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# Harris Assails Gov. List

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 of Love's Cocktail Lounge; the funding for the construction of the Westside Story which will run in the neighborhood of \$250,000; provision of technical assistance for a group of men who are trying to get financing to purchase the Golden West Shopping Center and have assisted in developing several small businesses in the area; through the agency was able to assist in obtaining another \$250,000 to build the new location for Cheyenne Auto Parts; and obtaining \$80,000 for another building to be used for commercial pur-

poses. He hastened to point out that these were only some of the many areas where the agency had been involved.

He complained that the powers-to-be are suddenly saying that SNEDC has some money. They are doing things and that "we want that agency — that's what that whole thing is all about."

While there have been a number of individuals of the black community who have been dissatisfied with Harris' leadership, a spokesman said the "straw that broke the camel's back"

resulted in Harris' alleged insult of the "most beloved and respected" resident in the area. The spokesman added that the community is really upset because of the letter. "Harris was appointed by the community to bring economic development to the area, and we believe we can get him removed from office. Harris operates a program funded by taxpayers' dollars, and if members of the community cannot get to his office, we need to know the reason why," the spokesman added.

Harris and Majorie Elliott, chairwoman of the SNEDC board, have been cautioned that the desenting group also wants the board of directors of the agency removed from office, and the state attorney general's office to conduct an investigation of the agency's non-profit status.

Otis Harris charges that Governor Robert List's office has also impeded the progress of the agency's efforts and that he has documents to prove it. He feels the agency will prevail despite the petition.

When a sufficient number of signatures are ob-

tained on the petition, it will be sent along with letters explaining the situation to the federal agencies that fund the agency and will ask that Harris and the board be removed from office for "conduct unbecoming" in their operation of the program.

The spokesman said the petition and letters would be sent to Will Marshall, head of the Los Angeles office of the Federal Economic Development Administration, a primary funding source for SNEDC. It was reported that contact had also been made with the local and state agencies to cut the funds from SNEDC.

Dr. James McMillan, president of the local chapter of the NAACP had called a special meeting Monday to discuss the current problems surrounding the assignment of CETA funds in the area. A portion of the meeting dealt with the SNEDC situation. After much discussion on the matter, it was decided to table any possible action until a later date with the organization's executive board and other interested parties.

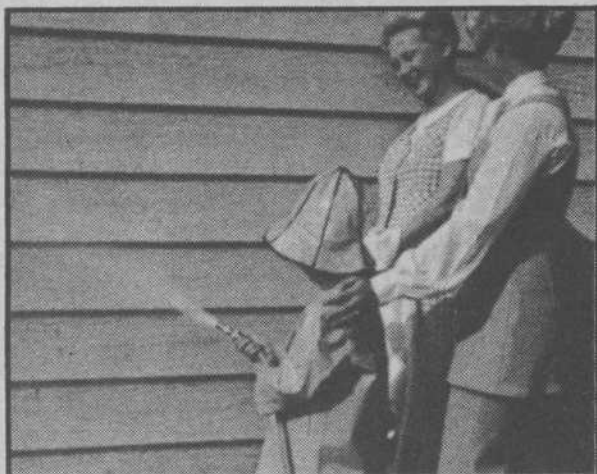
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