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WHERE PRESIDENTS COME AND GO.

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- "Shrine to a whole nation, but home to one family--- That is the White House." Those descriptive phrases are the opening lines of a book, an historic guide, inspired by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis shortly after John F. Kennedy took over in January '61. It is one of a series of publications which you can pickup through the White House Historical Association. Strangely enough "The White House isn't really the official title of this city's number one mansion. On an 1818 map of the District of Columbia it was shown as the President's House. Still regarded as the official residence of the President it is offically called the Executive Mansion---and for obvious reasons, the populating of racial polarization, that name should be more widely used. When John Adams became the first President to move into this now sparkling white edifice at the beginning of the 18th century, his wife wrote; "This House is built for ages to come." He besought "Heaven to bestow the best blessings on this House and all that shall hereafter inhabit it. May none but honest and wise men ever rule under this roof." His prayer has since been carved on the mantel of the State Dining Room by orders of the late Franklin. D. Roosevelt who held a record lease on the place.

The other day Hon. Robert Brown, Special Assistant to the President, invited Sammy Davis Jr., and members of his executive family to "Lunch at the White House." Later he took them on a VIPrade through the executive Mansion. The luncheon was most interesting, spiced by a most candid exchange of ideas between John Ehrlichman, Director of the Domestic Affairs, Council, Robert Finch and Don Rumsfeld, Counsels to the President, Sammy Davis, Jr., Robert Hooks, Murphy Bennett, George and Shirley Rhodes, Dect. Curt Monson, and Carolyne Jones. Black expectation and the Nixon Administration was the major subject. Some plausible answers were given in citing past deeds and expressing future desires. The well liked Brown pointed out that the present administration upped the Civil Rights budget from \$75. to \$235-Million, a 300% increase. "In '72 this budget will be increased to \$456-million," he said, "an additional 10%." Backing up these facts, along with other things we were told, he gave us a 9-page report which points up ongoing programs of the administration to meet the needs of the poor and the minorties. I don't know how well these programs have or will penetrate the bias curtain of our nation, but I do know that Robert Brown is an honorable man, one not careless with the truth.

WALKING IN THE TRACTS OF HISTORY --A tour of the Resident of the President gives you the feeling that you're walking in the footprints of history. Moving through the shadows of men whose decisions determined the destiny of our land. Within its rooms its countless mementos are motionless pieces and pictures of the pomp and pride of the power and the glory of the American experience. Its clean interior is fragrant to the smell and like a quiet oasis in a desert of blocked out noise. However if you're black like me there is a sense of mental mustiness which is emitted from an invisible stagnation. Very little of the present and none of the future are pictured on its walls. Whatever modern technology it houses is kept from the eyes of the visitor. Two things surprised this visitor, the statute of Lincoln behind the desk of the president and the copper likeness of the Great Emancipator on his coffee table. Then there is that wallpaper covering the Diplomatic Reception Room, which is the entrance to the Executive Mansion. It depicts important early American scenes and in all, in which people are pictured, black are very much a part of the social scene. They are well dressed and equal at a time when history taught us they were slaves. It is the only place in this "People's Mansion" I was made aware we were there. Oh yes, in one of the upper rooms the picture of Gen. Washington



The above girls are queen contestants for the Annual NAACP Golf Tournament. Lest to right: Veronica Branch, Sahara Hotel; Phyllis Gay, Landmark Hotel; Fanita Thomas, Desert Inn; Carole Robinson, Caesar's Palace; Rosene Chapman, Silver Slipper; Rosemary Hill, Frontier Hotel; Brenda Courtney, Castaways. (not pictured, Delores Strauther, Flamingo Hotel.) The tournament will be held at Winterwood Golf Course, Sunday and Monday, May 2 and 3. The entry fee for the two days is \$10.00. Tickets may be delivered upon request. Closing date for entry is April 28, 1971.

crossing the Delaware does show a black man within the boat. The Resident of the President is a thing of beauty. A glowing and colorful tribute to the past. Even old clocks tick away the time. However they say that the hope of the future lies in this shrine of the glories of

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