

POLICE GUILTY OF PREDAWN ATTACK - PANTHERS

Francis Edwards 3rd Black Appointed To High Post

Francis Edwards became the third Black to be appointed to a high state post by Governor-elect Mike O'Callaghan.

Francis Edwards is well known in the area for his work with the underprivileged. He was project director for the neighborhood councils.

His appointment to the Parole Board is proof that the new Governor-elect is filling his posts with capable persons.

ALL CCSD HIGH SCHOOLS FULLY ACCREDITED

All Clark County School District high schools are fully accredited by the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools, according to Theron Swainston, Assistant Superintendent and a member of the nine-man Board of Trustees of the Association.

Six schools--Western, Las Vegas, Rancho, Clark, Valley and Basic--were accredited with "fully approved" status this year, as opposed to accredited with "advised" status last year.

"Fully approved" accreditation is the highest recognition granted by the Northwest Association, which is one six regional agencies that grant accreditation to high schools and colleges in the United States. Approximately 2,000 high schools and higher educational institutions in Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Alaska are members of the Association, which is a voluntary professional corporation responsible to no political organization.

The six large metropolitan high schools operated by the Clark County School District were placed on fully accredited, but "advised" status last year because classes were too large to meet Association guidelines. Swainston said this problem was largely eliminated this year by refusing to offer classes with very small enrollments, thus reducing class size in other courses.

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The pre-dawn quiet was disturbed by a fusillade of bullets, shattering the Black Community Information Center at 1933 Hassel, Sunday morning at approximately 2:55 a.m.

According to Tommy Jones, spokesman for the Center two unmarked cars slowed down, after racing up and down the street at high speeds and pumped approximately fifteen high caliber slugs into the structure. All but one of the approximately 10 persons in the building were sleep, including several females. Normally a two year old baby lives there, but was not present during the rain of slugs.

In a press conference held Monday morning at 11 a.m. the spokesman for the group alleges that Policemen in the unmarked cars were guilty of this unprovoked attack on their headquarters. They claim that a helicopter hovered over the building with flood lights illuminating the house during the attack. The whole street was dark for some unexplained reason. Reading from a prepared statement Jones charged the Police with Gestapo and Fascist tactics, in harrassing members of the Center. He also stated that from this day forward any Police, who live in other parts of the City, who enter the Westside Community, do so at their own risk. This was the strongest language used by the Group who identified themselves as members of the Black Panther Party. And stated that they were in fact revolutionaries advocating the over-throw of everything standing in the way of freedom for Black People, from their oppressors.

Jones also stated that they plan to have a rally to gain community support for their goal of having the community decide who shall police the area.



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