



RUBY SAYS

We have recently come into possession of a letter by George Miller of Nevada State Welfare sent to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare Regional office. The letter, dated in February, asks HEW if they can stop all Early Periodic Screening in Nevada and that the State would be willing to pay the 1% penalty imposed by H.E.W. The Federal Government wrote back to Miller and told him that ending the program would not result in 1% penalty but 100% of all Nevada's federal medicaid money. Needless to say, Miller wouldn't dare go that far.

It is interesting to note that State Welfare started giving Operation Life Community Health Center considerable problems less than one month after the letter to HEW was written, and has since closed the Operation Life Health Center.

We knew that the changes made against the clinic were political all along, but now we are totally aware of what has happened. Miller knows that 60% of Nevada's eligible Medicaid children have been seen by the Operation Life clinic. He is also aware that no other established clinic has seen anywhere near the number of children we have, and that no other center would make the effort to get children screened like Operation Life has. So, he figured that by getting rid of the Operation Life Community Health Center he would effectively get rid of the entire screening in Nevada and without any penalty from HEW. The icing on the cake would be that he could close Operation Life and get me at the same time. As everyone is well aware, Miller and Duncan have not been the best of friends.

Politics are alright as long as they don't hurt people. Miller's politics are based on hurting people as we've seen in the many welfare battles of the past.

I would again like to give my support to the Board Members of EOB who have stood behind Operation Life in their struggles.



WOMAN'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Mrs. Inez Kaiser received the Eartha M. White Women's Achievement Award for being an outstanding pioneer Black woman in the field of Public Relations, fashions, and food industry, from Dr. Berkeley G. Burrell, President of the National Business League at the 76th Annual Convention of the organization in Washington D.C. IN September, 1976. Sharing in the presentation is Mr. Charles T. Williams, Chairman of the Board, Mr. William J. Kennedy III, president of the North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company (seated) was the keynote speaker for the awards banquet. Mrs. Kaiser also received the National Association of Minority Women in Business Award for being the most outstanding business woman in the organization.

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