

ADOPTION ?

Have you ever thought of adopting a child? Did you know that there are hundreds of Black or part Black children in the country needing permanent homes?

And adoption agencies are relaxing former standards for adopting, such as age limitations and financial requirements. They are cutting down on adoption costs, too.

According to an adoption worker at Nevada State Welfare, 1060 Tonopah Highway, the Welfare Department has no adoption fee. The main costs to be anticipated in adopting a child through State Welfare include costs of physical examinations of the adoptive family, and a lawyer's fee. If the child comes from out of state, there would also be transportation costs.

Although there aren't a lot of homeless Black children in Las Vegas at this time, the Nevada Welfare works with a national placement agency called ARENA (Adoption Resources Exchange of North America) to find homes in Las Vegas for children in other states. The greatest need is for families for children older than infants, and children with handicaps.

What do you have to do to adopt a child? Is there lots of red tape?

Adoptions agencies are trying new approaches these days in an attempt to enable families to become adoptive parents, rather than quickly screening them out. If you apply at State Welfare, the procedure goes something like this.

A social worker sees you for a beginning interview. She gets basic information on your family (names, ages, address; verifies marriage date) and gives you forms to complete and return (application forms, physical exams to be done by a doctor).

When you return the forms she makes appointments to talk to each parent alone, and to visit your home. She'll talk to you about why you want to adopt, what you are like as a person, what your family is like--trying to get to know you a little. She'll also answer your questions, and talk to you about what to expect when you adopt a child. When she is finished with your interviews, a decision will be made as to whether there is a child who could fit into your home.

When a child is selected for your family there are visits between the child and you, so that you can get to know each other, and finally the child comes to live in your home permanently. He must remain there six months before the adoption can be completed legally in court. And after the visit to court, the child becomes a permanent part of your family.

If you are interested in learning more about adopting a child, call the Nevada State Welfare office at 648-8550, any weekday between 8:00 a.m and 5:00 p.m.

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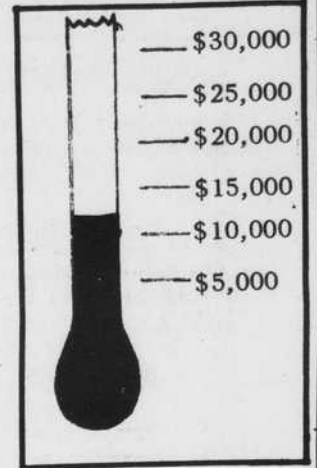
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and murdered for supposedly raping white women. Emmett Till, a 14 year-old black boy was murdered in Mississippi for "eyeball rape" (merely looking at a white woman); and predictably his killers were all freed.


It's no secret, reports EBONY, that in the ghetto black boys must learn early that they must indulge in sex in order to "prove their manhood." And like other boys of similar class backgrounds, they spend a lot of time talking and experimenting with sex. However, data are gradually appearing which shows that sexual enjoyment of low-income blacks may, unfortunately, be reduced because of frustrations built into a life of poverty.

In raising the rug off the sickness which surrounds the question of race and sex in this country, EBONY uncovers some interesting reasons which a black male might have for "sleeping white"--many of which aren't sexual reasons at all.

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