

Administration Proposal to Transfer Minority Business Development To Small Business Administration Assailed

The Minority Business Enterprise Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. of Washington, D.C. announced a major resolution urging Congress to defeat President Reagan's 1988 budget proposal transferring the Minority Business Development Agency to the Small Business Administration.

Parren J. Mitchell, the Fund's founder and chairman, said the Reagan Administration's transfer proposal will have "a negative affect that will prove devastating to the minority business community and the economic progress of this nation."

Mitchell, a former Congressman and Chairman of the House Small Business Committee, said the special resolution urges Congress to defeat the transfer proposal and to pass legislation strengthening NBDA, which is presently located within the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Mitchell said the fact that NBDA is located within a Cabinet-level federal department such as the Commerce Department is critical to the continued federal effort to assist the creation and expansion of healthy minority businesses.

The Reagan Administration's specific proposal is to transfer MBDA from the Commerce Department to SBA effective October 1, 1987. An estimated 140 of MBDA's 240 employees would be transferred, along with the agency's largest program — the Minority Business Development Centers Program. The remaining 100 employees

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poetry and drama our artists have produced to help them explore what manhood is all about.

The first part of the program focuses on the importance of physical health and the dangers of drugs and alcohol. In the second part, emphasizing the necessity of a well-developed mind, the youths not only discuss great black thinkers of the past, but meet with professionals and achievers in their own communities.

Finally, the youths are reminded of black men who have shown pride and spirit, from athletes like Joe Louis to politicians like Los

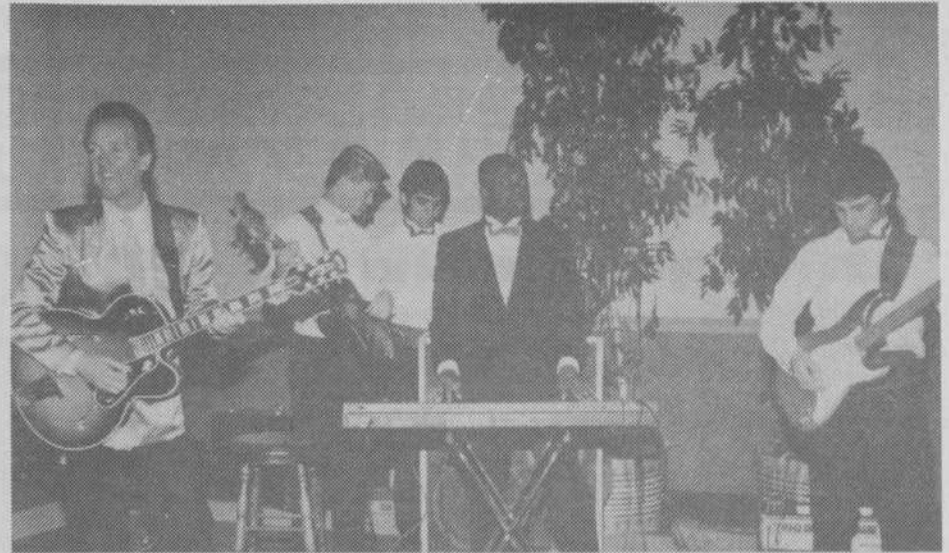
will probably lose their jobs, Mitchell said.

"The nation can ill-afford to lose the momentum which has been established the past two decades to expand economic markets for minority business participation," Mitchell said.

"Millions of Americans today lead productive lives as employees of minority-owned firms," he noted. "Neighborhood urban and rural

communities, once blighted by poverty and high unemployment, are now being rejuvenated because of the emergence of successful minority-owned businesses. Millions of dollars in essential tax revenues have been generated by minority firms — dollars that might otherwise have been lost to the nation — had those firms not existed.

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Links Sponsor Two Stimulating Seminars

The Las Vegas Chapter of Links, Inc. sponsored a very inspiring and rewarding "Drug Abuse Seminar" last month at the Alexis Park Hotel, that was open to the

der & Dir. of "Love All People." Seated: Co-Committee Chairpersons of Seminar; Mrs. Georgia Richards; Ms. Alice Carter and Las Vegas President,

Youths were taken to lunch and also given a tour of the Museum of National History by their chaperons before returning to Las Vegas.

Both programs are just two



public with very good attendance.

The panel consisted of L-R, Standing: Dorothy Perry, Dir. of Clark County School Success Program; Officer Chuck Woodworth, Crime Prevention Bureau, Metro Police; Mr. Howie Bieber, Promotion Manager, Substance Abuse Unit, Montevisto Center; Dr. Flavia Walton, National Chairperson of Links Inc. Drug Abuse Program & Moderator and Rev. Prentice Minner, Foun-

der Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley. They examine the close link between manhood and responsibility, including the responsibility involved in becoming a father.

Lee hopes that this counseling program will be picked up and used across the nation. If your school or church is interested, contact Courtland Lee, 112 Peabody Hall, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC 27512 (919) 966-5266.

Mrs. Dorothy Dickerson.

Entertainment was provided by "Love All People" group, pictured above.

The Links also sponsored a bus of High School Teenagers to Los Angeles for attendance at a Drug Abuse Program at the University of Southern California. The

of many, along with their Scholarship, Books to a School and Arts Program sponsored by the Links each year to help provide substance, guidance and service to the Las Vegas Community. They again extend their thanks to the Community for its continued support of the Las Vegas Chapter.

NOTICE

The Regional Transportation Commission of Clark County (RTC) has established a goal of 10% for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and 3% for Women-Owned Business Enterprise to furnish services under its UMTA-assisted transportation programs. The plan establishing these goals for FY 1988 is available for inspection at 230 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Comments for informational purposes only, will be accepted at the above address until July 1, 1987.

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