

NAACP ELECTION SET FOR DEC. 14

By Ed Brown

The election date for the Las Vegas Chapter, NAACP is now set for Dec. 14, according to Dr. James B. McMillan. An earlier report indicated that the date was set aside indefinitely by the national office because of apparent improper nominating procedures applied by the local chapter.

McMillan had stated the nominating procedures used were challenged by Sgt. Lovell Gaines, a correction officer at the Southern Nevada

Correction Center at Jean.

According to Gaines, he telephoned the national office to file a complaint about the irregular procedures. He said through the efforts of the national office, a 3-way conference call was set up between McMillan, Gaines and a national office representative. The matter was finally resolved with the national office submitting instructions as to how the Dec. 14 election would be conducted.

McMillan said notices will be mailed to all 750 dues-paying members in the near future advising of the election date. The



form to be mailed is shown on this page.

McMillan also said before the challenge he had decided not to run for re-election "because I was planning to support someone else."

But now, he said, "I don't know about run-

ning for re-election.

Gaines has made it known that he hopes to be nominated for the presidency post. He claims membership with the NAACP for the past 14 years, 10 with the chapters in Nevada. He is also president of the local chapter of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice.

McMillan indicated that the General Membership meeting would be held on Nov. 30 at the EOB Bldg. at 4 p.m. The election would be at the NAACP office in the Golden West Shopping Center on Dec. 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Rev. Jackson Ready To Fight

The Rev. Jesse Jackson says he'll fight "a swing to the right" that has come with Ronald Reagan's election as president.

The swing that could threaten more than two decades of civil rights gains, he told about 700 editors at the Associated Press Managing Editors' annual convention.

The civil rights activist, director of Operation PUSH, said Reagan has "a mandate to heal or humiliate."

The president-elect faces many critical choices that could lead "to domestic tranquility... or to rebellion," he said.



Rev. Jackson

Equal Rights

The Nevada Equal Rights Commission is a State agency standing by to provide cost-free service to the citizens of Nevada if you feel that you have been discriminated against in the above areas because of: Race, Religion (Creed), Color.

Calvary Baptist Church Crusade

Rev. Mary I. Carroll, pastor of the Greater Calvary Baptist Church announces that there will be a crusade at the Church on Saturday night, November 29 at 8:00 p.m. The hosts will be Rev. Charles Earl and Joe Harrison, along with Prince Dixon, the "Little One" from Los Angeles and the Gospel Hummingbirds of Oakland, California. If you want to be healed come and join the great crusade. The public is invited. Donations are \$4.00, or \$5.00 at the door. The church is located at 317 Madison Avenue, Las Vegas.

Election Procedures

Notice of October, November Meetings, and December Biennial Election

Dear Member:
Please take notice of the following general membership meetings of the Branch, NAACP, and of the election of officers.

- 1) October _____, 198____, (Place), (Time), Election of Nominating Committee.
- 2) November _____, 198____, (Place), (Time), Annual reports of officers, report of Nominating Committee, and election of Election Supervisory Committee.
- 3) December _____, 198____, (Place), (Time), Annual reports of officers at (Place), Polls open from _____ to _____ (should be a total of 6 hours). Members in good standing 30 days prior to these meetings and the election are qualified to participate, vote and hold office.

President _____

Secretary _____

CONDUCTING THE BRANCH ELECTION

- 1) **Term of Office**
 - a) All officers and members of the Executive Committee are elected biennially, by ballot, at the election, and hold their office for two years, and until their successors are elected. (Article V, Section 3.)
- 2) **Eligibility—Good Standing**
 - a) The constitution sets forth the eligibility of voters at all branch meetings and elections as follows—Article V, Section 11: "Members in good standing shall be eligible to run for office, or vote in a branch election. For purpose of running for office, a member in good standing is one whose name appears on the roll of the branch as a bona fide member of the branch at least thirty (30) days prior to the date nominations or signing a nominating petition, a member in good standing is one who has been a bona fide member of the Branch at least thirty (30) days prior to the date the election is held or the nominating petition is filed. For all other purposes, a member in good standing is one who has paid the requisite minimum membership fee to the Branch."
 - b) In order to run for branch office or vote in branch or state and area conference elections, unaffiliated life members and members must be actively affiliated with the branch at least thirty (30) days prior to any meeting at which they are nominated for office or seek to vote. The term "Actively Affiliated" means that the individual must have requested, in writing, that his membership be transferred to the Branch. The request may be made through the Branch or directly to the National Office.
 - c) Members whose memberships expire within the thirty day period are eligible to vote and to be elected to office, provided the voting or election post-dates the expiration of membership.
 - d) The right to vote is personal and shall not be exercised by proxy.
- 3) **Nominating Procedure**
 - a) At the October meeting of the Branch in even numbered years, for instance, 1980, 82, 84, etc., there shall be elected a Nominating Committee composed of not less than five, nor more than fifteen members of the Branch in good standing. Not more than two members of the Nominating Committee shall be officers of the Branch or members of the Executive Committee.
 - b) The Branch Secretary should provide the Nominating Committee with an up-to-date list of Branch officers, and members of the Executive Committee, the number of terms served, membership eligibility, and attendance records.
 - 4) **Duties of Nominating Committee**
 - a) The Branch Secretary shall call the organizing meeting of the Nominating Committee. The first meeting of the Nominating Committee shall be held not later than ten (10) days after its election. The Committee may indicate, publicly, that it will accept suggestions for persons to be nominated. Procedures for members of the Branch to communicate with the Committee should be established at the October meeting.
 - b) It should elect a chairman, and interview qualified persons to be nominated as officers and members of the Executive Committee.
 - c) The Nominating Committee may nominate any member of the Branch who is in good standing.
 - d) Membership on the Nominating Committee does not preclude the nomination of any member thereof as an officer or member of the Executive Committee.
 - e) The Nominating Committee shall submit a report in writing at the November General Membership Meeting of the Branch. This report shall consist of the names of those persons qualified to fill existing Branch offices (One name for each Office) and to be members of the Executive Committee (up to twenty-four (24) names.)