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GOV. O'CALLAGHAN CHARGED WITH DISCRIMINATION!

As president of the Reno/Sparks NAACP, I would like to state that as far as the editorial of April 10, 1978, Reno Evening Gazette implies, Governor Mike O'Callaghan does have a good record on some things; BUT, he does not have a good record as far as ethnic minorities are concerned. After almost eight years in office, the governor has not done justice to Hispanics, Blacks, Orientals, or Native American Indians. Not one person from these ethnic minorities has been appointed to any powerful boards, such as the Nevada Gaming Board or Gaming Commission.

Futhermore, two Washoe County Commissioners recently resigned within 90 days from each other. Did the governor see fit to appoint any ethnic minority to the Washoe County Board of Commissioners in order to have better cross representation of the people for Washoe County? NO. Each time he practiced

racism. The Board of Commissioners is still "lilly white." Sure the governor did appoint a woman to be a Board member; but, we don't want anyone to try to put us in that women-minority bag, especially, if she is caucasian. That is not true representation of the ethnic groups mentioned. Ethnic minorities have, for so long, been denied a fair shake in the State of Nevada.

Not only didn't O'Callaghan do the above, but in April, 1977, this NAACP branch wrote and requested a meeting with him on some very important matters. To this date, he has not extended the courtesy to answer the letter. Bud Vidovich of the Pyramid Lake Tribe was right when he called Governor O'Callaghan a racist. The governor has done his best to live up to that label.

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Mrs. Tarauh Pittman, former West Coast Regional Director of NAACP arrived in town Monday to join the NAACP in their membership drive. She also will speak at various functions.

Mrs. Pittman will help advise the local chapter of NAACP in their proposed legal suit against the County Commissioners. At a meeting held Sunday, April 23 at the EOB Office, where there were some 500 persons present, the citizens of West Las Vegas discussed their dissatisfaction with the County Commissioners, and adopted several strategy points, to be implimented only if Mrs. Pittman, and the National NAACP officers agree. On Tuesday, April 18, the County Commissioners voted to adopt the same map as before, with some modifications. The Black representatives present, Assemblyman Lonnie Chaney; State Senator Joe Neal; and NAACP President Dr. James McMillian; were present, among others, and spoke, but their words were ignored -- it was as though they were not present at all!

The Commissioners voted, unanimously on the map they wanted and not even Sam Bowler, The Commissioner in the District to aid the Blacks, spoke up. In fact he kept his mouth shut, as though he were a mute.

Sam Bowler has been heard to say he feels the Blacks are satisfied the way things are. But the meeting Sunday proved this to be wrong! Bowler was not present at the meeting and someone present asked if a map had been sent to Commissioner Bowler, in order for him to find his way to the Westside. It seems as though Bowler wants to be the Black representative, but does not WANT to know what the Blacks really want. He thinks he can sit on the Commission and do what the other Commissioners want

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