

National Group Studies Possible Run by Leader of PUSH

Jackson Presidential Panel Formed

By DAVID HOLLEY, Times Staff Writer

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, in Los Angeles testing his support for a potential run for President, announced Sunday the formation of a national organization aimed at propelling him into a bid for the Democratic nomination.

Mayor Richard G. Hatcher of Gary, Ind., was named chairman of the new Jackson Presidential Advisory Committee, designed to pull together the expertise, broad support and financial resources necessary for a campaign, Jackson said in an interview Sunday at the Ambassador Hotel. Hatcher is also vice chairman of the national Democratic Party.

State Committee California black leaders had formed a state exploratory committee for Jackson to be headed by Assemblywoman Maxine Waters (D-Los Angeles) at a meeting Saturday.

Jackson, 41, the founder and president of the Chicago-based Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity) said he is seeking to put together a coalition of "blacks, Hispanics, women,

youth, peace activists, the handicapped, senior citizens."

"If these locked-out people come together and their interests converge, and form a rainbow coalition, clearly it will be a majority coalition," he said. "One goal is to remove the repressive Reagan regime. The

Jackson said he is planning a European tour in early September, and called for a foreign policy based on "human rights, economic reciprocity and the real will to negotiate."

He also said a key purpose of his campaign, if he runs, would be to encourage black

director of management systems for Atlanta, Ga., has been named to manage the national exploratory effort. Love said he would go on leave of absence to work full time for the Jackson organization if Jackson runs.

He said the committee aims at setting up separate state committees in about 25 states by early October, when Jackson is expected to reveal his decision.

"It will be a black candidacy, but it won't be a black campaign, if he chooses to run," Love said. "It will be a coalition of blacks, of women, of Hispanics, of peace activists and a lot of rejected elements of the electorate."

Some black leaders, such as Benjamin L. Hooks, executive director of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), have expressed opposition to or reservations about the idea of a black presidential candidate running in 1984.

Supporters such as Hatcher and Love appear to be trying to counter such opposition by building wide-

spread grass-roots support for a Jackson candidacy.

A PUSH-organized voter registration drive called Southern Crusade that began in May in nine Southern states

appears to be part of that effort.

Cecil Murray, pastor of the First AME Church on South Harvard Blvd., where Jackson spoke late Sunday afternoon, said he feels strongly that Jackson should run.

"There is a political power base in the country that is presently inactive," Murray said. "It must be registered and vote."



Rev. Jesse L. Jackson National President Operation PUSH

other is to achieve parity for women, Hispanics and blacks.

"Reagan's policies have hurt a lot of people. The macho mentality has us on the wrong side of wars in Central America — supporting a repressive regime in El Salvador and on the wrong side of history in Nicaragua ... Unemployment is double-digit for whites and double-double-digit for blacks and Hispanics. Poverty is the highest it's been since 1965."

voter registration, and that this is the key to protecting minority interests.

National Manager "There are 10 million registered black voters," he said. "Eighteen million are eligible. We are fast at work to add another 3 to 6 million to the rolls by November of 1984 ... That would liberalize all the candidates."

Preston Love, the

Black Runs for Mississippi Office

Charles Evers, first black mayor of a biracial town in Mississippi, said yesterday he would run for governor as an independent.

Evers, 60, defeated in his bid for a fourth term as mayor of Fayette in 1981, said he would make his second campaign for governor because the Democratic candidates have failed to guarantee they would advance black interests.

National NAACP Office To Hold Hearing In Las Vegas

A three-member board from the national office of the NAACP has scheduled a hearing in Las Vegas later this month on allegations of malfeasance against local chapter president the Rev. James Allen.

William H. Penn, branch and field services director for the national office, said three members of the organization's 64-member national board will be in Las Vegas Aug. 21 and 22.

"Under our bylaws, we have a responsibility to probe complaints against a chapter president brought by at least three chapter members," Penn said Monday.

Allen, who was out of town and unavailable for comment, was charged

with malfeasance in a complaint signed by 24 chapter members in May.

The complaint alleged Allen violated bylaws of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People by calling for a national boycott of Las Vegas without approval from the chapter membership or its governing executive board.

Allen has claimed the allegations are an attempt to regain control of the chapter by members displeased with his election earlier this year.

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