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between County and EOB officials for the purpose of exploring methods for providing more effective service to the two agencies mutual clientele had been postponed (by County officials) to the following day.

The incredible announcement that the EOB had been terminated from its role as the Food Delivery service would be laughable, if it were not so outrageously insulting, said the EOB spokesman, pointing out that the service is not one of the responsibilities delineated under the Senior Citizen Program's grant, but one assumed by the Senior Citizen and Emergency Food Programs staff at the request of the County Program, and undertaken willingly by the EOB programs as this assistance to the Food Distribution Center would be greatly beneficial to the County's Senior Citizens.

Miss Key said that seldom does the EOB refute charges against the Agency, no matter how erroneous or irresponsible these charges may be. It has always been the position of the Economic Opportunity Board that, as advocates of the poor, the agency must be mindful of its responsibility to the poor and to avoid controversy from which only the beneficiaries of the Agencies' services might suffer.

She said that in this case, however, statements credited to Turner were so widely erroneous and derogatory to the EOB, the public should be made aware of the factuality of the association between the County Food Distribution Center and the EOB Senior Citizens Program.

The facts, Miss Key stated, are on record in a chronological file of the EOB Senior Citizens Programs' assistance record to the County Agency, complete with correspondence between the two agencies. Those facts are offered here for the public's assessment of the situation.

In August, 1971, the Food Distribution Center requested the EOB Senior Citizens Program begin monthly delivery of Commodity Foods. On September 1, a copy of a letter sent by the president of Seniors in Action stating Seniors in Action would no longer deliver Commodity Foods received by EOB for Senior Citizens, was received.

On September 1 and 2, Foods were packed and

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when we found enjoyment
in unbought pleasures*

delivered by the EOB staff and volunteers to 33 Senior Citizens. On September 3, Mrs. Verlia Davis, EOB Social Service Coordinator, wrote to Mr. Jack Fagg requesting a meeting with him and the necessary staff of the two agencies regarding Commodity Food Delivery. Mrs. Davis' letter stated that, excluding the dates of September 9 and 13, he could set a time and place compatible with his agency activities for the meeting. That meeting was finally convenient on November 17.

On September 29, 30 and October 1, Food was packed and delivered to 90 persons for the November supply. On November 17, Mrs. Verlia Davis, Mrs. Peggy Smith, EOB Emergency Food Coordinator and Senior Citizens Coordinator David Watts met with Jack Fagg, Dwight Turner, (See EOB page 12)

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different agencies, where people from this community could express themselves.

The next Outreach meeting was held on Tuesday, Feb. 22, at Traner Jr. High School. Additional support was garnered from 4th Ward Councilman, Clyde Bigliere who is Chairman of the highway and roads committee.

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