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munity or out of state minorities.

Captain Larry Bolden of the Metro Police Department pledged assistance from Metro and advised the attendees of the workshop that a part of the responsibility of the areas security rested upon their shoulders. In answers about allegedly prejudices white police officers stopping people from entering the area, Bolden remarked, "That the police department was no more perfect than all doctors in the medicine profession, politicians in the political process or teachers in the school system." He further stated that the department was working on identifying this kind of officer and when the evidence supported it, they would be severely reprimanded.

The Mayor directed his remarks to Rev. Dunn and indicated that it was most difficult to positively provide a better economic tourist base in West Las Vegas if others from the area are persistent in discouraging business from coming to the town in general. In rebuttal, Mr. Otis Harris, economic development specialist for the local SCLC Chapter and national assistant to Rev. Ralph Abernathy, stated, "Successful meetings had taken place with the Convention Authorities and County Commissioners and that certain agreements had been reached to bring more black tourists to Las Vegas.

Mr. Bruce Spalding, director in the Human Resources Development Department of City Planning, explained that there are many possibilities and areas of assistance that the city could offer for an organized effort to economically develop the West Las Vegas area.

The highlight of the workshop was the address made by Mr. Sam Cornelius, National Deputy Director of OMBE, U.S. Department of Commerce. Excerpts from his speech were:

"Since you are engaged in a conference on economic development, it behooves us to begin to plan a strategy. A strategy that is both realistic and workable.

We realize that there will be barriers as you proceed. But regardless as to where these barriers lie in Las Vegas solutions must be found, needs must be met and aspirations must be achieved. Two barriers that I speak of are political barriers and economic barriers.

If we are to overcome political barriers we must do more than clench our fist, wear an afro and change dashikis twice a day. Chuck Stone says in his book, "Black Political Power in America," "The age of demonstration has passed, and the age of the ballot is upon the black man. It is the tool of survival."

Overcoming economic barriers will not be easy. When minority groups begin to demand a part of America's economic pie, then they must be prepared to face America's music.

I urge you to concern yourselves with three areas in helping to overcome economic barriers.

1. Undertake studies to identify means of encouraging appropriate incentives such as tax concessions and liberal zoning practices for minority firms located in the inner-city.

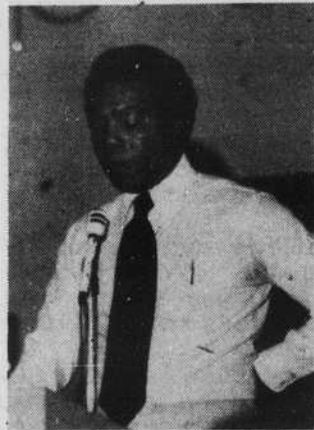
2. Establish a financial resource for making high risk loans to minorities who demonstrate a desire to enter into a reasonable business venture.

3. Insist and see an achieved fact that minority manufacturers, producers and distributors have access to the markets on a basis of equality and concessions for past neglect.

In essence, we must shift from a welfare consumption orientation to a production orientation.



Mr. Samuel Cornelius, dep. dir. OMBE, guest speaker



William "Bob" Bailey, exec. dir. NEDCO



Mayor of Las Vegas, Bill Briare



Captain Larry Bolden, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

### Campaign Set to Push Sen. Ed. Brooke For Vice President

A nationwide movement was kicked-off in Pittsburg last weekend to push the selection of Senator Edward Brooke (R) Mass., as a vice presidential candidate on the Republican ticket with the announcement of the committee to nominate Senator Ed. Brooke vice president of the United States.

The committee's formation and its campaign strategies were made public at a news conference during the Pittsburg Conference of the Council of 100, and organization of Black Republican leaders across the country. With a large cross section of its members in attendance, the Council of 100 endorsed the committee's plans as announced by Burrell L. Haselrig, Jr., the committee chairman and host for the Council of 100's conference.

Haselrig said in the announcement, "Senator Brooke is the person who is right for the position. He is eminently qualified. He is a man of unquestionable integrity and moral character, free from any taint or wrongdoing."

The committee chairman added that the committee was formed specifically to push the nomination of Senator Brooke as vice president of the United States. "We have the explicit endorsement of Senators Hugh Scott and Richard Schweiker in this endeavor."

Haselrig added, "Senator Brooke is not seeking the nomination, nor has he asked us to seek it for him. If the party wants him -- If President Ford wants him, he can hardly refuse."

Part of the campaign plan to obtain Brooke's nomination is to send petitions to each state through Republican state chairmen seeking their help and cooperation in obtaining signatures of people (Democrats, Republicans and Independents) who would like to see Senator Brooke as their vice president. Such petitions will then be presented at the Republican National Convention in Kansas City.

The goal is to obtain a total of two million signatures by the August convention -- 40,000 from each of the 50 states.

### Aging Services Hold Public Hearings

The Nevada Division for Aging Services will hold a series of public hearings in Nevada in May seeking senior citizen input into the 1977 State Plan.

The purpose of the hearings is to obtain public input into the state's planning and programs for the elderly which are scheduled to take place between Oct. 1, 1976 and Sept. 30, 1977.

"If senior citizens cannot attend one of the hearings, written comments to the the Division office at 505 E. King Street, Room 101, Carson City, Nevada will be welcomed.

Hearings will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. They will be held in Las Vegas, May 14 at the Las Vegas Senior Citizens Center.

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