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## COUNTY EXTENDS BENEFITS FOR THREE MORE WEEKS

### NATIVE LAS VEGAN HONORED



FT. HUACHUCA, ARIZ.--Sergeant First Class Leon Johnson, a member of the U. S. Army Intelligence Center and School (USAICS) was honored here last week for distinguished service.

SFC Johnson, a native of North Las Vegas, received the Meritorious Service Medal at a special honor ceremony at the school headquarters from Colonel Elvin Dalton, commanding officer.

SFC Johnson "distinguished himself by his outstanding professional competence" as a primary staff action officer for the Presidential Communication System at Headquarters, U. S. Army Strategic Communications Command (STRATCOM) here.

He is a student at the school. He calls 437 Rossmoyne, North Las Vegas, home.

### Every Tuesday Air 2nd Community Affairs Series

The second program in the new TV 3 community affairs series, "Every Tuesday," (at 10:00 PM Tuesday, Jan. 25), will feature a NEWS INTERVIEW WITH THOMAS BEATTY, Chairman of THE NEVADA STATE EQUAL RIGHTS COMMISSION, which enforces housing and employment discrimination laws.

Beatty, a young attorney with the Clark County Public Defender's office, was appointed to the commission in January 1971, by Governor Mike O'Callaghan. Beatty will face a panel of four Las Vegas newsmen, representing the Associated Press, KORK TV, the Las Vegas Sun and the LAS VEGAS VOICE.

The program is the alternating identity in the "Every Tuesday" series, is titled "Newsmakers and is moderated by Grant Sawyer, former governor of Nevada and now a partner in a major Las Vegas law firm. He will appear every two weeks as host of the "Newsmakers" program, which shares the Tuesday night time spot with "Compass Point," a discussion show

that ponders the direction life is taking in Nevada. Both "Every Tuesday" programs include a group of short segments in which citizens and groups talk to the community about their concerns.

### Black Publishers To Meet In Los Angeles Jan. 19

NNPA Mid-winter Workshop this year is being hosted by Mrs. Leon Washington, Ass't Publisher of the Los Angeles Sentinel, Jan. 19 thru the 22nd.

Californias highest elected Black official, Wilson Riles, State Superintendent of Education will give the closing address.

A closing reception will be held in San Francisco on the evening of the 22nd, sponsored by Dr. Carlton Goodlett, Publisher of the San Francisco Sun Reporter.

The County Commissioner in a 3 to 2 vote extended the criteria they have been using. This act will keep all presently eligible persons on the roles for approximately 3 weeks.

A protest against the adoption of the emergency program was made motion of Commissioner Bob Broadbent.

Speakers against the motion were Mrs. Ruby Duncan, president of the Nevada Welfare Rights Organization; Mrs. Petty Smith, coordination of the Clark County Economic Opportunity Board Surplus Food Commodities and Rev. Herbert Osmond, chairman of the human resources committee of the Clark County Ministerial Association.

All 3 spokesman felt that the people even those 1000 who would not be cut off under the plan would rather get the same allowances now being paid-than to have the money doled out for 6 months.

Mrs. Petty Smith stated that the ten dollars they would get under the proposed new criteria was almost less than nothing. Rev. Osmond accused the Commissioners of being more concerned about the powers of the upper class taxpayers than they were about the poor. He also chided the body spending large portions of the funds available on administration.

Mrs. Ruby Duncan challenged the Commission of several provisions of the emergency program.

One being Section 300.210 which provides aid for non-residents.

Section 600.200 states that "rent will only be paid for public housing units.

Mrs. Duncan asked, "Isn't it true that the Nevada Revised Statutes require that you provide aid to the legally poor."

This question was not answered.

Mrs. Duncan did state that as long as the Hotels had food that they would eat.

### COSMO HEARING CLOSES

The Las Vegas City Commissioners hearing of a Show Cause on the liquor license of the Cosmopolitan Lounge ended Monday night.

We say ended, but the end might not ever come.

If the Commissioners let Elbert Lyles keep his license, the police department will be unhappy, and if they revoke the license, those who feel the hearings were a farce will be displeased.

If the Commissioners use this seldom used regulation that 2 Commissioners have hinted at using, we will have proof that they have two standards, one for the Black businessmen and a different one for white businessmen.

From the testimony given by officers, most of the arrest made on one witness occurred in some of the same downtown hotels. It goes without saying that many other people are arrested many many times in the same places of business with

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