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They also symbolize the net result of the Administration's economic program, which amounts to a massive transfer of resources from the poor to the rich.

It takes money, programs and opportunities from poor people and promises them in return an end to inflation and prosperity for all. It says to poor people: give up the little you have today and you'll get a lot more in

the bye and bye.

The basic idea is that the economic program will stimulate new savings and investment and result in real economic growth that creates new jobs. But there is no reason to think the program will work, and much to suggest it will fail.

It is interesting that the two most successful economies of the post-war world got that way by means other than the Administration's plan. The Administration's route to prosperity is through less govern-

ment, lower taxes, fewer social programs, and greater inequality.

But Japan and West Germany have active government intervention in the economy, high taxes, far less inequality than we, and, in the case of West Germany, a welfare state.

The Administration proposed, and Congress passively accepted, a radical experiment that, even if it works, which is highly unlikely, will greatly increase social tensions in our society.

That's because,

again, even if it works, it will take years to produce the promised prosperity. In the meantime, lifeline programs for poor people will be cut or removed.

And even if it works, there is no guarantee that today's poor will get their fair share of the expanding economy. In fact, with today's training programs, education aid, and other opportunity-creating programs cut or ended, they'll be even less able to take advantage of future opportunities.



## ED BROWN AROUND TOWN

Sammy Davis, Jr., currently appearing at Caesars, has a new book out titled "Hollywood In A Suitcase." In addition to being filled with all the inside gossip and goings on in show business, it also gives some insight into why he was a strong supporter of Nixon.

### TOOL LIBRARY

A wide variety of tools — from augers to wrenches — are available free to library patrons at the new Tool Library located at the West Las Vegas Branch of the Clark County Library District. This unique collection at 1402 North "D" Street has tools available for a three day period to all library card-holders in Clark County.

The following hours will be observed for this special area: Monday hours are 9-1 p.m., lunchtime closing from 1-2 p.m., 2-5 p.m., dinner time closing from 5-6 p.m. and evening hours from 6-9 p.m.; Tuesday the tool library is closed all day; Wednesday and Thursday hours are 9-1 p.m., closed 1-2 p.m. and 2-5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 1-5 p.m.

For information on the equipment available, call the West Las Vegas Library at 647-2118.



Mongo Santamaria

MONGO SANTAMARIA and his orchestra, and Ernestine Anderson and her trio, will be presented by the Las Vegas Jazz Society, August 14 (early hours of August 15), 2 a.m., Frontier Hotel. 734-8556.

## NEVADA'S LARGEST AND MOST COMPLETE BLACK COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

### Thomas Trial Started For Student Stabbing

A jury trial got under way in District Court Monday for Bobby Bernard Thomas, 19, who is charged with the March 11 stabbing death of a Western High School student, Gregory Sylvester, 17.

According to Metro Police, Sylvester was in a car with other students leaving the parking lot following a school game, when Thomas and a juvenile approached. Allegedly, the juvenile struck Sylvester with his fists through the window. When Sylvester got out of the car to defend himself, he was stabbed by Thomas, police reported.

Sylvester died of four stab wounds to the stomach. When Thomas learned that Sylvester had died, he walked to police headquarters and turned himself in.

Defense motions, demands for the exclusion of certain evidence and demands for individual examination of prospective jurors were slated for argument before the start of the trial, which is expected to last from one and a half to two weeks.

Attorneys Bob Archie and Brent Heggie are defending Thomas at the trial. Deputy District Attorney Bill Koot, who is prosecuting Thomas, has announced that he is seeking the death penalty. District Court Judge Tom O'Donnell is presiding.

Thomas, a high school dropout, is an unemployed painter who has lived in Las Vegas for 18 years. He has no previous police record.

He is in custody in lieu of \$100,000 bail.

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