

**COUNTY WARNED—****COMMUNITY COULD HOLD UP FED FUNDS FOR UNLV BLDG.**

By Bob Palm

Members of the black community warned the Clark County Commission this week they could hold up a \$3.5 million federal grant for UNLV's engineering school if they are not represented on a new board the county is setting up to administer federal funds.

The commission passed a resolution Tuesday committing \$53,100 to the

Nevada Development Authority for consulting fees between Dec. 1 and June 1986.

Even if the Senate Bill earmarking the \$3.5 million for the engineering school is passed, County Manager Pat Shalmy said the county can not get the money unless it has been approved as an area fit for redevelopment based on unemployment data for the most recent 24

months.

Otis Harris, a member of the Black Resource Council, said the black community could be used to get the money, but shut out from getting any benefits from it.

He said the funds, to come from the Economic Development Administration, are predicated on "pockets of poverty." Without using the unemployment figures of the black community, the

county will not be able to qualify for the money, Harris said.

To meet those requirements the county must submit an overall economic development program to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Representatives of the black community, said they want representation on the

new board which will be setting up the overall Economic Development Plan to be administered by the board.

The NDA plans to select 20 to 25 members to set on the board.

Black spokesmen said they are tired of government bodies using the "poorness" of the black community to get richer.

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adopt the passivity and secondary role to which her lifestyle (prior to getting her job) elicited from her? Had her job changed her from the sweet, little wife who stays at home waiting for her husband to come home to the status of "everyone for himself?" Was it possible for her to divide her time between job and home — without one or both of them suffering? Which was most important, at this point, her job or her marriage? Does she understand the emotional and psychological devastation that the black man who loses his job experiences? Has she forgotten how to give him moral support so that he doesn't lose his "manhood?" Does she care?

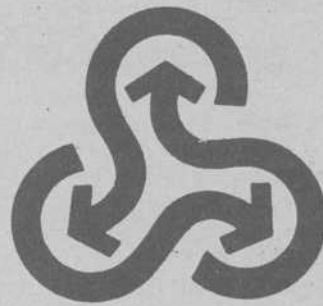
These questions are being presented more and more to today's black woman. The conditions that provoke them are becoming more and more significant as more black men confront situations in America that threaten the very premise upon which they exist. Job loss, loss of confidence and frustration are but a few societal situations that menace the black man. No matter how unpleasant it may sound, this is the unhappy truth, in much of our society.

**Nevada Black Chamber Commerce Notes**

The Regular Membership Luncheon meeting will be held at the Moulin Rouge on Friday, Dec. 6 beginning at 11:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be Pat Shalmy, County Manager.

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The public is invited to attend the "Say No To Drugs Workshop" at the Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce, 1048 W. Owens on Friday, Dec. 13 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Topic will be "Drugs And Its Affect On Black Business" with guest facilitator Joan Adam Brann, Project Director, Oakland, CA. The seminar is co-sponsored by NBCC, City of Las Vegas, CREATE and County Commissioner William Pearson.

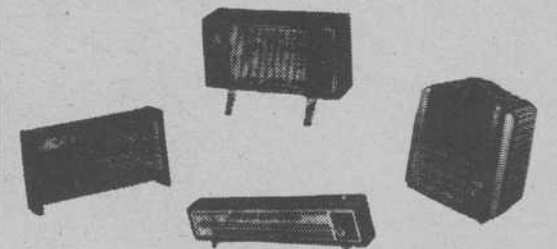
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