

# OPERATION PUSH CONVENTION HITS HOUSING INEQUITIES

A recent Chicago Tribune series has pointed out how blacks in that city experience a "hidden" flow of their dollars from the community to the suburbs.

The study has shown that as many as 10 times the number of loans are granted to those outside of the city, than to those actively utilizing a bank's facilities. The dollar

amounts granted in those loans reflected the same disparity between suburban and urban dwellers.

Through difficulties in procurement of loans for housing and home improvements, inner-city neighborhoods are suffering, while those in the suburbs prosper.

An unofficial "black tax" as The Tribune put it, affects those living in urban centers elsewhere. It is one of several impediments to home ownership and improvement which affects millions.

To address such problems in housing and economics, Operation PUSH has devoted an entire day of its upcoming convention to New Orleans to black business and housing. Addressing these problems directly will be Moon Landrieu, Federal Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in Washington; George Johnson, president of Johnson Products; the

Rev. Jesse Jackson, president of Operation PUSH, in addition to others in the position to instigate change.

Among topics on the week-long agenda are education, employment, international affairs, health and other areas of vital interest.

For more information on the Ninth Annual PUSH Convention, July 15 through 19, contact either of the Convention Offices listed below: 930 East 50th Street, Chicago, Ill. 60615, (312) 373-3366; 1520 North Claiborne Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70116, (504) 943-7121.

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