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cease and desist action enforceable by district courts.

Complainants taking cases directly to district courts under the public and private accommodations sections of the new act would be eligible to recover actual damages plus a punitive award of \$250. Compensation for actual cash loss is provided for in the employment section but there is no punitive penalty mentioned. In all cases, the court may assess costs and award reasonable attorney's fees as part of a judgment.

White said the new bill did not include provisions prohibiting discrimination in education because most of the important points in this area were "pretty well covered" on other sections. He also indicated that there appeared to be no necessity for spelling out voting rights in such legislation "at this time."

WHITE OUTLINED provisions of the new bill at the Assembly Judiciary Committee hearing last Monday, the second hearing conducted by that body within eight days to hear arguments, pro and con, relating to AB-159. Kellar preceded him with an exposition of complaints registered by Southern Nevada civil rights groups against the "inadequacy" of AB-159 at a meeting with Gov. Grant Sawyer in Las Vegas last Friday and a general meeting of the Las Vegas NAACP last Sunday.

M. William Deutsch, chairman of the Southern Nevada Human Relations Commission, also addressed the judiciary committee. Deutsch said that his group agreed with the views of the Las Vegas NAACP and requested that if further hearings on civil rights legislation are scheduled, the committee so inform all interested parties in Southern Nevada in ample time for them to be represented.

Prior to Monday's hearing, White, Kellar, Deutsch and several Reno-Sparks NAACP leaders conferred with Richard Ham of the Governor's staff and Lt. Gov. Paul Laxalt. After a quick inspection of the White-Kellar bill, Ham, who is assisting the Governor in legislative matters, said he thought the new bill was "in nice order" but offered no further comment. Laxalt also withheld comment on the new bill



HISTORY WEEK PRINCIPALS--Mrs. Helen Anderson (second from left front), chairman of Negro History Week programs arranged by local Elks, is surrounded by Paran Lodge and Alpha Temple members who took part in play during opening program at Zion Methodist Church. Front (from left): Cleveland Cook, Mrs. Anderson, Lula Knighten and Johnnie Crockett; rear (from left): Monroe Phillips, Clarence Guice, Willie Neal, Joe Robinson and Will Gordon.

until he and other Republican leaders could digest it thoroughly.

At last Friday's meeting, Gov. Sawyer advised Southern Nevada civil rights leaders to accept AB-159 as probably the best bill that could be enacted at this time. He indicated that a heavily amended bill might have trouble getting through the legislature. But the Governor said he would "go along" with any reasonable recommendations offered by those present.

Despite several mild dissents, a majority agreed that it would be better to have no bill at all than AB-159 as originally introduced.

The Governor's State Equal Rights Commission, headed by Bob Bailey of Las Vegas, had previously endorsed AB-159 "with reservations" that called for the removal of certain exemptions in the public accommodations and employment sections. Bailey said his commission also reserved the right to introduce additional legislation at this session of the legislature to prohibit discrimination in private housing practices.

Consensus opinion among Southern Nevada civil rights leaders was that it would be advis-

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brated, with pamphlets on some phase of Negro history distributed to the children. Musical numbers and recitations were presented by various students from elementary, junior and senior high schools, high-lighted by the offerings of Madison sixth-graders, the Matt Kelly fifth grade verse choir, and the Bethel youth choir.

A Friday night program at the Rev. V.C.L. Coleman's Second Baptist Church featured expositions on "Who's Who in Negro America" down through the years.

The period from 1619 to 1775 was covered by Myrtle Banks, from 1776 to 1900 by Herbert Freeman and from 1901 to the present by Margaret Simmons. Introductions were made by Mrs. Simmons, while the pledge of allegiance was led by Almetric Banks and Andrea Simmons. Cecelia Mason was pianist.

Atty. Earle White was guest speaker at a Saturday workshop conducted at Kit Carson School. Playing prominent roles in this program were Ida Grier, Viola Walton, Shirley McDaniel, Bernice Moten, Mrs. McGee, Mrs. Shaw, the Rev. Leo Johnson, Johnnie Crockett, James Pughley, J. David Hoggard Sr., Girl Scouts of Cadet Troop No. 148 and Westside School students.

"The Negro and Music" was the principal theme of another program at Kit Carson School on Sunday afternoon featuring interpretive dances by the Happy Times Girls Club of Doolittle Center under the direction of Mrs. Joe Haynes and Mrs. Addelliar Guy. Interesting papers were read by Grace McGlothen on "Negro Contributions to Popular Music" and Elsie Sellers on "Negro Spirituals" while Joe Robinson recounted the prominent role Elks have played in the freedom fight. Songs were presented by the Zion Methodist choir under the direction of Anthony Thomas, who also sang "Old Man River" to the Happy Times girls' rhythmic interpretation of that number.

able to press for "fair-housing" provisions in any bill now being considered, even at the risk of getting no bill at this session, so that their position would be unmistakably clear.

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