

LOCAL NEWS

OFFICIALS ADDRESS LOCAL RISE IN CRIME

If crime continues at its current rate, by the end of 1981 1 out of 10 Clark County residents will have been the victim of a serious crime. This information is based on Metro's Crime Index and Police Activity Trend report for 1980. A public forum dealing with The Rise In Crime In Las Vegas is being sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews on Wednesday, March 11th, 7:30 A.M. - 8:45 A.M. in the Grand Ballroom of the Desert Inn Hotel.

Addressing the local rise in crime issue and the manner in which different segments of the justice system are dealing with the problem will be Undersheriff Don Denison; Joseph Yablonsky, FBI Special Agent in Charge; Paul Goldman, District Court Judge and Barbara Durbin, Deputy Director of Nevada State Adult Parole and Probation. A question and answer period moderated by Sheriff John McCarthy will follow the panel presentation.

The program is free and open to the public. A \$2.00 donation covers the cost of coffee, juice and rolls. If you plan to attend you may call the NCCJ office at 732-1359.

Write A Letter -- And Win Mom A Mother's Day Plate

Youngsters who write a letter on "Why I Love My Mother" and get it into the mail by April 18th have a chance to win a very special prize for Mom in time for the big May 10th holiday.

For the second year, Bing & Grøndahl Copenhagen Porcelain is awarding 100 of its annual blue and white porcelain Mother's Day plates to as many school-age letter-writers. The prize plates will be delivered in time for the holiday to the youngsters who send in the most appealing letters.

The 1981 edition of the 6" sculpted Mother's Day Plate features a mother hare and two baby bunnies. It is the thirteenth in Bing & Grøndahl's Mother's Day series, which depicts mother love in the animal world as its continuing theme. The porcelain plate is pierced for hanging and comes in its own gift box.

Bing & Grøndahl is often called "the father of collectibles" because it created the world's first annual Christmas plate, "Behind the Frozen Window," in 1895 and thus started the hobby of plate collecting. The first Mother's Day Plate was introduced by Bing & Grøndahl in 1969 and sold at \$9.75. That plate is now valued at about \$535, an increase of more than 500 per cent. Because of such steep rises, the plates have become the target of collectors, dealers and speculators.

"To most mothers, receiving a Mother's Day Plate is equivalent to receiving a medal for services beyond the call of duty," says Bing & Grøndahl President Paul Steffensen. "What youngster would be proud of their young mother such a meaningful letter. The deadline for entries is April 18th. To enter, contestants must be between the ages of six and eighteen. Their letters on "Why I Love My Mother" should be limited to 100 words or less. It should include the entrant's name, age, home address and school and sent to: Bing & Grøndahl Mother's Day Contest, c/o ADMA, 6 Cherry Valley Terminal Road, West Hempstead, New York 11552.



The 1981 Mother's Day Plate, "Hare and Young" will be awarded to 100 youngsters whose letters on "Why I Love My Mother" win the Second Annual Bing & Grøndahl Mother's Day Contest.

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Atlanta concert set

ATLANTA (AP) — Marchers demanding federal aid for the investigation of 20 child slayings here gave way Tuesday to Hollywood entertainers preparing for a benefit concert for the full-scale police inquiry.

The concert, featuring Sammy Davis Jr. and Frank Sinatra, was scheduled for tonight in the Atlanta Civic Center. Davis said Monday that ticket sales and corporate donations had generated more than \$140,000 for the investigation.

The Atlanta Constitution, meanwhile, reported police in Atlanta and suburban DeKalb County have been unable to reach agreement on a plan to have a special police task force coordinate the investigations of all slayings of black children in the Atlanta area.

The newspaper said DeKalb police had re-



SAMMY DAVIS JR. ...makes appeal

fused to relinquish their authority over the cases of three children whose bodies were found in their county.

The task force, headed by Atlanta police, has been investigating the slayings of 20 black children and the disappearance of one other since July 1979, even though a number of the bodies were found

in other police jurisdictions. Davis and Sinatra offered to stage a benefit performance after the city issued pleas for state and federal help in financing the investigation, which officials say has cost Atlanta more than \$1 million, with tab mounting at the rate of more than \$200,000 a month.

MOSHE DAYAN APOLOGIZES TO AMERICAN BLACKS

JERUSALEM—Former Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan has apologized to a group of American Black leaders sent here about a remark he made opposing a volunteer U.S. army which he said was misinterpreted as prejudiced against Blacks.

"Some real damage was done by his statement," said U.S. Black leader Bayard Rustin after a half-hour session with Dayan in the Israeli Knesset (parliament). "He was poorly briefed by the American military."

Dayan's remarks created a controversy in the American Black community, which interpreted his statement as meaning that the large number of Blacks in the military detracted from its strength.

"I don't want a misunderstanding -- least of all with you," Dayan told the group of four Black leaders, part of a delegation that came to Israel to study the problem of the Black Hebrew community living in towns in Israel's Negev Desert.

Foreign Ministry officials said Dayan had meant to say that an effective deterrent force could not be based on volunteers because qualified American youth was being drawn away from the army, a process which he said detracted from its fighting strength.

"His clarification was satisfactory to us," Rustin said after the session. He said Dayan repeated an apology which he voiced earlier. "We accepted his apology," Rustin said.

Dayan accepted an invitation to visit the U.S. Black community on his next U.S. tour to gain an understanding of its "problems and agonies," Rustin said. The Black leader disclosed that a large part of the discussion with Dayan was centered on the issue of whether a volunteer army was adequate for the United States. "Our views were not very far apart," Rustin said.

Other members of the delegation who met with Dayan were Alexander J. Allen, vice-president of the National Urban League; Lewis J. Carter III, national labor director of the NAACP, and Mrs. Arthur C. Logan, representing the National Council of Negro Women.

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