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ERC Plans Gubernational Action

Two meetings of extreme consequence to the Black community of Reno and the adjacent communities have taken place in Reno in the current month. The first was the formal meeting of the Nevada Commission on Equal Rights of Citizens. Held at the Reno headquarters of the Commission, it was the first meeting in Reno of the newly structured Commission as appointed by Governor O' Callaghan and was presided over by Chairman Thomas D. Beatty.

As the Commission convened to discuss the current disposition of cases filed with it, the Northern Nevada community leaders, in particular Mrs. Bertha Woodard-President of the Reno-Sparks Branch of the NAACP, and Eddie Scott-Executive Director of the Reno Race Relations Center, Inc. and active in the NAACP, released a barrage of publicity calling for increased attention by the Commission to the problems of the Reno area. They focused their grievances on what they termed the "do-nothing" attitude of the Commission toward the obvious discrimination of the Northern Nevada clubs and casinos in failing to hire minority persons, especially Blacks.

Chairman Beatty and the four other appointed Commissioners responded by voting to approach the Governor and request his help in requiring the Northern Nevada gaming operators to adhere to the State and Federal laws regarding compliance in employment. A further vote will provide drastic action by the Commission should the move to enlist O'Callaghan's help and that of the Northern Nevada Gaming Industry Association fail.

Following this meeting, a second meeting was held one week later, presided over by Tony Mc-Cormick, Executive Director of the Commission. Invited were various members of the community, including the two proponents of action mentioned above. McCormick called for the in-put of the Community to specify exactly what the Community expects from the Governor, the Commission and the Gaming Industry. A list of recommendations answering this request was drawn up. The eyes of the Community and the State await the result forthcoming from these two meetings and the recommendations.

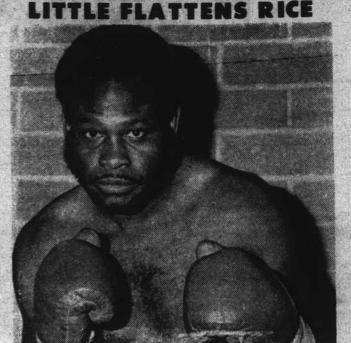
MORE AMERICANS ARE 'EATING OUT"

Fifty-seven million persons are estimated to eat one meal a day away from home. Whereas a few years ago a worker or student carried lunch in a paper bag or pail, today they are more likely to buy it at or near their place of employment, or school.

Because unclean hands have been found to be a significant contributing and sometimes causitive factor in foodborne illness, public health officials stress the importance of effective handwashing practices, and clean nails. They recommend that management provide

They recommend that management provide handwashing facilities in convenient areas to encourage employee handwashing, and to discourage hand wiping on towel or dishcloth. Everyone is essentially a food-handler, whether he prepares or eats food in a restaurant or at home.

""Even a healthy person may carry microorganisms on and in his body which could multiply and contaminate food" and authority on foodhandler education argues. The health official urges strict handwashing practices. Th remove "resident bacteria", the kind that are not removed by routine handwashing with ordinary soap, he recommends the use of an effective antibacterial cleanser. (pHisoHex, the same liquid developed for use by surgeons for preoperative scrubups is the one most often recommended.)



Freddie Little, Deputy Director of the State of Nevada Motor Vehicle Department, and known throughout the sports' world as an outstanding middle-weight boxer, demolished Seattle's Maurice Rice at the Sahara Tahoe Hotel December 23.

Little has not fought professionally since 1970. He was Junior Middleweight Champion of the World, winning that title in 1968 in Rome, Italy. He defended the title successfully twice, but lost the crown to Carmelio Bossi. Managed by Ted Walker, Little reported that the Thursday fight was the first step toward regaining the championship, toward which end he has been working out diligently.

Rice had a 22-7 win record prior to his meet with Little. He was considered a formidable adversary. Slated to go for ten, Rice began to waiver in the third round when he went down for a count of nine. In the fifth round, Freddie ko'd the Washington fighter. Manager Walker is dickering for follow-up fights for Little, the first of which will be anounced shortly.



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