



NEW HOMES CONSTRUCTED -- Philadelphia's Mayor W. Wilson Goode, right, prepares to tour the newly built home of Mr. & Mrs. Henry and Gloria Gamble, standing with him. The home is on the site where 61 houses were burned to the ground during the May 13, 1985 confrontation between police and the Move organization. About a third of the houses have been replaced with new, brick townhouses and the remainder are scheduled to be completed by March, 1986. Construction on new homes started during July, 1985.

Local Chapter SCLC picketed State Building

By Bob Palm

Members of the local chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Wednesday picketed the State Building, asking Gov. Richard Bryan to lead economic development into the Black community.

Ed Smith, SCLC president and Bob Lawson, chapter vice president, said they were picketing on Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, along with about 10 other people to emphasize that Nevada had "written a bad check to Blacks in Las Vegas."

Smith said the check guaranteed Blacks certain rights, which the State had reneged on.

He continued that the Black community had been promised the location of bank branches, but that promise has not materialized, causing instability in the community.

He said money only comes into the community through welfare and federally funded programs.

Smith revealed that SCLC wants Bryan to go to local banks and get them to conduct a feasibility study on the possibilities of locating bank branches in the community.

He said Highland Drive and Owens Avenue are good places to locate businesses, but the community is still barren because of redlining by banks, causing them not to loan money for development.

According to Smith, the West Las Vegas community is the only one in the country where redlining still exists. He said the rest of the world

is living in the space age, but the Black community is still "so far backward economically."

Smith said, "We want our youngsters to become police

officers, firemen, businessmen and to have trades so that they can be independent, and not end up in prisons or a welfare state."

NLV to host disaster preparedness meet

The City of North Las Vegas will host an emergency disaster preparedness seminar for local government officials at the Union Plaza Hotel on February 25 and 26, according to Mayor James K. Seastrand.

Those invited to attend include elected officials, managers and senior staff from Clark County and from the cities of North Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Henderson and Boulder City. Sponsored jointly by the Nevada Department of Emergency Management and the International City Managers Association, the 1½ day seminar will explore a wide range of disaster preparedness — from fire or flooding to airline accidents. Materials for the seminar are provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Mr. Seastrand said, "each local government will have an opportunity to evaluate their own emergency preparedness team to identify areas of satisfactory

performance and improvement needs."

Several North Las Vegas officials have attended a longer version of the seminar in Emmitsburg, Maryland by invitation of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, including City Manager Michael Dyal, Councilman Dale Huntsman,

Fire Chief Frank Larson and Emergency Management Director Nancy DeLaBarre. The city is also sending four additional emergency management personnel to the 2½ day seminar at Emmitsburg. Those who will attend on February 3-5 are Police Chief William Tharp, City Engineer James Bell.

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