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(Continued from Page 13) is the sleeping giant in the Black community-the elephant in the room that no one wants to discuss out in the open. It could galvanize Blacks who are tired of such disrespect.

The question, of course, is how many?

Jackson is also relevant in at least one other way. From the start neither the Black nor the White political establishment supported him. But despite this rejection, he was able, relatively easily, to satisfy the federal matching fund requirement to become an official candidate. The former aide to Martin Luther King had built, in nearly 20 years of work, a national network of associates. They were the clergy who had been associated with King's Southern Christian Leadership Confer-

(Continued from Page 13) tians have the organizational ability and the focus to build such avant-garde structures?"

Without some internal changes and outside help, it seems unlikely. From a statistical and vi-

sual standpoint, Haiti is in need, dire need.

Statistically, about 60 percent of Haiti's work force is unemployed, only about 45 percent of Haiti's population has access to health care, 16 percent of rural residents and 44 percent of urban residents have access to potable water, 45 percent of the population is literate, only 67 percent of children aged 6-12 have access to school, and the average per capita income is a measly \$300 per year.

That is a dismal set of statistics however you look at it.

About 40 HSP members took a bus ride to La Citadelle and Sans Souci; since those sites are prime tourist attractions for Haiti, most likely we traveled some of the best roads in that section of Haitisome Black top, some plain dirt and a lot of rough gravel.

All along the way, Haitians were roadside to see us (their American kin) whiz by with a van of armed guards between each of the four buses. In towns, shacks in all stages of construction are cheek by jowl on each side of the road.

A resident told us that some take up to five years to complete their shack. The builder builds what he can when he can. That's playing the hand that was dealt him as best as he can.

In the towns as well as the countryside, the roadside served as a dump for cars and other unwanted goods. However, at no cost to the govern-

whom Jackson had helped to become wealthy with Operation Breadbasket, the economic program he carried out under SCLC in the late 1960s and early 1970s. He also had associates from his early days as the head of Operation PUSH, his civil rights organization. In short, he had a substantial independent base that he utilized to support his campaign.

The committee will have no easy task, since it must resolve the issue-at least to its own satisfaction-of whether Sharpton has a national base from which to run. It will not do to simply get on the ballot in a requisite number of states because Lenora Fulani obtained ballot status, but polled poorly when matched against the very substantial showing by Jackson.

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ence and the businessmen So to begin with, Sharpton has a "Jackson problem" in that Jackson has set the bar so high in terms of his performance that Sharpton must either match up or risk having been evaluated as a failure-seeing this high-risk strategy blow up in his face.

> Right now there is much discussion of whether Sharpton simply wants to use the Jackson route to attain national prominence or whether he sincerely wants to foster new political opportunities for the Black community. I have always thought that this choice between personal ambition and high goals was a false choice, since they can be contained within the same strategy. Both will drive Sharpton, should he choose to run, and ego will feed principle and vice versa, as they are doing right now.

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the front of our charitable

giving line. They need ev-

erything. I was even told some

classrooms have to pass their

only pencil around student

by student.

ment, a maximum of recycling occurs because, at that economic level, one man's trash is another man's find.

From my bus window observations, Haiti has two assets that are vastly under utilized: a large group of under and unemployed, willing workers and underutilized, arable land.

Sugar cane is a glut on the market and utilizes most of the arable land.

Organic produce crops for the U.S. market could replace sugar cane. A year-round growing season, a nearby airport and a ton of willing workers could all be utilized to make Haiti's produce market in this country equivalent to Chile's.

That may come about, but not soon. Meanwhile, our Haitian kin (their African forbearers were dropped there,



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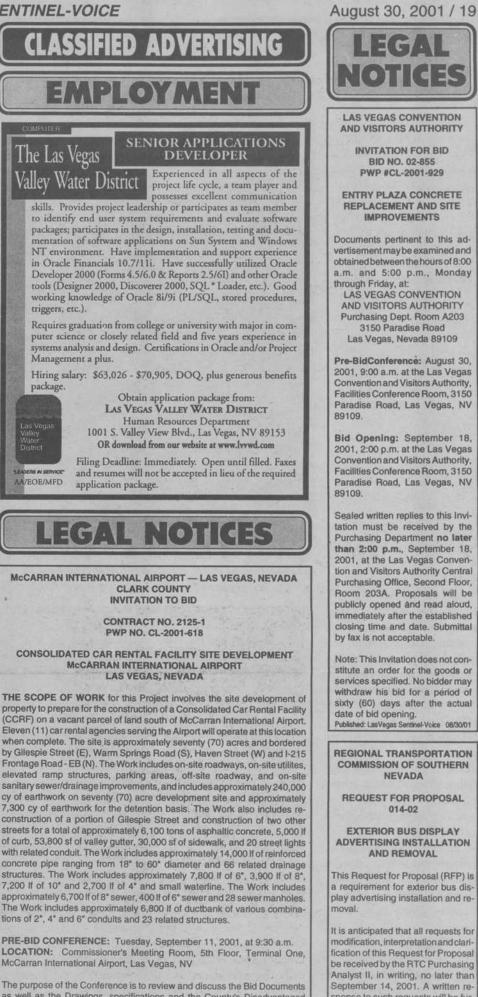
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The Engineer's Estimate for this work is between \$9,000,000.00 and \$10,000,000.00.

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