

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 resig-
nation, 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.