

ALL NAACP MEMBERS URGED TO ATTEND IMPORTANT MEETING SUNDAY

The regular monthly meeting of the Las Vegas Chapter of the NAACP will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Doolittle Recreation Center.

Attorney Chas. Kellar, President of the

local branch, urges all members to make every effort to be present. There are many important items on Sunday's agenda; committee appointments to be made, discussion and planning of the upcoming Freedom Com-

memoration as well as the local Premier Benefit of the Sammy Davis, Jr. picture "Salt and Pepper" under the auspices of the local Chapter.

LAS VEGAS Voice

Vol. 6, No. 2

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Thursday, January 11, 1968

"PUDDIN HEAD"



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

PUDDIN'S BACK AND "STEAMED" ALREADY

Hey, baby, Puddin's back from fishin'. It was a natural groove -- had a ball and caught like crazy, man. Had plenty of time to do lots of boss thinkin', and came up with somethin' to tell you, baby.

Try to get up tight with the message cause it's sayin' somethin', baby. This Equal Opportunity business ain't all that it's supposed to be. Whitey ain't actin' right with givin' your only newspaper a taste of opportunity. The VOICE ain't even gettin' the time of day when advertising is being spread around. Whitey been spreadin' it all around the VOICE, but been givin' damn little of it to the VOICE.

When you compare the amount of Soul dollars spent with the amount of advertising dollars spent with the VOICE, you got the story all wrapped up tight, Blood. Even if you are blind, you can see that Whitey ain't actin' kosher with your VOICE.

The Las Vegas VOICE is the only soap box you got, baby, that puts it where it's at, and tells it like it is. It takes some tall green to get the message to you, baby, and advertising is the only source of bread that your paper has got. If your paper don't get enough advertising, you ain't goin' to have much Voice in the happenins, baby. When you ain't got no Voice, you ain't from nothin'. You get included right out of the action.

Look thru this paper, page for page, and you will see what ole Puddin is tryin' to tell you, baby. Add up all the Bank ads with all the Ford, Chevy, Plymouth, and Caddy ads and you wind up with a great big Zero -- nothin', which is right where it's at with most big business on our scene, when it comes to makin' a pitch for your hard-earned bread.

Big Daddy's Toyota, and Uncle Walt's Las Vegas Dodge are the only new car dealers that ever got the time to even talk to us about advertising. It looks like none of the others want to do business with you, Blood, so if you are car shoppin', see Big Daddy, or Uncle Walt. They want to do business with you. Spend your bread in them places where they throw a little

(See PUDDIN, page 2)

Can Operation Independence Pick 'Em!

By Alice Key

It was just a year ago that Operation Independence, delegate agency for West Las Vegas' two major poverty programs, the O.I. Child Care Centers and the Manpower Development Center, was involved in a totally unnecessary court action precipitated by the intemperance and irrational conduct of the, then, Operation Independence Board Chairman.

Executive board members of O.I. were defendants in a suit filed by a Maurice Morgan who charged he was fired as Director of the agency's Manpower Program because he was white. He was joined in the suit in which he sought an injunction to prohibit O.I. from hiring anyone else for the position by Francis O. Edwards (a Negro who claimed to have been hired by coordinator for the program) and the Nevada Catholic Welfare Bureau.

Judge John Sexton ruled in favor of the defendants, who were represented by Attorneys Earle White and Robert Reid, finding no evidence to support the plaintiffs' claim they had ever been hired.

AFTER MONTHS of recruiting and screening applicants for the position of Manpower Director, Operation Independence finally obtained the highly qualified services of George Gant and finally the agonizingly delayed Manpower Program was initiated.

And then came election of officers time at Operation Independence. O.I. board's 1st. vice chairman Larry Powell had replaced the former board chairman and did not seek reelection.

At the election meeting, Rev. Donald Clark was nominated from the floor for Board Chairman. The nomination was startling in view of the fact that he was not a member of the Board nor had been in attendance at Board meetings prior to the election meeting. The writer was a board member and spoke against the nomination pointing out the wisdom of selecting a chairman more familiar with the program and problems with which O.I. trustees were faced.

Rev. Clark, however, was elected Chairman of the Board of Operation Independence and immediately began to justify every objection to his election the writer had made. His abysmal lack of knowledge of even the most basic guidelines of Community Action Programs, his total disregard for parliamentary procedures (or even common courtesy), as well as his obvious confusion as to a Board chairman's responsibility and authority as opposed to that of the administrators of O.I.'s program was such that the writer, for one, resigned from the Board after two meetings conducted by the new Chairman, and the record of formal board resignations coupled with the number of board members whose failure to attend the three meetings in a row necessary to retain membership is as revealing as it is appalling.

There is irony in the fact that Operation Independence begins the new year beset with troubles in its Manpower Program that a year ago it was so desperately trying to effect. Actually, the problem confronting O.I. now does not stem from the Manpower Program itself but from the board chairman's determined efforts to circumvent the Manpower Director's administration of the Program.

Last Wednesday night, Rev. Clark held a "closed" board meeting which, from all re-

ports, held more resemblance to a Kangaroo Court than anything else. Purpose of the "meeting" was to allow Mrs. Inez Archie, former training coordinator for the Manpower Development Center, who had been terminated by Gant, to air her grievances in a bid for reinstatement.

THE STAFF of the Manpower Development Center, in turn, requested an "OPEN" meeting be scheduled for Tuesday night, Jan. 9, where employees of the Manpower office could be heard on "slandorous statements being made with reference to the Manpower Agency, its staff and its operation".

The written request for the meeting signed by the 16 staff members of the Manpower Agency stated, in part, "We wish to have present at this meeting the entire Operation Independence Board of Directors and Mrs. Inez Archie, who is the former Training Co-ordinator of the Manpower Development Center agency, and who is the cause of the agitation.

"We find that Mrs. Archie's motives for this type of conduct is a selfish one, and not in the best interest of the development of the com-

(See "O.I." page 10)

SCENE FROM FILM TO BE PREMIERED HERE



Charlie Salt (Sammy Davis, Jr.) and Christopher Pepper (Peter Lawford), foreground, seem to be a little 'down' on their luck, as they are being pinned down by a secret-agent judo expert in "Salt and Pepper."

Davis and Lawford star in the mystery-romp as co-owners of the Salt and Pepper nightclub in the Soho district of London, where dead bodies seem to congregate. The nightclub is turned into a hotbed of intrigue and gorgeous girls. They are constantly being sought by local police and international gangsters.

Released thru United Artists, a Transamerica Company, "Salt and Pepper" is slated for release early in 1968, in Technicolor.