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# **DOD Equal Opportunity Housing Campaign Gains**

Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara announced, early this month, that 9,376 additional high rise apartment units in the Northern, Virginia area will be available immediately for rental by all military personnel, regardless of race or color.

"The decision by a group of major realtors in the area immediately adjacent to the Pentagon to eliminate housing discrimination against military personnel is most gratifying," Secre-tary McNamara said. "We have been working to achieve this objective in the metropolitan Washington area and throughout the nation.

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower) Alfred B. Fitt reported to Secretary McNamara that there were only three high rise apartment houses with 1,980 units open in Northern Virginia last June. Through November 30, owners of eight other buildings with 4,181 units responded affirmatively to Department of Defense requests to eliminate discrimination against military families. Today's addition of 9,376 units in 22 apartment buildings brings the total to 33 apartment houses with 15,537 units which now have ended discriminatory practices in renting to servicemen. This is almost an 800 per cent gain in the five months since the Department of Defense began its equal opportunity housing campaign.

"Although we are greatly heartened by the substantial progress which has been made," Secretary McNamara said, "we will not be satisfied until all military personnel in all 50 states can obtain housing on an equal opportunity basis. Anything less than 100 per cent success is not acceptable.'

The Department of Defense Off-Base Housing Coordinator is Brigadier General William E. Ekman, U.S. Army.

# **Gospel Singer Booked On Narcotic Charge**

NEW ORLEANS - (NPI) -- Some years ago, a popular song went as follows:

"Jasper Johnson, shame on you! "You can't preach and rob me, too."

In New Orleans last week, they were paraphrasing the song, as follows: "Gospel singer, shame on you!

"You can't sing gospel songs and dope me, too.'

And all this because police at Moisant International Airport picked up Kenner William Johnson, who claimed to be a gospel singer enroute from New York to the Crescent City to fill a singing date.

It was not the singing date for which they arrested him. They had a tip he was carrying narcotics and when he alighted from the plane, police and narcotics agents found him carrying a Bible in one hand, a pistol in one pocket, and a suitcase filled with \$100,000 worth of narcotics in his other hand.

and intended users are in mourning because a part of their supply has been cut off.

At A New Location

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JACKSON, Miss. - (NPI)--There may be another Julian Bond story cropping up in the South, as the first Negro elected to the Mississippi legislature in recent times faces a suit challenging his right to the seat which he won at the polls.

Robert Clark, 37, defeated state Rep. J. P. Love, a House member for 12 years, in the Holmes County race.

Smarting from a 116-vote loss to a black man, Love, who chairs the House Education Committee, initiated a challenge proceedings, seeking legislative sanction refusing to seat Clark because of a series of alleged technical irregularities in the election. Love cites the House's constitutional authority as the "sole judge of its membership."

However, he may find himself overruled in the same way the Georgia legislature was struck down a few years ago when it denied a seat to Julian Bond--for a different reason: because he opposed the nation's military policies.

The Georgia House was informed by a U.S. Supreme Court decision that it did not have absolute jurisdiction over its own affairs and that it could not deny a man his right to a seat because of his political utterances.

UNLIKE BOND, Clark is not accused of making left-wing remarks. The charges against him are "technical," and Love asserts that the issue is not racial.

But in a state whose legislature has been all-white since 1894, the exclusion of a black representative could hardly be anything else but a racial issue.

Clark, a school teacher who holds a master's degree from Michigan State University, is accused of failing to qualify as an independ-ent candidate and not "properly qualifying" with the State Board of Election commissioners.

According to Secretary of State Heber Ladner, who also serves as secretary of the state election commission, no other candidates for legislative posts had qualified with him.

To this, Clark's supporters replied wryly that Mississippi may be enforcing its own brand of "separate but equal" justice for Negro candidates.

Among those supporters is Charles Evers, NAACP state field secretary, who saw the challenge as "just another attempt to prevent a Negro from becoming part of the state legislature.'

The attack on Clark "gives me the green light to commit our whole organization" to the support of the challenged election winner, said Evers.

Clark said he would be at the legislature's opening session Jan. 2 when it sits as judge and jury on his case.

Love is looking for a new election. But Clark's supporters are thinking of carrying the case all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, just as Bond successfully did.

## More Trouble For Moore

PHILADELPHIA - (NPI)--Atty. Cecil B. Moore, suspended local NAACP president, has now run afoul the Philadelphia Bar Association, on charges of anti-Semitism. The bar group is investigating his "entire professional conduct," as a result of a statement made in open court to David Berger, special counsel for the board of education, that "you're playing footsie with racist bigots. You and the rest of the Jews, get out of my business."





Motorboat registration certificates and decals will be issued by the Nevada Fish and Game Commission during 1968.

All motorboat owners who had their craft registered in the State of Nevada during 1967 will receive a renewal form in the mail. After returning the completed form with a remittance of \$3, the 1968 registration certificate and decal will be mailed to the boat owner.

For those persons who purchase a new or used motorboat or who transfer a boat to Nevada registry from another state must obtain a temporary registration. These are available from the following southern Nevada agents:

LAKE MEAD - Las Vegas Boat Harbor, Lake Mead Marina, Callville Bay Marina, Overton Beach Resort.

LAKE MOHAVE - Cotton wood Landing, Eldorado Canyon.

LAS VEGAS - Las Vegas Marine Supply, Ted Weins Firestone, Miller and Frehner Mot-

ors, Montgomery Ward, Sears Roebuck. N. LAS VEGAS - Ashley's Boat Shop.

PITTMAN - Emiles Sporting Goods.

HENDERSON - Zephyr Boats Dealer.

BOULDER CITY - Boat Craft, Boulder City Marine Service.

The Commission will issue the permanent 1968 registration Certificate and Decal by mail and assign a new boat number if one is required.

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