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magistrate presiding over Department 2. In this case the City of Las Vegas induced the Legislature to pass some special legislation which gives the Mayor the right to appoint whomever he wants in Department 2 and to pay him any salary. This person, according to this legislation, needs never stand before the electorate, or to be approved by anybody. He doesn't need to be approved by the Bar Association, the voters, or anyone else. No one has any jurisdiction over him. This kind of special privilege for persons who have the contact to achieve it resluts in lack of respect for law and order, and lack of efficient or effective administration. Presumably, the judge of Department 2 can hold office for life, without being accountable to anyone. It is very possible that the Municipal Court of the City of Las Vegas takes in more money than any criminal court of its size in the United States!

Why do the authorities of the City of Las Vegas insist upon this kind of special treatment? Perhaps their lack of respect for law and order is contagious. The common person in the street, who sees no respect for law and order coming from above, develops little on his part toward that law and order!

WHERE DOES REFORM BEGIN? FAR MORE IMPORTANT, IS WHEN?

(BILL LANE, from page 10)

tures. They do not forget the roots.

At press time Bill Cosby and his wife Camille were awaiting arrival of their third and fourth offspring -- twins. They have two daughters already.

Jean Pace's little sister Judy, is going to be a steady bad chick on "Peyton Place," adding a natural touch, they say, in that there are a lot of women like Nina Simone's "Peaches"

James Baldwin, reportedly bogged down in the screenplay of Malcolm X' life, can add a few more bank notes to his \$200,000 for writing the screenplay--screen rights to his book, "Another Country," were just bought, to be filmed at W-7, and the first Baldwin book to hit the screen.

Ora Belle Wallace, the Detroit hotel and saloon owner, attended a Sarah Vaughan show opener in Los Angeles before heading for San Francisco and Las Vegas before going home to Detroit. Said she'd like someday to open some businesses and "sort of settle down" in her native Mississippi, "where things are changing very fast.'

Sarah Vaughan's bassist, Herbie Mikman, is a solid fan of the recorded music of Art Tatum, the blind pianist of yesteryear. His little wife Grace said Herbie was "sick, moody, untalkative' on a trip in Copenhagen, "until one day on a bus he suddenly heard one of Tatum's records being played over the bus radio. He lit up then and there, and was happy the rest of the trip." Sarah's new planist is Charlie Coleman, of Canada. A smooth brother.

GIRL WATCHING

A shapely, good-looking (and high) and Black damsel stepped from her car on a Santa Monica parking lot. Suddenly a tall, blonde white chap rushed up to her and after a word began to bop her around something special. Wham! Bam! no, thank you, Mam! Two other men, both white, saw the fracas, rushed up to the girl's assailant. But the lady suddenly turned on the two rescuers, yelling, "Don't hurt him! He's my

Richard Elkins, who's done a "Julia" or two, now in line for a special honor or two as co-star to Charleton Heston in the coming film, "Pro."

Della Reese not due back in the USA until mid-November. She's been touring the British Isles with Tom Jones and Ted Heath, and making a combo black-white-color television show in Germany. The TV show will be shown here in January...Nancy Wilson left GAC reportedly Ashley-Famous agency, and O. C. Smith now set for Europe, and a month-long tour with the big band of Buddy Rich.



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