created for others."

Kodak executives were meeting with Vice President Humphrey and other officials on the question of how to help the poor start their own business.

MEANWHILE, the company revealed that it was sending recruiting teams into poor neighborhoods as part of its program to provide job opportunities for the hard-core unemployed.

The Newark program seeks to provide jobs for heads of families whose earning ability is not enough to support both parents and children without public assistance. Humble is using the facilities of the company's dealer training school near Newark to teach service-station merchandising and maintenance procedure to a group of six local husbands and fathers.

Jobs at Humble stations are available to all the graduates, who recently completed the company's course of instruction. Capable driveway salesmen can progress to shift leader, assistant station manager or manager at larger-volume service stations, and may later become dealers if they acquire the knowledge and experience to run an independent business of their own.

In Detroit, the expected hiring of 500 poor people was part of an effort to rebuild the city. Announcing the plan was Joseph L. Hudson, Jr., the store's president and head of the New Detroit committee.

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