

Democratic Committee vice chairman disagrees with Jackson

WASHINGTON — The new black vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee, shaking off criticism Monday from the Rev. Jesse Jackson, urged more black-white cooperation in the party. For the party to bounce back from its 1984 election defeat, Illinois Comptroller Roland Burris says: "What we have to show is that we're interested in economic prosperity for blacks as well as whites."

Jackson, in an interview in Monday's editions of *The Washington Post*, charged Democratic leaders are trying to attract white

men by being "tough on blacks," and said blacks should reassess their loyalty to the party.

He criticized Burris for seeking the post after the party's Black Caucus had recommended the re-election of Gary, Ind., Mayor Richard Hatcher, a Jackson ally. He also suggested that the new party chairman, Paul Kirk had engineered Hatcher's defeat, although Kirk voted for Hatcher.

Kirk declined comment Monday on Jackson's charges, but Burris said, "The people of the DNC (have) spoken... It was overwhelming."

Keith Hoggard slaying suspect held by Metro

A 15-year-old boy, who authorities contend killed a tennis-racket wielding Las Vegas man, was arrested over the weekend, Metro Police said.

Kevin Dwayne Shaw was charged with murder and use of a deadly weapon in the Jan. 20 shooting death of Keith David Hoggard, 27, homicide Sgt. Ted Rosen said.

Shaw was arrested Saturday at 808 Hart St. on a warrant issued by

the district attorney's office, Rosen said.

Police said Hoggard had an argument with an unidentified woman at 903 Weaver St., went to his car, got a tennis racket and smashed out her apartment window.

Hoggard, while fleeing the scene in his car, was shot in the back and head several times by a rifle, police said. They said Shaw's relationship to the woman was unknown.

Nevada Senate adopts resolution on black history month

The Senate Thursday unanimously adopted a resolution commemorating black history month in February. Sen. Joe Neal, D-North Las Vegas, the only black in the Senate, said the history of the blacks in the state and nation has "a tendency to be lost." He said a number of blacks were part of the early settlers in Nevada but faced discriminatory

laws. For instance, he said when the state was established only white males could vote. And no person who was black could testify in a civil action against a white in the days of the mining boom of the 1860s.

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Theron Bell says minority businesses rising

Businesses owned by minority-group members are faring well, providing jobs and training for many thousands of American workers, according to Theron Bell, deputy director of the U.S. Commerce Department's Minority Business Development Agency.

Bell was in Las Vegas to speak at a convention of the National Council for Indian Business Inc. at the Hacienda Hotel.

He said more than 250 minority-owned businesses operate in the Las Vegas area. "For the most part, they are doing well in terms of sales, assets, new hires and expansion.

"Minority-owned businesses are becoming major entities in communities across this land. Our country's more than 600,000 minority business enterprises are emerging as a dynamic force in our economy," Bell said.

The Minority Business Development Agency was created to establish policies and programs to develop minority business enterprise.

He said government and private industry must work together, but "my personal philosophy is that government cannot, and should not, do it all."

Bell said the goal of the agency is to develop and institute programs which help make minority-owned firms more competitive, self-reliant

and less dependent on federal assistance.

Since 1982, the agency has established more than 100 Minority Business Development Centers in major metropolitan areas with large minority populations, Bell said. The Nevada Economic Development Co. functions as the agency's minority business development center in Las Vegas.

"The centers provide management, market-



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ing, financial and technical assistance to minority business owners and entrepreneurs. Our centers are "one-stop" business resource facilities that work with minority entrepreneurs to explore business opportunities in both government and private markets.

"They help minority entrepreneurs acquire adequate bonding to bid on major construction and manufacturing projects, and they aid these business persons in obtaining the financing

BLACK HERITAGE WEEK OBSERVED AT NELLIS AFB

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE—Nellis observes Black Heritage Week Feb. 11-17, with a variety of programs. This year marks the 59th annual national celebration of the role of Black Americans in all segments of American life in this nation. The theme is "The Afro-American Family: Historical Strengths for the New Century."

Other week-long activities include: Employment and upward mobility workshops at the base

needed to start or expand a business. They also help minority firms gain certification in small and minority business procurement set-aside programs and help them identify leads in franchising, business acquisitions and mergers.

"At the centers, minority entrepreneurs also can gain access to the agency's Minority Vendor Profile System, a national, computerized database which lists some 30,000 minority firms by such characteristics as product/service offered, geographic location and minority-group designation."

chapel, 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., Feb. 14. At 7 p.m. the play "A Raisin in the Sun" will be show at the base theater.

Colonel Nora Kendall, commander of the 2803rd Air Base Group, Newark Air Force Station, Ohio, will be the guest speaker at the fourth annual dinner dance Feb. 15, beginning at 7 p.m. at Nellis' NCO Club.

Closing out the 1985 Black Heritage Week celebration on Sunday, Feb. 17 will be the Voices of Nellis Mass Gospel Choir performing at the base chapel at 3 p.m.

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