

BOOK SHELF

A BOOK REVIEW
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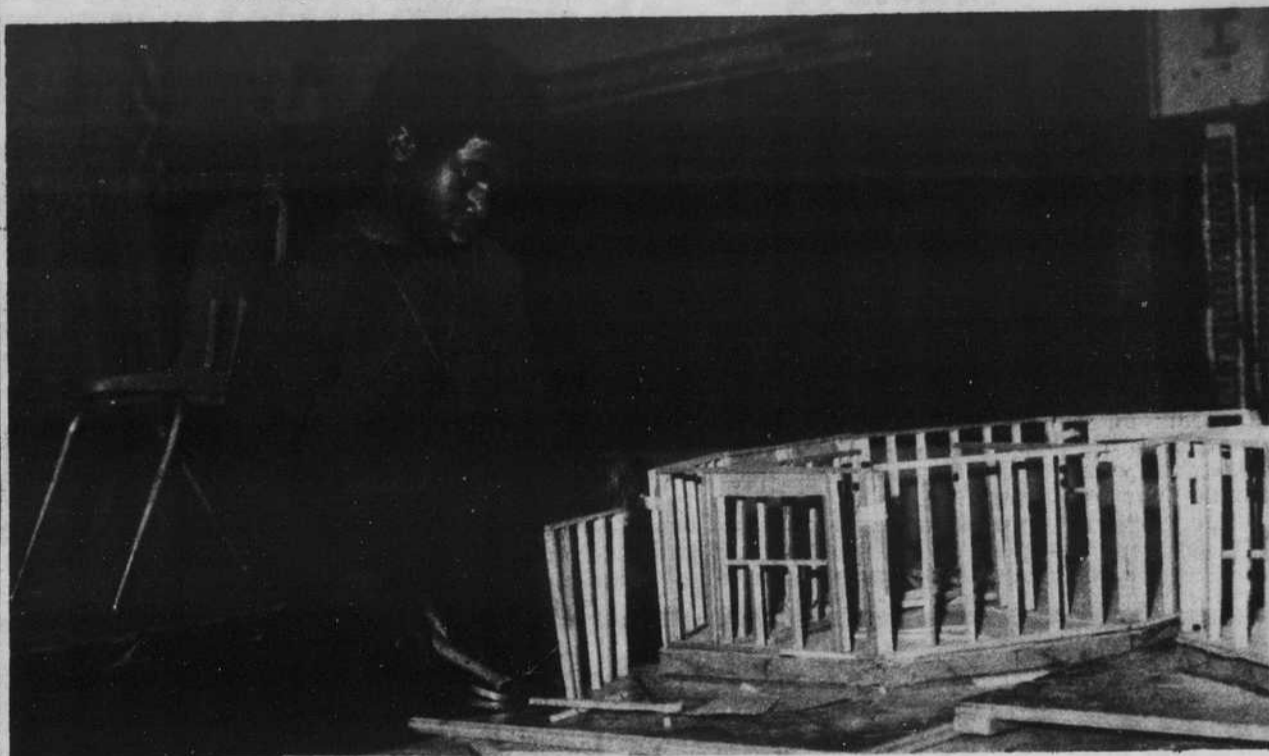
The Black Presence in the Era of the American Revolution 1770-1800 - by Dr. Sidney Kaplan, New York Graphic Society, \$17.50

The moments of the bi-centennial move forward yet, where are the Blacks? Where is the mention of the people of color who fought and spoke for the belief that all men are created free and equal? Where is the celebration of the names and heroic deeds of Black people who engraved the land with blood? Where are the records and documents which prove the spirit of Black Americans to be stronger than the signers of the Declaration of Independence and truer than the landowners of the New World? Where are Blacks, when Revolution is rejected?

Crispus Attucks, the slave who was shot 25 years before the Declaration, is only one of thousands of Blacks who stood staunchly if not immortally for the principle of human freedom. A gathering together of many of those names, faces and deeds for the world to see is a worthy project; and the National Portrait Gallery, the New York Graphic Society and Dr. Sidney Kaplan have produced a remarkable testament.

The celebration of a Revolution which promised liberty and justice for all is a time for a fresh view of those men and women who fought not for their own land, "not even for a land which had adopted them, but for a land which had enslaved them." Dr. Kaplan's book, The Black Presence in the Era of the American Revolution, is just such a fresh view - a truly beautiful, dignified record of the greatness of an enslaved people fighting for a principle larger than that of the patriots themselves. The result is a large book, with a hundred re-

YOUTH FAIR ENTRIES



FAIR FUN---7,000 Southern Nevada youngsters are getting ready for the biggest event of the year where they will be the stars. The Seventh Annual Southern Nevada Youth Fair, kicks off March 6 and runs for four fun-filled days with a vast variety of exhibits, competitions, booths and continuous entertainment. Join in the fun, March 6-9 in the Las Vegas Convention Center. Here Larry Gibbs of Robert E. Lake School, puts the finishing touches on his exhibit.

There is still plenty of time for interested youths between the ages of 4 and 25, to enter the Seventh Annual Southern Nevada Youth Fair.

Fair director, Vicki Newell reports that many areas of competition such as the Arts and Crafts, Small animals, 4-H Division, Boy and Girl Scouts, and Campfire Divisions will accept entries until the opening of the Fair. Youngsters with entries who do not belong to any organization may enter their project in the available open divisions.

Horsemanship and Vet Science entries will close on February 27th. The sports Division will remain open until March 1st.

The Miss Youth Fair Pageant is slated for Thursday evening, March 6 with 30 young ladies vying for the Miss Youth Fair Crown.

Anyone desiring additional information or entry blanks can obtain them from schools in Southern Nevada or from the Cooperative Extension Service.

productions of letters, documents, engravings and memorabilia, eight -full color paintings, and over 200 pages of text printed in black for the author's words and sepia for the documentary quotations. It is a quiet and confident book, carefully opening the pages of history, giving air and light to the darkened corners, marking the "peculiar beauty and merit" of the bravery of this Black heritage.

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