



**BLACK ELECTED OFFICIALS MEET WITH UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OFFICIALS**

Douglas Costle, Administrator of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, is shown (second from left) discussing the adverse impact of air pollution on Blacks and other minorities with Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley (left), Vice-Mayor Jessie Ratley (third from left) of Norfolk, VA., outgoing president of the National Black Caucus of

Local Elected Officials (NBS/LEO), and Malachi Knowles (right), special assistant to Eddie Williams, President of the Joint Center for Political Studies. Besides Williams and Gary (Ind.) Mayor Richard Hatcher, more than a dozen top Black local elected officials participated in the meeting during NBC/LEO's annual convention in San Francisco. Environmental Protection Agency Officials from Washington, D.C. and San Francisco also attended the meeting.

## Conference

The National Black United Fund's Second Annual Public Policy Conference for 1978 will be held at the Colony Square Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia on June 28, 29, 30 and July 1, 1978. The theme of this year's conference will be, "Public Policy and the Black Masses: Our Mutual Responsibility". The issues discussed will attempt to answer the question, "Are we a permanent underclass?"

Conference Chairpersons Mayor Maynard Jackson, State Senator Julian Bond, Atty David Franklin, Mrs. Coretta Scott King, Mr. Jesse Hill, Jr. and Mrs. Billye Aaron will host a responsive group of citizens, scholars, professionals and legislators for a comprehensive analysis and rational policy suggestions on the plight of America's underclass.

Ambassador Andrew Young will be the keynote speaker for the conference dinner at which Cicely Tyson and Roberta Flack will perform. Lerone Bennett and Minister Louis Farrakhan will be among the major presenters; and musicians Donald Byrd and Quincy Jones will be hosting a breakfast and luncheon during the four days of the conference.

In keeping with the N.B.U.F.'s fundraising thrust, Columbia Records will be sponsoring a concert during the conference which will be held at the Atlanta Civic Center. This should prove to be the most significant conference held to date on the issue of the underclass. The public is invited to attend.

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## Survey

Mayor William Briare, City Manager Russell Dorn, and the Las Vegas City Commissioners are holding a series of "Town Hall Meetings" throughout the City of Las Vegas entitled, "Help Decide How Your Tax Dollars Are Spent In Our Community". For the first time in many years, Las Vegas citizens have the opportunity to tell City officials how and where their tax dollars should be spent.

West Side residents who are unable to attend these meetings are encouraged to pick up a copy of the survey from the Westside Community Development Commission office (the old Westside School), at 330 West Washington Avenue, Suite 111, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106. According to H. P. Fitzgerald, Director, these surveys should be picked up no later than Monday, April 10, and returned not later than Tuesday, April 11, as this very simple, easy to read survey can be completed in less than three minutes.

Also available in the WCDC office is a publication entitled GRANTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR THE THIRD YEAR PROGRAM UNDER TITLE I OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974. This document explains how Black Grant funds have and will be spent in Las Vegas from 1974 through June 1978, and is available for public inspection Monday - Friday between 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Area residents are encouraged to contact the Westside Community Development Commission office at 647-2177 from time to time to find out how various City of Las Vegas Black Grant projects are progressing. Approximately \$1,880,000 in Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds were allocated to the City of Las Vegas for 1977-78, and the same amount has been requested for 1978-79. According to Fitzgerald, most of the funds will be spent in West Las Vegas for social programs and physical rehabilitation.



Left to right: KOZA Models; Deljuanna Thower, Jackie Bland, Kathy Latimore, Joyce Alston, Joyce Connors, and Debra Prentiss.

The Miss Black Teenage Pageant of Las Vegas fund raising event featuring: KOZA in a spring extravaganza and disco, April 15, 1978, at 8:00 P.M. in the south hall of the Las Vegas Convention Center.

No host cocktails at 7:00 P.M.

Ticket sales locations:

Sight-N-Sound, 811 West Owens, Las Vegas, Nevada

Marion Bennett Youth Program, 956 W. Owens, Las Vegas, Nevada  
Sweet Hanks, 1537 E. Owens, Las Vegas, Nevada

Tickets: \$5.00 per person - \$7.00 per couple.

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