

LOCAL BUSINESS GROUP RECEIVES NATIONAL SUPPORT PLEDGE

An emerging Las Vegas company has received major national recognition and a boost for its plan to enhance the local economy. "New Dawn, Inc." and its goal to attract new businesses into the Las Vegas Valley was commended at the Winter Meeting of the Congress of National Black Churches, held recently in Chicago, according to Otis Harris, President of New Dawn, Inc.

Delegates to the conference voted to support only four projects including the New Dawn Development program, a national cable T.V. system, a nationwide church insurance plan and a national system for linking member churches through an extended communications network. These four were selected out of hundreds submitted in an effort to get approval of the Congress.

Bishop John H. Adams, Chairman of the Conference, said that New Dawn has presented an impressive plan to attract industry such as light manufacturing, warehousing, business communication systems, corporate development centers and international commodity trading. The New Dawn plan calls for setting up entrepreneurial centers that will allow for private investors to develop their respective needs. The New Dawn company then coordinates the activities of all parties by aiding in site selection, land acquisi-

tion, and providing interim facility needs.

Harris, was an invited speaker at the Chicago gathering and presented the company's position. In attendance were top officers of major national businesses including the Chase Manhattan Bank, Prudential Insurance Company, Aetna Standard Insurance Company and the Ford Foundation.

In commenting on the effect of this endorsement, Harris said, "The response to our ideal was outstanding. Bishop Adams assured me that we could count on the Church of Congress for help in the areas of business expertise, financial aid and entre into the international market."

Reverend Jesse L. Wesley, Pastor of the New Bethel Baptist Church in Las Vegas and Chairman of the Board of New Dawn, accompanied Harris on his trip to Chicago. Reverend Wesley said, "We are proud to be able to add this endorsement to the support we have already received from the Reverend Jesse Jackson, President of P.U.S.H., California Congressman Mervyn D. Dymally and Congressman Julian Dixon, head of Congressional Black Caucus. We have also received indications of strong support from members of Nevada Congressional committees including Senator Paul Laxalt, Congresswoman Barbara Vucanovich and Congressman Harry Reid."

County Government To Participate In State Emergency Operations Exercise

On Jan. 13 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m., representatives from several departments of Clark County government will gather to discuss in detail how they could coordinate emergency operations in the event of a catastrophic flood in the Las Vegas Valley. This table top exercise will be held in conjunction with a similar statewide event in Carson City by the State Division of Emergency Management and the Governor's Office.

The exercise format will be a series of hypothetical problems brought on by a major storm similar to the one

that inundated Moapa Valley two years ago. The problems will be designed to tax the County's day-to-day emergency response system and to foster an exchange of ideas between the various departments on how to best utilize existing resources to successfully cope with the situations. Some of the solutions will require state and federal resources obtained through the State government. The Clark County Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services ham radio operators will provide radio communication to coordinate these requests

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