

SENTINEL NEWS ROUNDUP

CHICAGO URBAN LEAGUE PRESIDENT SPEAKER AT LINKS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

James W. Compton, president and chief executive officer of the Chicago Urban League, will present the keynote address at the Links, Inc. 23rd National Assembly, Friday, July 9, 1982 at the Las Vegas Hilton in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Also speaking on "Reagan's New Federalism and Global Issues: Impact on Black Americans — Survival in the 80's" is William H. "Bob" Bailey, executive director, Nevada Economic Development Company (NEDCO).

Compton says, "The national issues of today are having a tremendous impact on black Americans and it is vitally important to address this issue in order to prevent any further injustices and to alleviate all racially motivated policies and procedures which may stem from the current administration."

Since National Trends and Services is a community and human services aspect of the Links program, Compton emphasizes the League's responsive-



ness and commitment to community advocacy efforts and activities.

"For more than 35 years," Compton says, "The Links has focused its energies toward developing enrichment opportunities for educationally, socially and

culturally deprived individuals." He believes that organizations, such as the Links, Inc., provide the necessary basic tools that develop, support and enhance youths, who would otherwise not be exposed to societal amenities.

HUD Block Grant Presented For Small Cities and Rural Community Development

CARSON CITY — A \$1.2 million federal Housing and Urban Development block grant was today presented to Governor Robert List for the Small Cities and Rural Community Development Program.

The block grant — the first to be made directly from HUD to the State of Nevada — was made to the governor by Regional HUD Administrator Bill Sloan.

Nevada is the first western state to qualify for funds under the small cities program. Previously, community development funds have been awarded directly to local communities by the Department, the governor said.

"This is a working example of New Federalism," the governor said.

"The determinations of how the funds will be spent will be left up to the individual states. The decisions will be made closer to home.

"Of course, the local communities, themselves, will have a much greater say in how the funds are spent."

There are currently 28 communities in Nevada eligible for portions of the block grants, the governor said. The state Office of Community Services currently has received approximately 60 requests for funding.

The federal funds will be used primarily for water and sewer construction and repair.

In addition, funds will be used for housing rehabilitation and economic development programs.

The governor thanked Nevada's Congressional delegation for their support of the block grant concept. The allocation formula used in making block grants to the individual states was determined by Congress.

"These funds are vitally important to the local communities involved," the governor said. "That's especially true in Nevada, where we have such a narrow tax base, and where only about 10 percent of the land is privately owned.

"A lot of communities have a difficult time keeping up with the tremendous rate of growth. These funds will help the local communities provide the needed services for their expanding populations."

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE TOPS 10 MILLION

Although the overall unemployment rate remained at 9.5 percent, the overall employment picture for certain groups looked increasingly bleak at the end of the month of June.

The Labor Department reported record jobless rates Friday for adult men and black teenagers. Unemployment among black teenagers showed a staggering 52.6 percent — more than half of those in the labor force. The rate had been 49.8 percent in May.

Among adult men, unemployment increased from 8.4 percent to 8.7 percent for the month of June.

Commissioner Janet Norwood of the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics commented that the labor market "appears to have been somewhat

weaker in June," pointing to the adult male increase and a decline in factory employment of 140,000 jobs over the month. The 9.5 percent national jobless rate matches the post World War II high. In addition, long term unemployment (joblessness of 15 weeks or more) increased substantially during the month.

The number of discouraged workers — those who have stopped looking for work — rose by 160,000 to a high of 1.5 million persons during the second quarter of this year, the Labor Department reported. They are in addition to the 10.4 million persons already officially considered to be unemployed.

The Economic Opportunity Board is now accepting new applications for Women, Infants and Children's Supplemental Feeding Program. The program is open to pregnant and nursing mothers, infants up to one year old and children up to five years old who are at a nutritional risk and meet income guidelines. Please call 647-2171 in Las Vegas and 565-8443 in Henderson for an appointment.

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