NEVADA BLACK CHAMBER PREPARE FOR JACKSON VISIT

By George A. Burns

The Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce has for the past few weeks been busy preparing itself for the upcoming visit of the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

The occasion of the Jackson visit will be in recognition of that organization's first anniversary celebration of its existence. The fundraiser will be held on Friday, Sept. 9 at the Cashman Field Center at 7:30 P.M.

Sarann Knight-Preddy, president of the Black Chamber, expressed high hopes of the Jackson visit as a way of displaying to the entire Las Vegas community the commitment and total involvement that the chamber has in



making that organization visible, viable and a tool that will bring credibility to it. She also expressed her desire to have nonregistered voters turn out in record numbers to register themselves to vote. "The main purpose that Jackson has in appearing in Las Vegas is to have focused on our community residents the importance registering themselves to vote and participating fully in the political system," she stated.

While noting that the chamber is non-political in the voter registration drive on the part of the two major parties, and does not in any way, shape or form support the Rev. Jackson in what may be a future presidential bid on his the behalf. for **Democratic nomination** Preddy did feel that with Jackson considering a run, this would in fact insure his "drawing" an even larger audience.

The chamber, which officially came into existence in September of 1982, has as its main objectives to direct and focus its attentions on businesses and other entities in the West Las Vegas community and to commit itself to help in the promoting and growth of that community. Another goal of the organization is to also establish itself as a credible and viable organization that would gain the recognition of the entire Las Vegas community as well as of the state.

The chamber's Executive Director, Gwyn Brown also added that "the chamber's time has come in the area of helping to take the lead in economic development for the West Las Vegas community." She sees the upcoming fundraiser as a way that the chamber can show tht with togetherness. determination and hard work, "the organization can be just as successful as any in bringing a person as noted as Rev. Jackson to Las Vegas." It will definitely add to our credentials," she stated.

Brown said that the entire Las Vegas community seems to be supportive of the chamber's efforts and noted particularly the support and assistance that the Greater Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce has given it.

Tickets for the upcoming fundraiser can be obtained at the chamber's office in addition to other noted business establishments throughout Las Vegas. More information can be obtained at the chamber's office located at 1048 W. Owens. The phone number is 648-6222 or 6223.

Brown also noted that in addition to the voter registration booths to be located at Cashman Field, registration for both major parties can be done at the chamber's office.

GOVERNOR DECLARES "REV. JESSE L. JACKSON

Gov. Richard Bryan has declared Friday, September 9 as "Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Day" in Nevada.

The Governor's Proclamation reads:

"Whereas, the Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce carries the good news of economic development and growth for all; and

Whereas the Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce is aware that the political, social and economic climate of this nation and state are dependent on all groups becoming involved in the political processes; and

Whereas, the Chamber in its quest for economic parity and growth of black businesses, is presenting to Southern Nevada the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, a longtime supporter of economic parity and founder of Operation PUSH; and

Whereas, the proceeds from this fundraising activity will insure the ability of the Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce to continue its endeavors:

Now, therefore, I, Richard H. Bryan, Governor of the State of Nevada, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 9, 1983, as "Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Day" in Nevada."

"Boom-Boom" On Closed Circuit At 'Boat

A special closed circuit T V Boxing card will be presented in the Sports Pavilion at the Showboat Hotel Casino, Country Club and Bowling Alley on Thursday, September 15 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and tickets are priced at \$10.00.

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McGarry Addresses Chamber On Nevada Power, Urban League

Urban League
President and Nevada
Power Executive VicePresident William (Bill)
McGarry spoke before
the Nevada Black
Chamber of Commerce
last Friday at its monthly
luncheon and described
the public utility as
being a "good, well
organized, well managed
company that's not
wasteful."

McGarry, in discussing Nevada Power, said that in the upcoming months, the utility may come up under harsh criticism for what many Nevadans consider to be excessive power rates, but he

6 months \$15.00

defended his company by stating that "the bottom line is that Nevada Power rates are the 8th lowest in the entire United States."

McGarry forsaw no power problems for the area throughout the decade and elaborated on that by stating, "We have a tremendous amount to offer both Las Vegas and the West Las Vegas community."

On the Southern Nevada Urban League, McGarry gave some background information on that organization and stated its objectives and goals. He described it as a "quiet working organization that knows how to get things done." He also stated it to be an organization "non-militant, non political, yet very political."

He noted that the organization had already raised \$20,000 thusfar, and was very proud of the recent Job Training Seminar that was held last June. He also noted that the organization was working with Metro and minority communities including West Las Vegas.

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