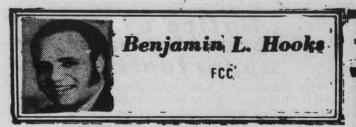
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"The myth and reality" of Big Government charges are explored with a surgeon's scapel by Senator Gary Hart (D.,Colo.) in a speech he delivered before the Western Electronic Manu-facturers' Assn., earlier in 1976. And I agree with most of his findings. I am however, troubled that he did not emphasize mo-

re the fact that individuals not corporations now the brunt of current federal taxation. But I found some of his findings absolutely abear

stounding as I am certain you will. For exam-ple: "The Federal Bureaucracy, of course, is people -- federal employees. In 1974, the Federal Governemnt employees. In 1974, the rede eral Governemnt employees about five million persons. But ... that was almost exactly the sa-me number of federal employees on the payro-11 13 years earlier, back in the year 1961." Moreover, Hart points out, not only has a huge expansion in federal employment not oc-

huge expansion in federal employment not oc-curred, a significant number of important go-vernment agencies are noticeably smaller. F vernment agencies are noticeably s m a l l er For example, three major agencies are small-er now than they were in 1961 -- the Depart -ment of Defense, Department of State and the A-gency for International Development (AID). The Departments of Interior, Agriculture and Post-al Service were also smaller in 1975 than in 19 70. 70.

So while critics point out that new agencies are created and others grow, they fail to men-tion an important fact: Agencies also cut back Hart is relentless. He goes on: "One statisti-cally sound way to measure the size of the bu-reaucracy is to compare it, year by year, with the nonulation the population. This tells how many of each 1,000 citizens

are now working in government. In 1950 13 out of every 1,000 persons were civilian govern -ment employees. In 1955, 14 out of every 1,000 were federal employees. Jumping 20 years la-ter -- to 1975 -- we discover the statistic is exactly the same: 14 out of every 1,000 citizens are civilian employees."

The same with payroll. In 1950, the payroll amounted to 16 percent of hte federal budget. In 1960, it was 14 percent, in 1975 it was 13 percent. Sixty four percent of the five million fed-eral employees in 1975 worked in just one huge

agency: Department of Defense. I have always felt, as does Denator Hart, that the problem of "Big Government" real really that is the expectations of our citizens. Big Govern-

ment promises so much, it raises our expe-ctations it cannot deliver, thus the public is highly disillusioned.

For a liberal Senator, Hart is taking a con-servative stance: people in a society that no longer has an unlimited frontier must begin to rely more on themselves. I share that vi-ew. I do not believe, however, that the bur-den of federal taxation should be shifted fr-om corporations who are best equipped to pay, to individuals, who may not be so well equipped equipped.

The Annual NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet will be held in the Americana Room of the New Fro-ntier Hotel on Sunday, February 13, 1977. Time 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Hooks will be the guest speaker for this affair.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF COMMISSIONER BENJAMIN L. HOOKS

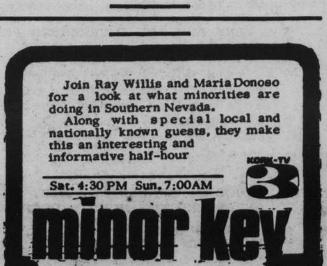
Judge Benjamin L. Hooks of Memphis, Tenn-essee, was sworn on July 5, 1972, as a member . of the FCC, in a ceremony at the Commission. The oath was administered by Judge William B. Byrant of the U.S. District Court for the Distr-ict of Columbia. Commissioner Hooks' term of



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - REALLY A year ago Rev. Albert Dunn demanded that Las Vegas provide fifty million dollars to pro-mote economic development in westside Las Vegas. I wish I could report considerable pro-gress but I can't. Mayor Briare and the com-missioner for our area both admitted the valthe complaint that our area both had of been sadly neglected and was entitled to some economic help. A meeting was called with the elected officials and representatives from the Black Business Community. A second meeting was called and Rev. Marion Bennett was plac-ed in charge as chairman of the West Las Ve-gas Economic Development. Assemblyman Logas Economic Development. Assemblyman Lo-nie Chaney was named as head of the Economic Development aspect and Kathryn Joseph was put in charge of beautification. I was on the ec-onomic committee and acted as secretary. Mo-re than a dozen meetings followed in which the Chaney Group brought in speakers: has a con-ference with the State Economic Development people in their airport offices and tried valianthe to get a program going. I received a beauti-ful letter of commendation from mayor Briare for my personal efforts. Then it all seemed to die. Rev. Smith told me last January that they die. Rev. Smith told me last January that they were not going to do anything. He was right -so right. The only bright spot in the picture is Otis Harris who working with the S.C.L.C. and Rev. Dunn made the only visible progress by finally getting \$115,000.00 from "Four Corner-s", a lettle known entity of the Federal Gover-nment. Bob Goodman, State Economic Develop-ment Director has now named Otis Harris as Director of Economic Development in West Las Vegas. Harris is now in the process of setting up an office which will pursue some exciting iup an office which will pursue some exciting i-ow considerable promise. In addition to this

Rev. Albert Dunn and Ruby Duncan started " JET

JET Jets', Justice in Employment and Training. Jets is seeking full implementation of the Con sent Decree and has met with admirable succ-ess. The Aladdin Hotel recently held a meeting with a stated purpose of fair employment and a desire to give minorities a chance to ac-quire their share of available jobs. I have letthe else to report except to note that the natio-nal office of N.A.A.C.P. has now given priori-ty to Black Economic Development. It is time we realize and work on economic development because in the vernacular of the street - "Tha-t's where its at." What we need is more doggt's where its at." What we need is more dogg-ed determination like that shown by Otis Harris who hung in there until he got milk from the Cow. Congrats to Otis.



The newspapers carry distressing accounts of crimes and other insensitive and abusive be-havior by youth and young adults as well as ol-der adults. One cannot help but wonder why this is so in this enlightened age with impressive technical knowledge, scientific discoveries and sociological awareness.

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Where and what is the breeding place of the hostility and insensitivity that produces such b-ehavior? The home, church, school and neigh-borhood comprise the communities that produ-ce these individuals. One of the tragedies of the problem rests in the fact that too little ef-fort is spent in self-evaluation. Questions ne-ed to be asked: What can I do to help? Do I re-ally care? Am I guilty of inspiring failure? The position of the school in the communi-ty has been traditionally one which served as

ally care? Am I guilty of inspiring tailure? The position of the school in the communi-ty has been traditionally one which served as a lighthouse to which the citizens could look for hope and inspiration. Teachers were per-sons from whom one could expect fairness and integrity within the school setting. Admi-nistrators were champions of intellectual gr-owth, and took pride in the role of the school in producing productive citizens. Are we as educators underrating our poten-tial in using our roles to help improve society? There are many fine dedicated educators who work seriously at "educating the whole child." There seem to be others, however, who may help generate hostility and set an example of insensitive or even hostile behavior. This is true if a child notices that the manners and attitudes of an educator towards him is abra-sive and cool as compared to that same edu-cator's attitudes and manners toward a more attractive, more successful child, or a child whose ethnic background is the same as the teacher's. It is true if a student sees repeat-ed inequities in runichment of students for liteacher's. It is true if a student sees repeated inequities in punishment of students for li-ke offenses when one student is Black and the

ke offenses when one student of black and the other is not. I t is true is a student looks on a referral slip and sees behavior or himself sedcribed in unprofessional language. Qualities of FAIRNESS and HELPFULNESS have a tendency to produce good rapport wi-th the parents which in turn makes it easier to establish good rapport with the youngsters. (How great it is when a parent can say truth-fully to a child, ''I have never known to be unfair with any child'). Those qualities also succed in school. Those Qualities help the child view the establishment ''in a posit-ive way'. They also place the teacher in a po-sition to confront the child who is treating him/her unfairly, and disregarding the teac-her's efforts to help him grow intellectually, socially and emotionally.

her's efforts to help him grow intellectually, socially and emotionally. There are many dedicated, hard-working fairminded teachers and administrators. What about the rest? Can it be said that things wo-uld go better without some teachers and ad-ministrators who do not seem to care and who take measures which lead to excluding some children from the educative process? Fairmindedness is a quality which has tra-ditionally helped a principal achieve stature that will command respect from the staff and community.

that will command respect from the statt and community. One of the greatest joys in teaching is to see your charges grow and develop into well adjusted, useful and successful individuals with a degree of assistance from the teacher. Another great joy is to have a part in chang-ing a "hopeless and helpless kid" into a "p-romising kid". On the other hand, how sad it is to read of a misfit, and what a tragedy if the teacher contributed to this misfitness by deed or neglect. Let us examine ourselves. Do we really

Let us examine ourselves. Do we really try to help? Do we really care?