

1987-88 POLITICAL SEASON OPENS WITH CBC FUND-RAISING WEEKEND

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WASHINGTON, D.C.-NNPA The political season opens in full swing here this week as black Democratic and Republican groups joined with other ethnic-based organizations in promoting fund raising activities for electing more minority officials despite new obstacles such as "The Harassment of Black Officials," a major topic of discussion.

In addition to the 17th annual Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Weekend activities, September 23-27, the Hispanic Congressional Caucus, the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials and the Arab American Institute announced plans to increase voter participation among their supporters during the 1987-88 national and state election campaigns.

And the National Black Republican Council began an aggressive drive for more support by scheduling its annual scholarship dinner during the predominant Democratic party CBC conference, along with a host of other major, national black organizations. "There will be several thousand visitors in the nation's capital and we want to invite some of them to see what we are doing," said Connie Mack Higgins, chairman of the D.C. Black Republican Council, as he introduced new Secretary of Education LeGree Daniels at a preliminary press party.

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Samuel R. Pierce was the scheduled speaker at the DCBRC scholarship dinner at which \$42,000 in awards was announced. Ten more students received \$2,000 scholarships after Higgins disclosed reorganization of the Council and urged support of D.C. Statehood legislation and local elected officials in the Democratic party capital.

Meanwhile, back at the CBC events, officials focused on education, health and

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poverty forums, along with public discussion of "African-American Leadership Under Fire," a subject moderated by Rep. Walter Fauntroy (D-D.C.). Listed participants included indicted officials, Rep. Harold Ford (D-Tenn.) and Maryland State Sen. Clarence Mitchell, III, and a member of the U.S. attorney general's staff.

District Mayor Marion Barry, Chicago Mayor Harold Washington and Detroit Mayor Coleman Young, and ex-Rep. Shirley Chisholm were also invited. Other panelists were Atty. Herbert Reid, D.C. legal counsel, and Dr. Mary Warner, author of "Report on Harassment of Black Elected Officials."

The number of black elected officials in the U.S. increased four percent a year from 6,424 to 6,651, according to the Joint Center for Political Studies. The increase in Hispanic elected officials was 3.5 percent from

3,202 to 3,347, NALEO announced. There are 11 members of Latin descent in the Congress according to the Hispanic caucus which held its annual fund raising dinner last week.

The Arab American Institute anti-discrimination organization has also announced plans for an all-out get out the vote campaign among the three million Americans of Arab descent to support the growing coalitions with Blacks and other ethnic voters, said John Sandwich, director of the American-Arab Affairs Council.

The CBC four-day weekend featured 36 panel discussions and issue forums, 19 congressional "brain-trust" hearings, an annual prayer breakfast, fashion show and awards dinner. This year's theme was "Educating the Black Child: Our Past and Our Future."

NBCC To Host 4th Annual Installation Banquet

The Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce will host its 4th annual banquet for the installation of new members to the Chamber Board of Directors at 6:30 P.M., Friday, October 16, at Nucleus Plaza's Heritage Hall.

The banquet speaker will be Mr. Leon Hampton, Assist Director, Office of External Affairs, U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency in Washington, D.C.

The Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to the development of activities which will strengthen

and expand the income potential of black businesses; and the promotion of programs to create a business climate that will foster the full participation of black businesses in the economic enterprise of the community, state and nation.

Banquet tickets are available at the following locations: The Moulin Rouge Cafe, the Economic Board of Opportunity of Clark County, The Religious Emporium, Clark County Community College and the Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce.

For further information, please call 648-6222.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATES MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK 1987

Nevada Governor Richard Bryan will be keynote speaker at the Nevada Economic Development Company's 15th Annual Minority Business Person Awards Luncheon celebrating Minority Enterprise Development Week (MED Week) on October 2.

The luncheon will be held at the Aladdin Hotel, the first major hotel and casino owned by a minority. Mr. Ginji Yasuda, president and chairman of the board of the Aladdin, has been invited to give the welcoming address.

Each year, a special week is set aside to salute the many contributions of minority business men and women to the nation's economic well-being and to celebrate the free market that makes these contributions possible.

President Reagan's Proclamation of this year's observance of MED Week, during the Bicentennial of the Constitution, challenges society to reflect on the debt every business man and woman

owes to the fundamental principles of freedom and justice guaranteed by this great charter.

More than 400 are expected to attend the luncheon including many local and state dignitaries.

For reservations, call NEDCO at (702) 384-3293. Tables seating eight are available for groups planning to attend the event. No-host cocktails begin at 11:30 a.m. with luncheon served at 12 noon.

Business Women Sponsor Trip

The Las Vegas Gamblers Chapter of American Business Women's Assoc. will sponsor a trip to the Los Angeles Garment District on September 26.

\$30.00 payment reserves your seat. All proceeds will go to the Gamblers Chapter Scholarship Fund.

For more information call 451-5113 or 645-2948.

ABWA is a non-profit organization.

NEVADA DAY CELEBRATION PLANNED

Our state's one hundred twenty-third birthday will be celebrated here in Clark County on Saturday, October 31 with a huge parade at the Cashman Complex at 10:00 A.M., immediately followed by a delicious western barbecue.

In addition to a parade and a barbecue, there will be all-day music for dancing, entertainment, a climb-a-thon, waterfights among the Clark County firefighters and many more activities in honor of our state's birthday. All proceeds will go to University Medical Center.

The event is being sponsored by the University Medical Center Foundation Board. For further information, please call 383-6022.

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Ward 3 meetings will be held at these locations:

September 29, 1987
7:30 P.M.
Doolittle Recreation Center
Lake Mead and "J" Street

October 1, 1987
7:30 P.M.
Reed Whipple Cultural Center
821 Las Vegas Blvd. N.

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WARD 4 - Tues., Oct. 6 - Ruth Fyfe Elementary School
WARD 1 - Tues., Oct. 20 - John S. Park Elementary School

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