

## Jackson Resigns SCLC Post

CHICAGO, Dec. 11 (UPI)—  
The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson  
today resigned from the  
Southern Christian Leader-  
ship Conference, in which he  
had been national director of  
Operation Breadbasket, its  
economic arm.

His resignation, announced  
here, was in the form of a tele-  
gram to Dr. Ralph Abernathy,  
SCLC president, and Dr. J. E.  
Lowery, chairman of the  
board. Jackson signed it "the  
country preacher, Jesse  
Lewis Jackson."

After a conference here last  
week, SCLC leaders relieved  
Jackson of duty for 60 days  
while they started an investi-  
gation into the incorporation  
of "Black Expo," an exhibit  
which grossed \$450,000 by its  
display of industrial products,  
business services and arts in  
the black community.

In suspending Jackson, Ab-  
ernathy at the time empha-  
sized that Jackson was not ac-  
cused of any fiscal irresponsi-  
bility, but that SCLC objected  
to his incorporating Black  
Expo without consulting the  
executive committee.

In his telegram of resigna-  
tion, Jackson said that he had  
served "with deep humility  
and great pride" since his ap-  
pointment in 1966 by the then  
president, the late Dr. Martin  
Luther King Jr.

It was not immediately clear  
what Jackson's future relation-  
ship to SCLC at large would  
be.