



It's really kind of lousy to bring this up during the season where "Peace on earth, good will toward men" is the pervading spirit among all mankind, but a great many eyebrows were raised this week at a statement made by the insouciant governor of Nevada that there would be no open housing legislation on the agenda at the Special Legislature early next year. Rather, the Governor announced, he would appoint a fact finding committee to study the issue.

This, of course, means that it will be another year before Nevada legislators will debate the issue which has been assessed as the major stumbling block in resolving the nation's number one domestic problem.

Personally, I was rather fascinated by the various reactions to the Governor's comment. It is hardly a secret that communication between the Governor's office and this newspaper is about on a par of that which exists between the VOICE and the Dali Llama of Tibet, so all we know is what we hear from other sources. It was reported from one of these sources that the Governor's statement came as a disappointment. The disappointment stemmed from circulation of a story that the Governor had promised Negro Assemblyman Woodrow Wilson if "friendly persuasion" didn't do the job in the state, the Governor would allow open housing legislation to be introduced at the Special Legislature.

NOW THERE ARE those who sincerely subscribe to the philosophy that "morality cannot be legislated"; that certain grievous wrongs can only be corrected when "it comes to the hearts and minds of men". We ought to know it, we heard it incessantly during the long, bitter struggle for passage of the federal civil rights bill. And, the present Governor's whole record substantiates that he is one of that persuasion. But he has tried "friendly persuasion" with the usual notable lack of success.

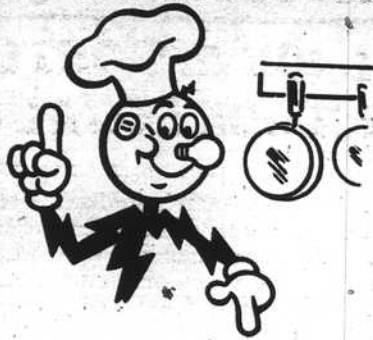
It seems to me that if there is anybody who will not accept the Negro's word when he says he doesn't give a damn whether it ever comes to the hearts and minds of white Americans that it is morally right to extend equal justice and equal opportunities to all citizens regardless of race, color, or creed; that he simply wants the law of his municipality, his state, and the federal government to provide those rights by law, then recent events in various cities throughout the United States should have convinced him by now. The Negro is not engaged in a popularity contest. He is demanding his constitutional rights and, by far, the great majority of black Americans are attempting to gain them through the democratic processes.

The appointment of a fact finding committee on the issue of open housing at this stage of the game is nothing short of ludicrous. At the very most, it has to be accrued as a stalling gambit. What are the facts on open housing that are not now common knowledge?

Honest, conscientious, objective research and appraisal has proven, conclusively, that when it comes down "to living next door to one" white Americans lose all sense of proportion and work themselves up to a frenzy at the mere thought of it. But the same research incontrovertibly proves the groundlessness of such hysteria and that when cities (or states) pass open housing ordinances (or legislation) PROPERTY VALUES GO UP and that lack of open housing ordinances or legislation, not only curtails progress in resolution of education and employment problems, but actually evokes economic setbacks.

ELECTED officials of government have been known to ignore suggestions or opinions (and even offers of aid) from members of the electorate who did not support their candidacy. But wise one's don't, be it out of political savvy or acceptance of the moral responsibility of an elected official to providing the best possible representation to his entire electorate.

If Governor Paul Laxalt is willing to accept the services of one who did not support his candidacy as Governor, I sincerely offer my services to him as a volunteer "fact presenting" committee of one on open housing. If we have nothing else in common, I would hope that we



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SAND TART COOKIES

Cream well: 1 cup powdered sugar
1 cup margarine or butter
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1 tsp. vanilla

Add to above and blend well: whites of 4 eggs
Add to above and mix well: 2 cups pecans, finely ground
1/2 tsp. cinnamon

Roll dough to 3/4 inch thickness and cut into 1 inch strips. Shape pieces to resemble quarter moons. Place on lightly greased cookie sheets 1 inch apart. Bake approximately 10 minutes in 350 degree oven. (Sand Tarts will be lightly browned when baked.) Cool and roll in powdered sugar.

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FASHIONS AT A GLANCE

Spring will rush in the uncovered "sexy" look...clinging knits promise to be scooped, deeply V'd, squared, haltered or ruffled and straples.... Morton Myles at Jeunesse scoops out a PREETY white knit dress, elasticates the waistline to give the skirt the dirndl swing!

At Suzy Perette, Victor Costa combines the deep V-neck and fit and flare in a black silk and worsted dress, then outlines with glitter!!!

A squared neckline on a long night dress of shimmering white satin on top and belted high to free the orange chiffon skirt--all under a short white satin jacket--is Harvey Berin's contribution.

Chester Weinberg joins the Romanticists in his Spring collection of high-rising dresses and suits of soft black gabardine. His shapes are soft and easy. On a salt and pepper tweed, Weinberg puts a youthful white collar. In what apparently is his favorite color combination (orange, aqua and greige), he does a whole group, using a power plaid from Agnonal

Spring with Bonnie Cashin is an elegant evening dress, organ-die, black, dirndled under a "mochla" vest in black kid...An American Indiana-looking coat in camel suede, gauntlet-cuffed-like coats of a soldier, is-hippie-fringed!

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share a common love for the great state of Nevada and an intense interest in its future. And, unequivocally, I can guarantee him there is nothing on open housing a "fact finding" committee can reveal that has not already been documented and substantiated inclusive of the "fact" that it will never come about without legislation.