

Democratic-REPUBLICAN Leaders Square Off

By George Burns

Respective Clark County Party Chairmen of both the Democratic and Republican parties verbally took to each other last Sunday evening on KCEP's Newscope '84.

Republican Chairman Marilyn Gubler and Democratic Chairman Charles Waterman discussed in detail issues ranging from taxes, perennial party philosophies, the black vote, and Jesse Jackson to Renee Hamen-Guild.

While Gubler admitted that in the past the Republican Party has not focused its direction on the black vote, she felt that the beginning of this

effort on behalf of her party is taking shape. "We're working with the Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce and other organizations in West Las Vegas, along with 'Gleaners,' to show that we are interested in the community," she stressed. Waterman stated that he didn't feel that the Democratic Party took the black vote for granted. "We've always been the party representing fairly the black community and we realize their strength. I don't feel that we take the black vote or any other vote for that matter for granted."

Waterman felt that the main issues in the As-

sembly races would be jobs, the economy and the fair establishing of businesses and financial institutions in the West Las Vegas community.

"To these efforts, both I and the Democratic Party shall be committed," he said. Gubler rebutted that statement by accusing the Democrats of having the opportunity to make those things happen under both a Democratic Governor and a Democratic controlled Legislature, but asked Waterman, "Why haven't you focused and followed up on those commitments with action?"

On the subject of Renee Hamen-Guild, the beleaguered Public Service Commissioner under fire to resign by Governor Richard Bryan, Waterman admitted that the Governor made a mistake in appointing her to that commission, but that "she should do the proper and right thing and resign." Gubler argued that Governor Bryan should have studied her background and family affiliations in the beginning before the appointment and not appointed her in the first place. "The embarrassment that Governor Bryan receives from this situation is no one's fault but his own."

When asked if she felt that Hamen-Guild

should resign, she stated that "That's a decision that she'll have to make for herself. I can't do it for her."

When asked if the Republican Party would support the candidacy of County Commissioner Woodrow Wilson, Gubler said, "Most definitely. We always have in the past supported 'Woody' and we will in the future." "Even with the 'Yobo' controversy?" she was asked. "He's not guilty nor has he been proven as such," she replied "We'll support him."

When it came to the Democratic Party supporting Assemblyman Gene Collins, Waterman retorted, "I really don't expect the party and the Governor to rally around, campaign for and support him." He attributed this to Collins' opposing Governor Bryan's tax bill and voting against it last year.

There was also the usual criticism by Waterman of President Reagan being "insensitive" to blacks, other minorities and women. Gubler defended the president by claiming the attack to be old and untrue, especially in regards to women. "This president has appointed more women to key positions than any other president in history," she responded.



NAACP MEMBERSHIP DRIVE — Benjamin Hooks, center, Executive Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), accepts a check for \$15,000 from Pepsi-Cola USA President Roger Enrico, left, to help launch the NAACP's 1984 national membership drive. The check represented 5,000 NAACP student memberships from more than 100 historically black colleges in the United States. Tony Brown, right, award winning journalist and host of Tony Brown's Journal, the leading Black Affairs program on national television, joined in the presentation ceremonies at the St. Regis Hotel in New York City. Tony Brown's Journal, sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company for the last nine years, will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the NAACP with a four-part series during Black History Month in February. More than 300 NAACP leaders enjoyed a premiere showing of the series during the NAACP membership drive gala in Manhattan, that also featured celebrities such as actress Diahnn Carroll, actor Ozzie Davis, and pro basketball Hall of Famer Oscar Robertson.

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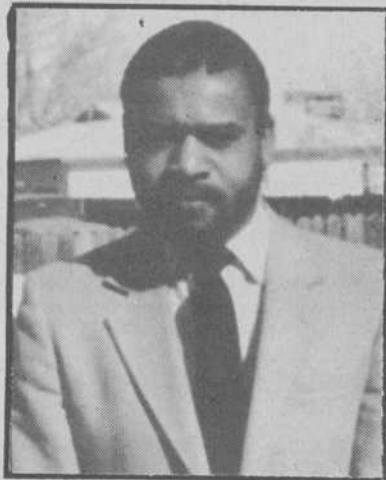
By H.P. "FITZ" FITZGERALD

The Westside Community Development Commission, in cooperation with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Beautification Committee, is planning its 1984 Clean-Up Campaign with a kickoff date scheduled for March 1, 1984.

The campaign will run for one month.

The cleanup campaign, which has been a joint venture project between the two organizations since the spring of 1977 and continued through 1983 has resulted in tons of trash and debris removed from residential and commercial properties, vacant

lots, and main thoroughfares in the Old Westside, and scores of vacant buildings demolished. Awards are presented to homeowners and area businesses whose properties have shown the most improvement during the campaigns. The 1984 Cleanup Campaign Awards Ceremony will be held at a date to be announced in the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice. The Las Vegas Metropolitan Beautification Committee will sponsor the Las Vegas City-Wide Campaign again this year, according to Tom Rubidoux, committee chairman.



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