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Upon his return to Las Vegas Tuesday following conferences with Gov. Grant Sawyer, Close and other members of the Legislature, White reported that he felt that he and Anderson had "accomplished some good."

Anderson remained in Carson City and was joined there Tuesday by other Las Vegas civil rights leaders for meetings late Tuesday night and Wednesday with northern NAACP officials and their allies. They were hopeful of persuading Senate leaders not to impose further crippling amendments on AB-404.

PARTICULAR CONCERN was expressed by the joint civil rights leaders about a deadlock in the Senate Finance Committee on the question of appropriating funds for the Nevada Commission on Civil Rights of Citizens. The commission would play an important role in the administration and enforcement of AB-404 under terms of the bill. But if the Senate withholds operating funds, the commission would be rendered virtually impotent.

In regard to AJR-20, M. William Deutsch, chairman of the Southern Nevada Human Relations Commission, issued the following statement last week:

"Well over twenty million dollars available to the State of Nevada is going down the drain unless the citizens and legislators of our State take action. I am referring to Assembly Joint Resolution 20 introduced to amend the constitution of the State of Nevada to give property owners the absolute right of selling or leasing property.

"The present Section I of the State Constitution is the thing to be recognized; wherein it sets out the proposition that all men are by nature free and equal, and have certain inalienable rights. The proposed amendment isn't anything our founding fathers dreamed up. It is a Nevada version of California's Proposition 14.

"Our two earnest assemblymen, Messrs. James Wood of Reno and Eric Palludan of Fallon, who introduced this resolution, should give it another long, hard look; if not on moral grounds and the recognition of human rights expressed by the Congress of the United States in July, 1964, then at least by the free expression of many of our Las Vegas Citizens during the past month. Better than fifty per cent of church organizations of all faiths signed covenants for open housing in a drive sponsored by the Clark County Ministerial Association. The religious institutions participating cut across all areas of belief, not being limited to the Association.

"FURTHERMORE, the Association voted unanimously to support the proposed amendments to the State Civil Rights law submitted by the NAACP, Monday, Feb. 15th, and these amendments call for open housing.

"And last, but not least, I wonder if our esteemed Assemblymen know what kind of economic shenanigans they left themselves in for. I have it on good authority from a highly placed Federal official in a sensitive government position, who asks to remain anonymous at present, that Uncle Sam is already viewing present and future construction and rehabilitation projects in the light of the proposed amendment to the State Constitution.

"There is one million dollars Federal money, plus a potential of \$4,800,000 in private funds to follow in one local project; \$1,700,000 in a present commitment with some \$7,000,000 private funds to follow; between one and one half million and two million in another Clark County area potentially.

"In the Reno area from where one of our Assemblymen hails, there is a Federal Housing Project involving \$1,900,000 which could be jeopardized.

"I total these figures at \$18,400,000, and I don't think the people of Nevada would wish to sacrifice the economic impact these funds can have to improve our economy, plus the many millions more of business which could result as a by-product.

"Good human relations are also a matter of good business in this case. Our Assemblymen may be better advised to forget the whole thing."

**CITE LIBERTY THREATS**

NEW YORK, N.Y. --A warning of "increasingly grave threats in the years ahead" was issued by the American Civil Liberties Union in its annual report.

Titled "The Stakes Grow Higher," the 110-page document cited a number of key areas in which the ACLU claimed victories last year, leading off with "adoption of the most comprehensive federal Civil Rights Act since the Reconstruction era."

But it warned that severe and growing pressure is being placed on civil liberties by three great social revolutions--the drive for equality, the development of automation and "the growth of weapons of mass destruction."

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