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GOV. O'CALLAGHAN ISSUES PROCLAMATION MASS MEETING

ON 235-I HOUSES IN VEGAS HEIGHTS

A meeting of Vegas Heights residents will be held Tuesday evening, March 12, at 7:30 p.m. in Booker elementary school to deal with the condition of 235I housing and with the question of street improvements for the Vegas Heights and ask for their opinions and their advice on improvement of this area.

The meeting will be chaired by Assemblyman Cranford Crawford. Father Louis Vitale of the Franciscan Center will briefly present the history of the 235 I program in Vegas Heights and Noel McFarlane, a minority contractor will explain FHA's present plans for the areas as well as possible alternative plans that would involve community participation. Senator Joe Neal will explain Urban Homesteading, a program that has been effective in other areas of the country. Eleanor Walker of NAACP will outline the safeguards to the community that must be present in any program considered for the 235 I program. Louise Sanders of Poor People Pulling Together will explain the role for the Mayor's Task Force on 235 Housing. Street improvements will also be considered at this meeting.

The coalition sponsoring this community meeting includes Poor People Pulling Together, Clark County Welfare Rights Organization, NAACP, Franciscan Center, Consumers League and several church groups concerned about social justice.

HUD TESTING URBAN HOMESTEAD PLAN

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced today that up to 4,000 single family houses will be sold to localities throughout the country for use by the communities for any legitimate purpose, including urban homesteading.

H. R. Crawford, Assistant Secretary for Housing Management who administers HUD's inventory of foreclosed properties, said the Department has a number of structurally sound houses across the country which it is willing to sell to communities for their unrepaired as-is value in an effort to conserve existing housing and regenerate interest in the urban core of these communities.

A number of communities located throughout the country, including many which are interested in starting urban homesteading programs, have expressed interest in having HUD convey such houses to them. These include: Compton and Los Angeles, Calif., Washington, D. C., Newark, N.J.; Detroit, Flint, and Pontiac, Michigan and Philadelphia, Pa.

NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet March 8th



L-R, Paul Smith, Ray Willis, Roosevelt Ioston of Black Media and Robert Archie, Attorney and Howard Alumni looks on as Gov. Mike O'Callaghan affixes his signature to Proclamation naming March 10 through March 16th as "National Communication for Freedom Week in Nevada."

The Howard University School of Communications will hold a seminar here in Las Vegas

in the near future. With the thought of interesting some black students in preparing for careers in the communication media.

The University points to the role that the Black Press plays in seeking to show the path to freedom. It was the role communication plays in having a well informed public.

Soc. Sec. Opens N. Las Vegas Office

The United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) have opened a branch in North Las Vegas to better serve those living in the area.

The office is located on West Lake Mead Blvd at Las Vegas North—Next door to the 7 - 11 store. The building was formerly occupied by the Nevada Motor Vehicle Department.

School District Receives Grant

WASHINGTON—Congressman David Towell announced that the U.S. Office of Education has awarded a grant of \$965,988 to the Clark County School District.

H.E.W. HAS MILLIONS IN AID FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS

Take advantage of nearly \$3 Billion in student financial aid, is the advice being given to prospective physicians, dentists, nurses and other prospective health workers in a new Federal publication for students.

Entitled, "How to Pay For Your Health Career Education," the booklet has been prepared particularly for minority students by HEW's Health Resources Administration, one of the six agencies of the Public Health Service. (See Medical Aid page, 6)

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