

# RENO • SPARKS NEWS

## CRITICISM

### NEVADA STATE PRISON NEWS

BY DONNY JOHNSON

At last, as promised, the information on the NSP holiday show as written by Tom Howard, one of the coordinators of the event.

"We captured about two thirds of the population here at Medium, who got a lot more than they thought we could provide. The "Undespited Troups" is a blues and rock band who started the show off with Andrew Brown as their vocalist for the first couple of songs. With Andrew warming up the audience, the groups top vocalist, George Walker, then got everyone really into it with songs like Stormy Monday and Knock on Wood.

While the next group was warming up cartoons were run, and the show never got a chance to cool off. "The Chantzmen," a country and western group put on a wild performance as we had a large population of country music lovers. Their last two songs inspired an audience sing along.

The "El Loco" group followed with some hard rock. They, like the two groups before them were asked to do an encore. Their hard rock and psychedelic like show has the audience spell bound for the entire thirty minutes.

Then came the "Freedom Now" band, who played strictly jazz. This ended the night with music throbbing in the minds of all who attended. We would have had to continue for the duration if the time had not been set with the count immediately thereafter.

Everyone involved put everything they had into the show. We asked for reactions afterwards and they were all very encouraging. "When is the next show?" was the question most asked. That we could not answer, but we hope it will be soon. We also hope to have more participation of the yard talent at the next show which we had originally planned for this one, but time was the factor there. Each group did a thirty minute set, and with all the encores we really blew the time, but we pulled it close and everyone made count on time (smile).

The show was given in the gym. The acoustics are not the greatest and the sound equipment was inadequate as we are short of some mikes and amplifiers ect., but we got maximim use from what we had and everyone seemed to enjoy it. Those of us who had anything to do with the show were very pleased that we were able to make the holidays a little less lonely for ourselves and for our own. We would have liked to have had outside participation, both in talent and in audience. Maybe next time."

Thanks Tom for the article, and to everyone who helped put on the show. It seems there is a lot of talent at NSP in all the creative fields.

### MRS. PORTER HEARING CONTINUED

A hearing on a motion to dismiss attempted murder charges against Juliette Porter was continued Friday to allow the prosecuter more time to prepare court documents. It was postponed to Feb. 22.

Mrs. Porter is challenging the indictment against her on the grounds that a member of the grand jury was present at the approximate scene of the incident alleged in the indictment.

She is charged in connection with a shooting in the office of Equal Rights Commission Reno. The Executive Director Tony McCormick was not injured, but several bullet holes were found in his coat.

Eddie Scott, Director of the Reno Race Relations Center, is a jury member who Mrs. Porter said was in the Equal Rights Commission outer office at the time.

Deputy Public Defender Jerome Polaha is representing Mrs. Porter. Deputy Dist. Atty. Warren Goedert is prosecuting the case.

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### Hug High Girl To Attend Washington, D.C. Seminar

Carol Hamar, senior at Procter Hug High School will attend a Presidential Classroom for Young Americans in Washington, D.C. this month.

William Campbell, student activities advisor said she was chosen from the honors government classes on the basis of academic standing, interest, leadership and communication skill.

Miss Hamar is the new student body secretary. Campbell said, "This is an outstanding opportunity for a student. It is an in-depth government studies program."

Upon her return she will explain to others what she learned by making presentation to the government classes, the student government, and the sponsoring orgainzations.

The cost has been primarily absorbed by Sparks Republican Women, the Reno Elks Club, and the Radius Club of Reno.

Miss Hamar received a student handbook explaining many things about the conference, including what clothing to bring.

She has an advance study assignment to learn the names of the majority and minority leaders in the House and Senate, of the nine justices of the Supreme Court, of the President Cabinet, of Nevada's senior and junior senators, congressman and governor.

### R.O.I.C. INVITED TO MEETING

On February 8, 1972, there was a meeting of the Northeast Outreach Council at Trainer Junior High School. Present were State Highway Engineer Mr. Grant Bastian, Robert Helms, Equal Rights Coordinator, and several members of the Reno Opportunities Industrialization Center, The discussion of jobs was introduced by the Community participants at the meeting.

R.O.I.C. and its purpose was presented to the State Highway Engineer Grant Bastian, and Curtis Fitch the Executive Director of R.O.I.C. said there was a firm commitment made by Mr. Bastian to use R.O.I.C. as an agency for the summer employment program for the highway Dept.

All persons interested in part-time, full-time, and career employment should contact R.O.I.C. at phone 323-0906 or come to 526 East 6th Street Reno.

Mr. Fitch said that the R.O.I.C. is a non-profit organization, and it's purpose is to help local unemployables, the hard core unemployed, and the underemployed. Curtis Fitch said that the R.O.I.C. needs the support of the community to support a program that will truly benefit all the people in the area.

Curtis Fitch said that contact has been made with Bruce Arkell, the Director of COGG in respect to support of retraining, training, for civil-service jobs and working closely with career aid training. He said there will be a meeting March 17 with the Manpower Council and R.O.I.C. representatives have been ask to be present.

### Central Area Conference

This week, Feb. 19 the Reno-Sparks Branch of the N.A.A.C.P. will hold the one day conference in the City Recreation Building at Center and Ryland Streets, Reno, Nevada.

There will be a very large crowd there, the local branch expect people from Sacramento, Calif., Hawthorne and Sierra-Herlong Branch.

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At Tuesday night's meeting of the School Board, Daniel Hansen, chairman of the Independent American Party of Nevada (IAP), criticized many materials to be used during Black Week, Feb. 13-20.

Hansen said, "The American Negro" series contained commendable film strips about Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver, both great American leaders... This series became disgusting however, in its misleading portrayal of Martin Luther King and Adam Clayton Powell.

Martin Luther King's birthday anniversary is currently under consideration by Congress to become a national holiday. Since the assassination of the widely known black leader, numerous groups have suggested honoring him with a national holiday.

Adam Clayton Powell, Democratic representative from Harlem was a member of Congress for more than 20 years before being censured for misuse of funds.

Hansen continued, Mays' praise of the current situation for Blacks as being better than 10 or 15 years ago, Hansen said, is what should be spoken of in the schools, not the existence of the Southern Non-violent Coordinating Committee, Black Muslims, Stokely Carmichael or Malcolm X.

The board called a Thursday meeting, after Daniel Hansen questioned the material to be used in Black Week. The school board did not take any official action after the review.

Mr. Hansen insisted on being heard Thursday night and stated that, "if the school board persisted in using the materials and having Black Week, that there will be resistance." Hansen said his children would not take part in Black Week.

### Reverend William C. Webb

Extends a special invitation to you to share our observance of Black History, Sunday, Feb. 20, 1972, at 5:00 P.M.

Mr. Jesse J. Hall, Jr., will direct the program, at the Second Baptist Church, 1265 Montello Street, Reno, Nevada.

### ROIC President In Washoe Medical Center

Mr. Albert Steward was taken to Washoe Medical Center, Feb. 10 with a serious heart condition. At the present time he is in the intensive care ward at Washoe Medical Center. Only his close relatives are allowed to see him.

Mrs. Alice L. Smith has been moved to the Physician Hospital located on Silverada Blvd. in room 22. She can receive company.

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