

## FAMILY ABUSE CENTER

The newly formed Las Vegas Family Abuse Center recently elected president of its board of directors. This newly formed community service is concerned with all forms of family abuse with special attention given to child abuse and that occurring between husband and wife.

Immediate program priorities include establishment of a shelter for abused women and their children, installation of a crisis hotline to allow initial contact and counseling, and legislative action in support of the program.

Additional support services needed in the immediate future are one-to-one counseling so that the abused woman can make a rational decision about her course of action, transportation to help those requiring it to leave the scene of the assault, food and medical assistance, legal aid, public relief such as food stamps and housing rental stipends, mental health counseling and eventually training and employment to become self supporting.

At the present time the center needs the communities support in a variety of ways. Volunteers are being recruited to help man the crisis hotline, funds are needed to finance the hotline, donations of furniture to furnish the shelter once the home is located can be given at anytime as space has been found to store them and community citizens interested in becoming members of the center's board of directors are invited to call Dr. Robert Foster at 735-9158.

Immediate activities of the center include a two-week training program for crisis hotline volunteers to be held at the Helen J. Stewart School January 9-10-11 and 16-17-18 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. An all day workshop is also planned for Saturday, February 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The registration fee of \$5.00 will be used to help support the center's program. For further information please call 452-9600.

## CETA Picketed

The CETA administrative offices were picketed on Tuesday to protest a decision to move the agency's hiring hall from West Las Vegas to Commercial Center of Sahara.

Edward Smith, Chairman of the SCLC Youth group said he and other youths protest the move because they feel the hiring center of CETA should be in the area of the greatest unemployment.

Ron Lurie feels the youth are "getting nervous about something they do not understand. The move is not going to take any jobs away."

The move is "to give us better control of the operations," said Lurie.

Al Lipitt said the move to Commercial Center was decided on because it was cheaper there than in Twin Lakes Shopping Center as planned at first.

When asked why CETA did not move to the offices in the Golden West Shopping Center vacated by EOB, Lipitt said the owners of the building, First Western Savings Association, only wanted to rent them the entire 22,000 square foot area at 15¢ a sq. ft. which would be \$3,300 a month, PLUS all utilities. Commercial Center could be rented for 27¢ a square ft. for 11,000 square feet, or \$2,970 INCLUDING all utilities. Even in Twin Lakes, it would be PLUS utilities.

This reporter talked to Joe Prudhomme, the Acting President of SCLC, who stated, "The march on CETA was NOT authorized by the SCLC Executive Board, and the organization knew nothing about such a picket line going on. All such marches, or picketing must be approved by the Executive Board, and they had not given their approval."

From all indications there is a rift in the SCLC organization. Thomas Hughes resigned as Chairman of the Board, and at a meeting a couple of weeks ago the president Rev. C.C. Smith was forced to resign. At that time several members walked out (approximately 30), and Ed Smith was one of the ones who walked out.

Therefore, the speculation is - Was he part of SCLC - or not?



President Carter explained some of the Administration's major plans for 1978 in a special meeting at the White House with some of the nation's key black leaders. The meeting, shown here, was held in the Roose-

velt Room and continued for an hour-and-a-half. The President discussed the Administration's intention to target funds towards unemployment and deprived families and neighborhoods.

President Carter, Vice President Mondale and top White House officials met with some of the nation's key black leaders to discuss several Administration 1978 programs with unemployment, urban policy and economic development receiving the major attention.

"We still have the major thrust of our government programs to be realized," the President said in the hour-and-a-half meeting.

President Carter said that the Administration is focusing job programs, education, health and other programs on "people in deprived families and deprived neighborhoods."

The black leaders were briefed on Administration initiatives, with a preview of 1978, by the President, Vice President Mondale, and top White House officials including Jim McIntyre, acting director of the Office of Management and Budget; Stu Elzenstat, the President's chief domestic policy adviser; Patricia Harris, Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development; Charles Schultze, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers; Sidney Harman, Undersecretary of Commerce, and U.S. Representative Parren Mitchell, chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Black leaders attending included M. Carl

Homan, president, National Urban Coalition; Vernon Jordan, president, National Urban League; Dorothy Height, president, National Council for Negro Women; Richard Hatcher, mayor, Gary, Indiana; Coretta Scott King, president, Martin Luther King Center for Social Change; Jessie Rattley, chairman, National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials; Clarence Mitchell, director, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Eddie N. Williams, president, Joint Center for Political Studies; Rev. Jessie Jackson, president, Operation PUSH; Bayard Rustin, president, A. Philip Randolph Institute; Berkeley Burrell, president, National Business League; Julius Chambers, president, Legal Defense and Education Fund; Joseph Lowery, president, Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Wallace D. Muhammed, Chief Eman, World Committee of Islam in the West; Elton Jolly, executive director, Opportunities Industrialization Center.

Some of the black leaders took the opportunity to express support for HUD and Secretary Harris and interest in the Administration's emerging urban policy, to be announced in 1978. They indicated that the President's proposed budget would serve as a measure for the Administration's commitment to blacks and minorities.



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