

**JOBS FOR ALL**

January 15th, Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday is a day in which the issues of hunger and unemployment can be given a national visibility.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, National President of Operation Push and the Bishop H. H. Brooklins, A.M.E., Bishop of Los Angeles and Chairman of the PUSH Ecumenical Ministers Division will be heading up a national demonstration of ministers, priests, rabbis, and nuns as well as labor, business, the unemployed, etc. from across the country in Washington, the nations' Capitol on that day.

This demonstration around the White House and around the Congress will be a reaffirmation of the concern our clergy has for the unemployed and inflation. The national focus is on getting the Congress to pass Congressman Gus

Hawkins' Full Employment Bill of 1976.

Congressman Hawkins is a black Congressman from Los Angeles, California who has introduced legislation to date on implementing the full employment concept set forth in another piece of legislation passed by Congress in 1946.

The local strategy is to have demonstrations take place simultaneously in some 50 other cities at the Labor Departments City Halls by the unemployed demanding jobs and relief.

The New Year will be ushered in with a new spirit that mobilization and action is on the agenda of the Movement. Nothing is going to come from the Ford Administration without this kind of mass action. The National theme for this demonstration is "JOBS FOR ALL"

**Julian Bond Pres. Candidate**

State Senator-elect Julian Bond, a potential presidential candidate has scored 7th in a rating of 31 Democrats who are possible contenders for their party's 1976 presidential nomination.

He scored above both announced candidates, including outgoing Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter, whose name did not receive enough mention to place him among the 31, and Rep. Morris Udall (D-Ariz).

Bond outscored Ralph Nader, Senator Walter Mondale, Senator Lloyd Bentsen, and Senator Birch Bahy. Bond also outpointed former Senator and 1968 candidate Eugene McCarthy, Florida Governor Reuben Askew, and both 1972 Democratic vice-Presidential candidates, Senator Thomas Eagleton and Sargent Shriver.

Ranking above Bond were Alabama Governor George Wallace, Senator Hubert Humphrey, Senator Henry Jackson, Senator Edmund Muskie Senator George McGovern and former New York Mayor, John Lindsay.

In a separate poll of independent voters Bond ranked 10th behind Wallace, Jackson, Muskie, McGovern, Nader,

Lindsay, Humphrey, newly-elected Ohio Senator John Glenn and Illinois Senator Adlai Stevenson.

The poll, conducted by the respected George Gallup organization was conducted between November 8 and 11, before Senator Mondale with drew as a candidate, and before Governor Carter and Rep. Udall announced their candidacies.

Carter who announced December 12th that he will be a candidate, was not mentioned as a choice by independent voters either, although Rep. Udall did place 26th among these non-aligned voters.

"These results are more than encouraging," Bond said, "I still intend to reserve a final decision until late May or June of 1975, but this showing, and the slow but steady trickle of mail into my office convinces me that 1976 may be the year in which a candidacy like mine would find a willing and receptive audience."

Bond said that he had talked with Montgomery Alabams Attorney Morris Dees, who raised \$20 million for the McGovern campaign, about "putting together a similar fund raising effort for my campaign."

**National Black Caucus Elects New Officials**

Mayor Warren Widener of Berkley, Calif., has been elected chairman of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC/LEO) by the unanimous vote of the general membership of the recognized minority caucus of the National League of Cities/U.S. Conference of Mayors.

Mayor Widener succeeds Richmond, (Va.) Vice Mayor Henry L. Marsh III, leader of the caucus for one year beginning last December. Widener will serve for one year.

The young Bay Area chief executive topped a slate of more than 25 officers and board members elected to serve a one-year term by NBC/LEO members.

Mayor Maynard H. Jackson of Atlanta, Ga., was reelected first vice chairman of the organization after he asked NBC/LEO members to waive the rule that would ordinarily have elevated him to chairman this year.

Mayor Jackson cited pressing city business in Atlanta as his principal reason for declining to accept the chairmanship.

Other officers elected by NBC/LEO include Councilwoman Jessie M. Rattley of Newport News, Va., second vice chairman and Mayor Pro Tem Woody Etherly Jr., of Flint, Mich., secretary-treasurer. Councilwoman Rattley succeeds Mayor Widener in office, and Etherly succeeds Mayor Edward Bivens Jr. of Inkster, Mich.

The organization also elected ten NBC/LEO regional chairpersons who will lead group activity in areas that generally correspond to the ten standard federal regions. The regional executives are:

Councilwoman Sandra Graham of Cambridge, Mass.; Councilwoman Willie Dell of Richmond, Va.; Councilman William Thornton of Jersey City, N.J.; Councilman Theotis Robinson of Knoxville Tenn.; Councilman Ernest C. Browne of Detroit, Mich.; Councilman P.A. Hollingsworth of Little Rock, Ark.; City Comptroller John Bass of St. Louis, Mo.; Mayor Penfield W. Tate Jr. of Denver, Colo.; Councilman James H. Wilson of Long Beach, Calif.; and Councilman Willard Nettles, Jr. of Vancouver, Wash.

At-large board members elected are: Mayors Robert Blackwell of Highland Park, Mich.; Richard Hatcher of Gary Ind.; Clarence Lightner of Raleigh, N. C.; A.J. Cooper of Prichard, Ala.; Kenneth Gibson of Newark, N. J.; William Hart of East Orange, N. J.; and Coleman Young of Detroit, and Councilpersons William Knight of Raleigh; Fred Davis of Memphis; William S. Thomas of East Orange; Ralph White of Stockton, Calif.; Ralph Mall of Louisiana, and Lois Morris of Louisville, Ky.; and Vice Mayor Henry L. Marsh of Richmond, Va.

**Help For Needy**

They've put Nevada seniors to work in a new kind of effort to help others who need help.

Ten senior citizens, members of the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP), are canvassing the State for the Aging Services Division interviewing Nevadans who may be eligible for the Supplemental Security Income Program (SSI).

Beginning in August, about 10,000 state residents began receiving questionnaires from the Social Security Administration's headquarters in Baltimore.

Those Silver Staters had been selected by the government's computers as possible eligibles for the SSI program, and the questionnaires were designed to determine whether they met the income requirements for participation. About 2,400 forms have been returned thus far, and fully half of those are from aged, blind and disabled Nevadans who appear to be eligible for the new Federal financial assistance program.

Of course, a self-screening questionnaire needs authentication, and that's where the seniors come in for, in Nevada, Social Security turned to the State's Aging Services Division for help in interviewing those 2,400 possible SSI recipients.

The State Coordinator for Project SSI Alert, Richard Grier, recruited the 10 seniors for the job, which, he calls Phase II of the SSI program. Three are "working" Southern Nevada and the rest are in the North where the population is more widely scattered.

**"MAN AND THE DESERT"**

Bring your canteens and become a part of the "Man and the Desert" Film Series scheduled for January 6, 7, 8, and 9 at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Clark County Library District 1401 E. Flamingo Road.

The four day film exploration relates how different world populations cope with the desert environment. Various desert cultures are compared and contrasted with parallels drawn between Las Vegas and several other deserts.

On Monday, January 6th, the series will present two films: "Two Deserts: Sahara and Sonora" and the "Great Mojave Desert."

"Empty Quarter" a film exploring the Bedouin and his struggle in the Saudi Arabia deserts will be shown on Tuesday, January 7th. Wednesday, January 8th "The Hunters," a documentary of the bushmen of Southwest Africa's Kalahari Desert will be viewed. The finale of the "Man and the Desert Series," will be a sensitive and beautifully photographed documentary of two aboriginal families who inhabit the Western Desert of Australia. The title of the film is "Desert People."

All the films illustrate man's continuing struggle in a desert that is desolate, beautiful, and permanent, above all. The films are free and open to the public.



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