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potential for birth defects research at historically black universities. A proposal by Dr. Luther Foster, member of its board and pres. emeritus of the Tuskegee Institute, has been adapted. The proposal calls for the seeking out of research proposals from black institutions on a competitive basis by a panel of scientists who are familiar with birth defects research and sensitive to the need of advancing research at black institutions.

WRITE ON: — "Live on The Sunset Strip" has brought super comic Richard Pryor very much alive at the box-office throughout the nation. To everybody's surprise he's now the number one attraction in the reel world. Maybe the industry will finally open its doors to other great black performers... Doris Lynk, perhaps the most loyal board member of the Sickle Cell Disease Foundation of Greater N.Y., has proven just as staunch in death. She left a request that all her friends and well wishers send a donation to the Foundation instead of flowers.

The Jersey commission is headed by Don M. Thomas, an astute black gentleman whom most folks hope that the new Gov. will keep in that spot... The Atlanta NAACP is desperately looking for an emcee to replace Howard Cosell who was slated to say things about the folks attending the honor bash scheduled for Hank Aaron April 17th. The "Mouth" got a call-away assignment to Kentucky. Julian Bond, proxy of the Atlanta branch would settle for any baseball or spotlight superstar. How about it Harry Belafonte, Willie Mays, Richard Pryor, Bert Reynolds, Frank Sinatra or Howard Rollins. The need is great and the cause is worthy and the honored guest is super-great... **STAY LOOSE.** (Billy Rowe is a syndicated columnist.)

An Open Letter To The Public



JAMAR and CRYSTALE BATISTE

Dear Fellow Nevadans,

This letter is written as a special appeal from me to you. I am a Clark County classroom teacher. I have taught in Clark County for the past 17 years, and I have always had a special place in my heart for the children of our community.

Today, as I read the newspaper, it became apparent that as a concerned citizen of the state and community, I must do all I can to help my fellow man.

As you know, Baby Jamar Batiste was

stricken with biliary atresia, a rare liver disorder that results in severe growth failure and early death (Sun newspaper 5/4/82). Baby Jamar is in the process of being prepared for a liver transplant.

As of this date, his parents, Renee and Crystale Batiste, are not able to afford this very costly medical expense (\$30,000 to \$150,000). You can make a difference in Baby Jamar's life and that of his family by first of all praying for him on a daily basis, and second of all, by

making a money contribution. If each of you reading this letter contributes \$1, we will very easily reach this goal.

Won't you please take some time right now and respond to this appeal? You may send your tax deductible contribution to this bank:

First Interstate Bank
Acct. #134-2-139423
2103 Civic Center Dr.
No. Las Vegas, NV
89030

May God richly bless you.

Sincerely,
Bobbie Troutman

WELFARE

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It would amount to not much more than the cost of the present system that leaves poverty intact and is expensive and inefficient.

Putting a floor under family income for all, combined with a full employment policy that provides decent jobs for all workers, is a double thrust at the roots of poverty and the social ills that arise from it.

This plan is a pro-

work, pro-family, pro-dignity, proposal for a humane, responsive society.

And such a universal system that benefits all poor people and all working people will go a long way toward healing the scars caused by competition for scarce jobs in a society that refuses to insure decent minimum living standards for everyone.

Just tinkering with the present system won't work. Nor will turning it over to the

states. States already administer the welfare system; the federal government contributes matching funds and regulations that are often flouted. No state currently provides benefits that bring people up to the minimum poverty level.

So making welfare a state responsibility would be wrong on practical grounds as well as on grounds of principle — income maintenance is a federal, not a local, responsibility.

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