

City Gaming Backers Set Casino Tour

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VENTNOR — Two members of the ACTION Committee for Legalized Gaming will embark today on a fact-finding tour of European casinos and gaming resorts, it was announced following a meeting here Wednesday night.

Gary Malamut, vice chairman of the committee, and Maxwell (Sonny) Goldberg, assistant executive secretary - treasurer, will pay their own expenses on the investigative tour.

Meyer I. (Mike) Segal, committee chairman, said during the meeting at his home that Malamut and Goldberg will cable reports of their study from various European locations.

Another highlight of the meeting was the appointment of Mrs. Mildred Fox as chairman of the committee's women's division and Rudolph C. Westmoreland as co-counsel. Martin L. Blatt was previously announced as the committee's other counsel.

Mrs. Fox formerly headed the women's division of the Chamber of Commerce, which in 1958 attempted to bring legalized gaming to the resort.

Segal said the ACTION Committee is currently seeking permanent headquarters in Atlantic City. From this office, Segal said, the committee will conduct its efforts to initiate a statewide educational campaign and fund drive, which they hope will ultimately lead to the establishment of strictly-controlled casinos in Atlantic City.

The fund drive — with a target of \$2 million — is necessary

for both the educational program and an intensified public relations campaign through the state, Segal said.

He said that since last Thursday's meeting, attended by invited area officials and businessmen, several substantial contributions have already been turned over to Andrew Cella, secretary - treasurer of the committee.

An advertisement in today's Press thanks area residents for their overwhelming response to a poll conducted through an ad in the newspaper two weeks ago and will request funds from residents who favor legalized gaming here.

Voice of the People

Foe of Gambling

To The Editor:

Question: Which would be best for Atlantic City — a four-year college or controlled gambling?

A four-year college could benefit hotels, motels, restaurants, stores, movies, Boardwalk establishments, transportation facilities, churches and such organizations as the "Y" or Jewish Community Center.

It would help provide some local jobs, give local young people a chance to get a reasonably priced four-year degree, and give older people the opportunity to study for economic improvement or pleasurable use of leisure time.

We might have our aquarium with the help of a college science department.

We might have a good-size skating rink.

Our high school students would have access to an excellent library.

We could have an extended cultural environment.

We would have more popu-

lation without over-crowding our grade and high schools.

Now, what benefits would Atlantic City gain from controlled gambling? That will be your job to summarize as only you know what chances we have to obtain permission and to keep the project clean.

If you are one of the "ins" you will want gambling; if you are one of the "outs" you will not.

Certainly a four-year college and legalized gambling are not a good combination. Remember, "As you sow so shall you reap".

Do you want the best for Atlantic City as you want the best for your children?

ABSECON ISLAND
RESIDENT

Fears Underworld

To The Editor:

A tiny group of men have proposed "legal" gambling for this city, for the supposed purpose of stimulating year-round business, but in reality for exactly the opposite reason: to keep Atlantic City from re-opening the seaport, rebuilding the railroads, and bringing in true industry, such as boatbuilding and shipbuilding and aircraft manufacture, and thus to retain an underpaid work force forever in this town.

And the funny part of it is these men think they're really going to get away with it, with bringing in underworld muscle from Las Vegas and Philadelphia and Miami.

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