

# Blacks Upset Over Relocation Of MX

BY ED BROWN

Members of the black community met last Friday with Gov. Robert List and Brig. Gen. James McCarthy to discuss the MX missile project.

It was learned earlier that the project may be located in Utah. This drew outraged expressions of concern over this mammoth missile system. A high-ranking Air Force official said it was his un-

derstanding the primary base would be located in the Salt Lake City area, and the secondary base north of Ely, but added "no positive" official decision had been made.

"There are so many jobs they're talking about, I thought it was important that somebody come to the black community and try to explain to us what it means in terms of jobs," Assemblyman Lonie Chaney said in the meeting at Zion

Methodist Church.

State Senator Joe Neal, who served on a legislative committee on the MX, urged the people in the area to work to get the missile system in Nevada.

"Our charge from this meeting here is to go out and talk it (the MX) up," he said.

Economic developer Jim Chaney, said a Pentagon official and officials of Martin Marietta Construction Co., the prime contractor

for the project, told him last week, "If the decision were made today, the primary base would be located in Utah."

"The main thing is Nevadans have not been as supportive of the project as Utahns," Chaney said.

The Governor told the gathering of about 150 persons, "The black community is entitled to share in whatever property is going to flow from the MX project."

He told the group Nevadans should be considered first when the time for hiring draws near.

"The first call on those jobs ought to go to the people who are paying the price for establishment of the system," he said.

The Air Force spokesman said the decision on the location of the main base will be announced after the California firm completes its environmental

impact statement on the project.

He implied, however, that the statement would only be a formality as far as the location of the bases are concerned.

The main base will employ 30,000 civilians and military personnel at the peak of construction in the mid-1980s, and the smaller one will employ considerably less, the source said. Most of the permanent jobs will be in Utah, he said.

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and, even if he beats off challengers, would still face the prospect of disaffected Democrats abandoning him to work for independent John Anderson or simply sitting out the election.

The Democrats, whose quadrennial lapses into fratricidal gamesmanship have become legend, seem to be outdoing themselves this go 'round.

You pick up a copy of the New York Times and see half the front page filled with stories about "Billygate," about John Anderson suggesting that he'll reconsider his

independent candidacy if Kennedy is the nominee and about New York's Mayor Edward I. Koch telling the National Press Club that Carter could not carry New York state if the election were held now.

Tucked away on page 11 was the interesting item that The Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan had endorsed Reagan for president in an editorial in the Klan group's newspaper which asserted that "The Republican platform reads as if it were written by a Klansman."

It must please Reagan supporters that you couldn't even find that story in many newspapers.

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