

### (3) Days 'Till National Guard Recruitment Drive Deadline

Brigadier General Floyd Edsal, Adjutant General of the State of Nevada, announced today that vacancies still exist in the Las Vegas National Guard Units. General Edsal further announced that the units must complete their recruiting drive no later than 10 December 1967. Those applicants who have filled out their

enlistment papers, but have not as yet returned their Physical Examinations to the Armory must do so no later than 9 December 1967 in order for them to be sworn in.

The swearing-in ceremony of the new enlistees will be held on Saturday, December 16, 1967, at 10:45 A.M. in the National Guard Arm-

ory, 25th and Stewart Streets with Governor Laxalt and representatives of the National Guard Bureau, 6th U.S. Army and local dignitaries participating and attending. The public is invited to observe this unusual mass swearing-in ceremony.

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## "PUDDIN HEAD"



"TELL'N IT LIKE IT IS---AND PUTT'N IT WHERE IT'S AT"

### Ain't No Soul Folks Reading Gas Meters

The day after Thanksgiving, a piece appeared in the local evening paper that made ole Puddin wonder about Whitey. In this editorial some Cat was painting a pretty picture of William Laub, head man at the Gas Company, and chairman of the Nevada Equal Rights Commission.

It seemed to Puddin that the Cat who wrote the piece must have had eyes for Bill Laub and couldn't see the forest for the trees. This Cat put a halo around gashouse Bill's head that made such a damn bright light it blinded the Cat to the truth.

That halo must also have been throwin' a hell of a lot of heat which went smack dab to the writer's head; cause, baby, that character had to have been sufferin' from the heat. He sure was touched off his bird when he wrote what he did.

This "touched with the heat" writer must not have ever heard of Bob "Mex" Bailey who headed the Rights Commission before Gas House got the job. According to this writin' Cat, Bill Laub was fillin' in a void. Now if Puddin ain't mistaken a void would mean that there wasn't nothin' there when Laub took over.

AS BIG and as black as Mex Bailey is, it ain't even possible for a blind man to miss seein' him. And, as long, and as loud, as Mex can (and does) talk, a deaf man would hear him loud and clear. Where was "Touched in the Head" when Bob was chairman of ERC?

Bob 'Mex' Bailey put the Nevada Equal Rights Commish on the map. When Bob was the chairman more people knew about the ERC than know about it now.

PUDDIN AIN'T sayin' that Gas House Bill ain't for real about Bro's problems. But, Puddin had more sense when he was a fool to believe that Bill was up as tight in Bro's corner as Mex was. Mex was in his own bag, baby. He had to feel somethin' that Laub never can learn to feel, cause Laub from the other side, Blood, and ain't never been in the right groove to get

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## ALL ABOUT "POPS"



"OH YEAHHHH" was Louis Armstrong's comment when he received the first copy of his new biography from Bill Parbs, merchandising manager, Childrens Press, Inc., Chicago.

The nation's number one Ambassador-at-large, "Satchmo" to his millions of fans and "Pops" to his multitudinous friends, is one of such luminaries as composer-conductor Leonard Bernstein and industrialist Henry Ford along with the late President John F. Kennedy, General Douglas McArthur, and Babe Ruth whose biographies are in the initial publishing phase of the 20-book "People of Destiny" biographical series.

Individual books are sold at bookstores for \$4.50 each, and the entire series is available to schools and libraries on a subscription basis of \$3.04 each, or individually at \$3.38 each.

--(NPI Photo)

### VOICE PUBLISHER ON 30 DAY SABBATICAL

Charles I. West, M.D., publisher of the VOICE newspaper, will fly to Washington, D.C. tonight (Thursday) to attend Vice-President Hubert Humphrey's Conference on Civil Disobedience originally scheduled for Friday, Dec. 8, which has been re-scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 9.

Dr. West, a native of Washington, D.C., will enjoy a reunion with his mother and other family members and then fly to New Orleans to take off for an eagerly anticipated fishing trip in Central America. He will headquarter at Belize, newest nation of the Western hemisphere, formerly the British Honduras.

Dr. West will return to Las Vegas January 4 and will be back in his medical office Friday, Jan. 5.

## Proposed School Bond Is Of Major Interest To Us

Dr. James I. Mason, Superintendent of the Clark County School District held a press conference Tuesday morning and reported the "dire need" of six new junior high schools. Mason said that since the schools are presently working up to capacity, building expansion is the district's largest concern. The Superintendent has proposed a \$59 million bond issue vote to meet projected building needs.

The press conference was not covered by the VOICE as any news value it might have would be dissipated by VOICE press time. Moreover, a perusal of the Clark County School District's Nov. 4, 1967 release entitled "Achieving Integration In Education" indicates that the time is overdue for a formation of a West Las Vegas Parents-Citizens Committee to engage in a serious "study of the proposed \$59 million building referendum and curriculum changes in local schools" concurrent with that of the re-organization committee of 100 citizens which the Superintendent stated will be formed by Dec. 19.

ACCORDING TO Mason, the District's citizen committee will hold monthly meetings and the committee reports are scheduled for May at which time the board of trustees will study them and make further recommendations for the master plan, covering a ten-year period.

It is the position of the VOICE newspaper that any future plans of the Clark County School District are of vital importance to pupils trapped by the circumstance of defacto segregation.

The recent report from the United States Civil Rights Commission on defacto segregated schools rang the alarm bell for those concerned with the educational development of millions of children.

The VOICE does not take issue with a proposed building referendum "in the neighborhood of \$59 million", but there is intense concern over the neighborhood future schools will be built. Neither would the VOICE impose its views for resolution of this very grave problem on the parents of the children involved despite the strength of the VOICE'S conviction on the problem.

The VOICE does, however, urge every parent and every thinking adult who are residents of a segregated neighborhood (by choice or not) to realize the gravity of the situation and, out of concern for the future of the children, to make this issue one of personal involvement immediately.

## NAACP MEMBERS Notice Of Date Change

Attorney Chas. Kellar, president of the Las Vegas Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, announces the regular monthly meeting of the local group has been changed from Sunday, Dec. 10 to Sunday, Dec. 17.

The date change makes it possible for the current NAACP membership drive to windup operations at the monthly meeting which will be held, as usual, at Doolittle Recreation Center at 3 p.m.

All members are urged to be present at this final meeting of the 1967 year.