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BUTZ ON STAMP PROGRAM

Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz has issued the following statement on the Food Stamp Program, after President Ford announced that he will allow H. R. 1589 to become law without his signature: (The bill would, in effect freeze Food Stamp Purchasing requirements at their Jan. 1, 1975, level through the year 1975.)

"I fully share President Ford's concern for the negative effects of this bill. His statement documents them well.

"The promptness with which the President has made this decision is most helpful, particularly to our cooperating States and local administrators of the program. Local administrators are right now in the process of preparing "Authorization To Purchase" credentials for use by food stamp participants in the month of March -- just two weeks away.

"Therefore, the Department's Food and Nutrition Service has immediately notified all State cooperating agencies of the President's action. The 30 Percent Purchase Requirement regulation which was announced Jan. 17 is rescinded, and the Table of Monthly Coupon Allotments and Purchase Requirements that was announced Nov. 14 (effective Jan. 1, 1975) will

continue in effect for March and subsequent months. In turn, the States will notify the Counties, so that they may proceed with preparation for the March issuance of food stamps.

"I hope that the news media -- with their speedy communications capabilities -- will help us to spread this story widely, and quickly.

"Looking beyond this current confusion, I am pleased that Senators Dole and Curtis have prevailed on their colleagues to join in Senate Resolutions 58 which directs a full review of the operation of the Food Stamp Program he made and reported to the Congress by June 30th. We are proceeding promptly to initiate this study. We are hopeful that this comprehensive review will contribute to better understanding of the Program, and thus help the Congress and the Department to work together in achieving Program objectives."

VOTERS MEETING

A Voters Association meeting will be held Sunday, March 2nd 5:00 P.M. at the NAACP office in the Golden West Shopping Center. All interested citizens are invited!

VEGAS HOSTS N.A.A.C.P.

The Las Vegas Branch of the NAACP will host the Southern Area Conference, February 28 thru March 2, 1975 at the Showboat Hotel, 2800 East Fremont Street.

On Saturday, March 1, representatives of the Black Community will present a panel discussion, on the problems faced by Blacks in Southern Nevada. The NAACP will respond to the panel during the afternoon session. Persons from the audience and conference will be allowed to offer input into the discussion.

The Plans Action Workshop will convene at 9:00 A.M. and continue until 2:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend.

All persons attending the NAACP Conference are invited to a no-host cocktail party at Al's Hideaway Lounge, located at 900 W. Bonanza Road, from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M., Saturday, February 28.

Refreshments and entertainment will be provided.

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD PASSES

Elijah Muhammad's son, Wallace, has been named as his successor. Muhammad, who was born on a plantation to former slaves, 77 years ago, and spiritual leader of the Black Muslims for over 40-years, died Tuesday, of a heart ailment.

Muhammad entered Mercy Hospital in Chicago, Illinois, January 29 he had suffered congestive heart failure more than three weeks ago. He had been in critical condition since that time.

Black Muslim spokesman said the organization would continue business as usual, and naming his son as his successor squelched rumors that his death would spark a power play within the 70,000 member organization.

Mayor Richard Daley, who won the Democratic primary Tuesday, also tantamount to being elected to a sixth term, termed the Black Muslims leader's death "a



great loss to the City of Chicago, and the entire country." He called Muhammad an "outstanding citizen" and a "great leader." World Heavyweight Champion, Muhammad Ali, a member of the sect and a close friend of the spiritual leader, left his Deer Lake, Pa., training camp for Chicago immediately upon learning of Muhammad's death. Ali said he would have no immediate comment.

P.P.P.T. GOES TO CARSON CITY

The staff of PPPT (Poor People Pulling Together) will travel to Carson City to Lobby in favor of the "UNIFORM RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT." This Act shall be liberally construed and applied to promote its underlying purpose and policies....

--to simplify, clarify, modernize and revise the law governing the rental of dwelling units and the rights and obligations of landlords tenant;

--to encourage landlords and tenants to maintain and improve --to make uniform the law among those states which enact it.

The PPPT whose office is located at 1285 Miller Street, handles foreclosures, forbearance, default rental and HIAA. The PPPT also has a Homeownership Counselor, that is approved by HUD. PPPT is a non-profit organization.

HAT FIGHT

Lola Walker of 1721 Curran Way, was listed in satisfactory condition in Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital after having being admitted with a stab wound in her back, and hospital officials said she would be released soon.

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police reported she was stabbed about 2:30 Monday, after having a dispute with another teenager over a stolen \$50 hat.

The 17-year-old girl arrested for the incident which occurred in the 500 block of Freeman was booked into the Clark County Juvenile Home.

EIGHT YEAR SENTENCE IMPOSED

A North Las Vegas man was sentenced to eight years in prison Monday, for beating a Las Vegas man with a pool cue in a bar.

Chief Judge Paul Goldman meted out the sentence to Michael P. Rainey, 22, of 3715 Shore Ave. who pleaded guilty to one charge of battery with a deadly weapon in exchange for the dismissal of another.

Rainey and two others beat Frank Johnson with a pool cue at the Sugar Hill Bar last Sept. 24 when Johnson refused to loan him \$2.

Deputy District Attorney urged Goldman to impose the maximum sentence of 10 years in prison because two men were killed as an indirect result of the beating.

The deputy prosecutor told the judge Johnson's father, upon seeing the boy so badly beaten, armed himself with a gun and went to the bar, where he allegedly shot two men over the attack.

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