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FITZGERALD NAMED MANAGER OF LV EMPLOYMENT OFFICE

CAPSULE COMMENTS

UP NAWTH VISITORS

Mr. John "Johnny" West accompanied by his wife Gloria and their children, have been visiting his parents Dr. and Mrs. Charles I. West, for the past week.

"Johnny" and Family are residents of Reno, where he is employed by the University of Nevada, as Director of Black Student Affairs.

SHOWPLACE U.S.A.

At least 10 different Shows are Opening this week in Las Vegas, Elvis Presley at the Las Vegas Hilton Monday night. The Grand Opening of Las Vegas's Newest Hotel, the Union Plaza, Fiddler on the Roof, Tuesday.

Paul Anka and Joey Heatherton at Ceasar Palace, Thursday night. To name a few.

HOUSEHOLD WORKERS UNITE; FORM FIRST NATIONAL ASSOC.

(WASHINGTON) The men and women who work in other people's homes for a living have decided to stand up and fight. More than 600 angry and determined Household Workers from 30 cities across the country met in the Nation's Capital last month and established, by unanimous proclamation, the First National Organization ever formed to represent the more than 1.5 million American Household Employees. 98% of the workers are women and two-thirds are black.

The newly formed National Association of Household Workers will concentrate on increasing the median wage for household workers, currently \$1800 per year for full-time employment. Responsibility for determining the exact nature of the new Association, as well as its program priorities, rests with a five-member committee of Formation. The Committee was elected during the First National Conference of Household Workers held in Washington July 16-18 under the auspices of the National Committee on Household Employment (NCHE).

The new Association is concerned with bettering household workers' wages, fringe benefits, working conditions, and status. It will tackle the pay issue first, however, because four out of five household employees report total cash incomes, including all forms of social insurance and public assistance payments, under \$2,00 per year. Yet two-thirds are at least partly self-supporting and one out of eight is the head of a family.

Three members of Congress took part in the Washington Conference. Representative John Conyers of Michigan held an informal talk with the Detroit delegation. Congressman Walter E. Fauntroy of the District of Columbia thrilled the Saturday evening banquet audience when he con-

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EPILEPSY POSTER CHILD, SEN. TAFT, CALL ON PRESIDENT--Zachery Williams, 6-year-old Jackson, Miss., lad who is the national poster child of the Epilepsy Foundation of America (EFA), visited the White House yesterday, receiving a warm greeting from President Nixon. With Zachery--who has had epilepsy for four years--was Sen. Robert Taft, Jr., of Ohio, a long-time friend of the epilepsy movement. Zachery took the Foundation's message of understanding to the President, symbolizing the fact that the beacon of hope for the more than 4 million Americans who suffer convulsive disorders has reached the highest office in the land. Zachery, through use of modern medication, leads an active normal life.

RUBY DUNCAN REPORTS

To my fellow Welfare members I am proud to say the National Welfare Rights Organization had its third convention July 28, thru August 1, 1971.

The N. W. R. O. is taking a firm stand on political strategy both local and national for adequate income for all americans. There will be do it yourself groups taking action and we are going to join hands with other organizations and groups local and national and we are going to feed and cloth some hungry children and old people plus other poor people.

Welfare recipients and other poor people all over the country are out to stop (FAP) the family assistance program that is in the senate now; so

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Carson City--Well known Clark County educator and businessman H. P. Fitzgerald has been named manager of the Las Vegas Employment Office, announced Director Robert Archie of the Nevada Employment Security Department today (Mon).

The post, which has been vacant since mid-May, represents management of Nevada's largest public employment office.

Archie said Fitzgerald was selected for the position after several applicants were tested and interviewed for the job. It pays \$14,000 annually.

"The selection of Fitzgerald," said Archie, involved not only administrative qualifications but a talent to get things done. 'Fitz' is a trail-blazer. He makes things happen."

Prior to his new job, Fitzgerald was assistant director of the Southern Nevada Manpower Training Center.

Fitzgerald said he intends to make the Las



Vegas Employment Office "the best in the state and hopefully the best in the nation." He said he will work to minimize duplication of effort among cooperating agencies for the "most effective and economical application of the taxpayer's dollar."

A native of Danville, Va., Fitzgerald is a 25-year resident of Las Vegas. He holds a bachelor's degree in art education from Virginia State College and was the first Black to be awarded a master's degree in school administration from the University of Nevada, Reno.

In addition to his service as school principal through 1968, other positions Fitzgerald has held in the Clark County School District include posts in 1968 as Work Training Evaluator for the district and Vocational Technical Placement Advisor in 1969. From 1964-66 he was the Basic Adult Education Coordinator for a federally fund-

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