

# Black Las Vegans For African Relief Effort Underway

During the past several months the world has become aware of the conditions of drought and famine in Africa. Information from the United Nations indicate that 27 countries have been hit by this drought. In 18 of those countries 29 million people are in desperate need. Because the 1984 harvest produced less than half of the normal crop output, 2 million Kenyans have needed relief in 1985. In Ethiopia, several million people are expected to die as a result of the famine.

As this scenario of human suffering has been flashed around the world via the news media, some noteworthy examples of group and individual responses have occurred. These have been truly heart-warming. And since the scenarios are about suffering in Africa, it seems eminently appropriate that some organized response should be forthcoming from those persons who are of Afro-American heritage. For this reason a committee called



Black Las Vegans for African Relief has been organized.

Black Las Vegans for African Relief has one single purpose: to raise funds to provide assistance to the people in those African countries that are experiencing drought and famine conditions.

The Committee comprises the following Black citizens of the greater Las Vegas area who have united in this effort and have proudly dedicated their time, talents, energy, and money to the successful culmination of this worthy project:

Dr. Paul Meacham, chairman, Betty Brown, Ed Brown, Margaret Crawford, Barbara Griffin, Dr. Bernard Hamilton, Sam Head, Jerry Lockhart, Rev. Jesse Scott, Capt. Elizabeth Spencer, Charles Stevenson, and Dr. William Sullivan.

Sunday, June 30 is the special day set aside for all churches to start the overall campaign with an emphasis made to have collections made

separately. In all instances, every contributor will be given a special BLACK LAS VEGAS FOR AFRILCAN RELIEF envelope in which they can place their contribution and at the same time complete the necessary information relative to name of donor, amount contributed, etc. There is a provision made on each envelope for the donor to obtain a receipt.

All monies donated, at the end of the drive, will be presented through the local chapter of the American Red Cross who will, in turn, forward all monies direct to the National Headquarters of the American Red Cross. Not one single penny is withheld by the local chapter or the National office. ALL MONIES WILL BE SENT DIRECT TO THE AGENCIES WHO ARE HANDLING THE DONATIONS IN AFRICA.

EVERY Black person (all ages) will be asked to make a monetary donation to this project. No minimum or maximum contribution for individuals has been established. However, we are considering that the Black population of the greater Las Vegas area has been reliably estimated to be in excess of 55,000. An average contribution of \$2 per person would yield more than \$100,000 for this worthy effort.

Within the next few weeks contributions will be solicited by means of the following methods:

- \* Area Black churches will be asked to support the effort by designating a special Sunday as the day for a special collection in behalf of African relief.

- \* Area Black organizations will be asked to help publicize this activity and to help provide logistic assistance in collecting donations.

- \* A special account has been established to accept individual donations during normal banking hours at any branch of the Valley Bank of Nevada.

The drive will be held throughout the area during period June 30-July 20. The kickoff effort will be made in all churches on June 30.

Every individual contribution will be acknowledged. Each contributor's name will be printed in the Las Vegas Sentinel. It is felt that such an action will make an important statement to the general public at large about

Black Las Vegans' commitment to self help.

All work done by Committee members will be on a volunteer basis. No salaries, honoraria, consultation fees or any other

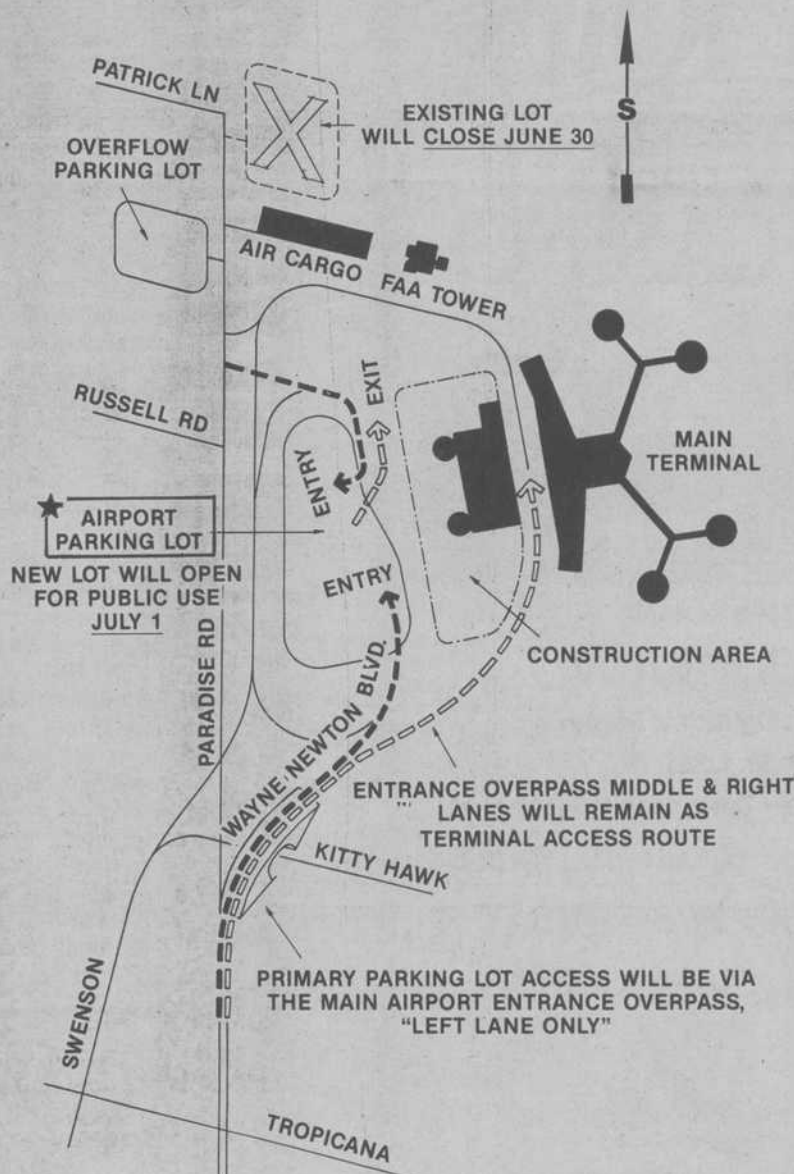
form of monetary compensation will be paid to any individual for work done in behalf of this effort. All administrative expenses such as postage, printing, etc., incurred will be identified and ac-

counted for. All monies collected, exclusive of identified administrative expenses, will be turned over to the American Red Cross to be distributed through its African Relief Division.

All individuals making any collections will be identified wearing the official badge with a picture of Africa superimposed with the shape of Nevada and clasped hands.

## AIRPORT PARKING LOT TO BE RELOCATED JULY 1

(See Map)



Poor ol' Dusty Mac, our frustrated sourdough miner who is takin' the blame for tearing up McCarran International Airport, has done it one more time. This time he has caused us to move the parking lot back to where it used to be, in front of the new parking structure. Just follow the signs as you enter the airport beginning July 1, 1985, and you'll be just fine. The same free shuttle bus service is still available. The new parking facility will also be fenced, lighted and security patrolled.



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