

SEATTLE'S MODEL CITY NEWS REPORT

COMMENTARY: CHARLES Z. SMITH

DINNER WILL HONOR JUDGE JOHNSON

A special dinner to honor Municipal Court Judge Charles Johnson, past chairman of the Model Cities East Branch Advisory Council, will be held on Friday evening, March 2, in the Yesler Facility, 17th and East Yesler.

Louis Warner, Model Cities East Branch manager, said:

"Citizens are invited to pay tribute to a man who has done much to make Model Cities a success. We think he deserves the praises and gratitude of the entire community."

Warner said that in addition to honoring Judge Johnson, the dinner also will conclude presentation of awards to various segments of the news media and certain citizens who have contributed much to ward Model Cities.

Sponsored by the Model Cities East Branch Citizens Advisory Council, the



Charles Johnson

dinner will start at 6 p.m. Awards will be presented during the affair in the Yesler Facility.

The dinner will be followed by no-host cocktails, a reception and dancing in the Heritage House.

Cost of the dinner is \$8

per couple and \$5 per person. Reservations may be made by calling Joe White, East Branch citizen participation coordinator, at 583-5710, or by writing Mr. White in care of the Model Cities East Branch, 1700 East Cherry.

Odessa opens new station

A special center to help families solve internal problems has been opened at the Odessa Brown Health Station, officials announce.

Called the "Family Development Station," the new center is a satellite of Harborview Community Mental Health Center.

Marc Krandel, Day Treatment Director, Harborview Community Health Center, explained,

"The Family Development Station will offer opportunities for children, couples and family members in the Central Area community to jointly engage in problem solving, better understanding of child care, child care related issues and specific mental health services with family orientation.

"Whatever the goal of the family unit, whether it be growth, problem solving or communication, the Family Development Center hopes to provide a community base where a family can utilize trained person-

nel to assist them."

The Harborview Community Mental Health Center is funded jointly by Harborview Medical Center, the University of Washington and the Seattle Model City Program.

Walter R. Hundley, executive director, Seattle Model City Program, said a recent health survey by Model Cities showed that citizens of the East Model Neighborhood place a high priority on family problems and family issues.

He said the Family Development Station will include family and marital counseling, educational programs aimed at increasing parental skills and communication skills with families, and the issues which a family faces in relation to the community.

In addition to services provided by the Odessa Brown Health Station, the Family Development Center will be allied to the out-patient psychiatric clinics, day treatment and

group therapy provided through the Harborview Community Mental Health Center, 925 Terrace Street.

Hundley said the Family Development Station will be in operation at the Odessa Brown Health Station, 20th & Spruce, from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Friday.

Services will be offered on a scheduled basis. Referrals will be accepted and information provided by calling 232-6740.

A TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON

The late President Lyndon Baines Johnson will be remembered as one of America's presidents who really tried to make America a land of promise. Like all men in public life, he had his share of supporters and his share of nonsupporters. But Lyndon Johnson should have his place in history as one of the true grass-roots statesmen to occupy the White House.

To the oppressed and underprivileged in America, he brought a measure of renewed hope. He called his vision for America "The Great Society" and launched the offensive in the "war on poverty". Of course, he also inherited another war which probably more than anything else--brought him to his decision to not seek re-election.

First elected to congress in 1937, President Johnson was elected to the Senate in 1949. As a senator, he led the battle for civil rights, disarmament and for censure of Senator Joseph McCarthy. His concern for the poor and minorities brought him to the signing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 enacted by the 88th Congress.

After violence followed blacks attempts to register and vote in Selma, Alabama, President Johnson went before a joint session of Congress on March 15, 1965 and in an impassioned speech urged immediate passage of a tougher Voting Rights Act.

The Voting Rights of 1965 was passed by a large majority. Under its provisions, registrations of blacks increased substantially throughout most of the South. The course of history was turned.

In 1968 President Johnson signed the important Civil Rights Act of 1968 enacted by the 90th Congress.

I believe we each owe Lyndon Baines Johnson our deepest gratitude for what he did to move our country another step towards fulfillment of democracy. His words to the 88th Congress, I believe, express the quality of the man:

This great, rich, restless country can offer opportunity and education and hope to all -- all black and white, all North and South, sharecropper, and city dweller. These are the enemies--poverty, ignorance, disease. They are enemies, not our fellow man, not our neighbor, and these enemies, too, poverty, disease and ignorance, we shall overcome.

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Black Arts West

The Two remaining Sunday matinee performances of The Great MacDaddy are CANCELLED. An addi-

tional performance has been scheduled for Friday, February 16, 1973.

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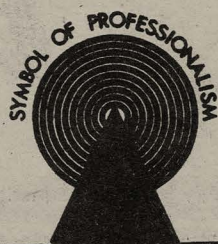
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