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New Drive for Negro-Controlled Bank Launched

Assembly Votes on Rights Bill

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Third Proposal Awaits Decision By Legislature

FULL ASSEMBLY ACTION on a bill to create a Nevada civil rights law is expected this weekend or early next week according to Clark County Democrat Mel Close Jr., chairman of the Assembly Judiciary Committee and co-sponsor of the proposed act.

Close's committee was scheduled to consider final composition of the bill, AB-404, yesterday or today (March 11) following a public hearing in Carson City last Tuesday. AB-404, co-sponsored by another Democrat, Clark County legislative chairman Vernon Bunker, was the third civil rights bill introduced in the Assembly.

The first, AB-159, was an administration bill co-sponsored by a coalition of five Democrats, including Close and Bunker, and two Republicans. Following vigorous criticism of this measure as "entirely inadequate" by civil rights leaders, a second bill (AB-384) sponsored by Close and Bunker was presented to the Assembly. This proposal received lukewarm support from proponents of a "strong" bill but was withdrawn by Close and Bunker in favor of AB-404 in order to correct certain provisions of questionable constitutionality.

As this is written, final makeup of the bill is in doubt. But it was generally considered much stronger than AB-159 and includes a "saving clause" that would keep other provisions in effect if and when any section is found unconstitutional.

LIKE ITS PREDECESSORS, AB-404 prohibits discrimination in certain areas of public accommodations and employment, but does not mention private housing. Civil rights leaders are pressing for separate legislation to prohibit discriminatory practices in the sale or transfer of private property.

It is now virtually certain that AB-404 will be passed by the Assembly by the middle of next week in some form or another. It then goes to the State Senate, where all signs point to a determined effort to water it down to something closer resembling AB-159.

Some senators, led by Republican James

NEGRO CASH NEEDED TO CLOSE DEAL

RENEWED EFFORTS to finance a Negro-controlled banking institution in West Las Vegas are being pushed by officers of the proposed Citizens State Bank.

"We are going to establish a new bank in West Las Vegas and that's for sure," Citizens State board chairman Dr. James B. McMillan told a TV audience last weekend. "But we've got to get more Negro money involved in the financing under conditions set forth by state banking commissioner Grant Robison. We've got to get the message across to our own people that this is a most desirable investment opportunity and that a West Las Vegas bank will give our community economy a much-needed boost."

Establishment of the bank has been delayed by the failure of Negro citizens to purchase a majority share of the initial stock issue of \$900,000 according to Dr. McMillan. He said

Girl Scout Officials Cite Urgent Need For More Adults to Volunteer as Leaders

"WANTED: More Adult Leaders for Girl Scout Activities in West Las Vegas."

This was the urgent message being broadcast by the Frontier Girl Scout Council this week as bright-eyed young girls in natty brown and green uniforms observed Girl Scout Week throughout the nation along with their leaders.

It was emphasized that all an adult volunteer needs to become a Girl Scout leader is a little spare time and a sincere interest in young people. The Frontier Council, which supervises Girl Scout activities in this area, provides the professional training required of all leaders regardless of their educational backgrounds or personal experience.

According to Mrs. Shirley McDaniel, who serves as Kit Carson

GIRL SCOUT WEEK



TV PERFORMERS--These West Las Vegas Girl Scouts and their leaders were caught by camera as they prepared for Girl Scout Week program for local television presentation. Observance ends this weekend as annual Girl Scout cookie sale gets under way. (See story this page, additional photos page 8)

Neighborhood chairman for the Frontier Council, many prospective Girl Scouts in West Las Vegas are unable to participate in the exciting, character-building Girl Scout program due to a lack of leadership.

Any adult interested in helping young

people through this worthwhile work is urged to contact Mrs. McDaniel at Doolittle Recreation Center. Her phone number is 385-1221, extension 365.

Several new adult leaders were welcomed to the Girl Scout movement recently. They are

Mmes. Edna Perkins, Dorothy Wilson; Eva Simmons, Audrey Williams and Miss Elizabeth Bennett.

As Girl Scout Week comes to a close this weekend, the girls start their annual cookie sale. Receipts from the sale help underwrite Girl Scout programs.

Slattery of Storey County, have expressed opposition to state civil rights legislation of any kind, contending that the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 offers sufficient protection to Negroes and other minority groups.

Republican Lt. Gov. Paul Laxalt was reportedly against any state civil rights law that would go beyond the federal act and is expected to direct the fight to weaken AB-404 in the Senate.

School District Studies Teacher-Pupil Ratio Cut

"TEACHER EFFECTIVENESS" was the topic of an address delivered by Gene Schultz, Certified Personnel Assistant to the Clark County Superintendent of Schools, at an Educational Symposium conducted last week at Doolittle Center by Pi Tau Sigma, the local teachers society.

Schultz verified reports that the school district is attempting to set up a lower teacher-pupil ratio formula in order to increase teacher effectiveness.

Other points discussed were the teacher transfer policy, the teacher welfare plan and the teacher evaluation system. Schultz also explained how school administration was divided between the instruction, personnel and business departments and outlined the roles each segment plays in the structure of the school district.

Program director Mrs. Aquilla Guy introduced the main speaker following opening remarks by Mrs. Teola Williams and the showing of an NEA film, "The Teacher." The colors were presented by an honor guard from Scout Troop 67 and singing of the National Anthem was led by Mrs. Bobbie Smith. The Gorman High Glee Club rendered several numbers under the direction of Sister Regina.

Closing remarks and acknowledgments were made by PTS president Henry J. Moore.