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There is no more miserable human being
than one in whom nothing is habitual but
indecision.
—William James

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CHILLY COED — Fayetteville State University senior coed, Dottie King, flashes a pretty smile as the mercury dipped below the freezing mark on campus recently. Dottie, a native of Lumberton is a biology major completing her studies at FSU the first semester and hopes to teach on the high school level. (FSU photo by J. B. Henderson).

DEATH PENALTY SUNDAY

The Durham Ministerial Alliance voted Monday, Jan. 3 to endorse Death Penalty Sunday, Jan. 9. On that day ministers throughout North Carolina are being asked to mediate on the religious communities' opposition to capital punishment. Rev. Z. D. Harris, President of the Ministerial Alliance, who has long been on record as an opponent of the death penalty voiced support of the concept of Death Penalty Sunday. He notes that this is an issue of particular importance for his congregation as it is for member congregations of the Durham Ministerial Alliance.

North Carolinians Against the Death Penalty headed by William Geimer, Fayetteville attorney, are spearheading this particular effort. The endorsement of the Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina has been acquired. This group is urging the participation of as many religious communities as possible.

Harriot Quin, Co-convenor of the N. C. Coalition Against the Death Penalty who is assisting with the local effort, points out that this coming Sunday is a particularly appropriate time for a religious witness to opposition to re-instating the Death Penalty. The 1977 General Assembly will convene January 12. Already N. C. legislators have been at work drafting a new Death Penalty law with the assistance of Attorney General Rufus Edmiston's office. Opponents of the new proposed Capital Punishment law need to speak out now as well as contact their legislators. The Durham Ministerial Alliance is working with the many groups which have fought so hard to abolish capital punishment.



PLANTATION POW-POW — Cabinet members and cabinet level advisors arrive at the Musgrove Plantation in Georgia for their meeting with President-elect Jimmy Carter. Leading the group are (L to R) Bob Bergland, Agriculture; Andrew Young, UN Ambassador; Patricia Harris, HUD and Griffin Bell, Attorney General. (UPI).

CLEMENTS--BLACKS TO WATCH SUB-CABINET APPOINTMENTS

(CCNS) — A. J. Howard Clements, III, an official of the North Carolina Caucus of Black Democrats said last week that Lauch Faircloth, N. C. Commerce Secretary designate apparently has not been told by Governor-elect Hunt that all state departments including the Commerce Department, are to be equitably staffed by blacks, whites and Native Americans. Clements said blacks across the state will carefully watch sub-cabinet appointments to be made in early January.

Faircloth was asked shortly following his appointment by Hunt, if he would appoint any blacks to the ten positions declared by Governor-elect Hunt to be policy making positions in the Commerce Department. Faircloth responded, "well, I'm not sure." During the preceding week of December 22 Hunt requested the resignation of

ten bureaucrats within the Department as policy making and thus exempt from coverage of the state personnel act. None of those ten policy makers was black. Within the nine departments of state government and the 169 top policy making positions, only two departments had black policy makers, those of which numbered only three.

Clements will hold Hunt accountable for the hiring of blacks in Commerce and other departments. "There have been no specific agreements by Governor-elect Hunt to appoint blacks to specific positions in specific departments, except for the rhetoric that blacks, whites, and Indians would be hired equitably in all areas of government."

Faircloth said at his announcement ceremonies that he and his wife gave \$6,000 to the Hunt campaign (\$3,000 each), the maximum allowed by law.

Faircloth, a wealthy Clinton businessman and former Chairman of the Highway Commission was designated according to Hunt because of his "business experience." Hunt continued saying, "His (Faircloth) is a Horatio Alger success story. He grew up on a farm in Sampson County and has literally built his business from scratch. He knows what it takes to make a business grow."

Hunt expects Faircloth to spend much of his time industry hunting if two of his proposals to change the structure of the department are accepted by the legislature. The proposal is to remove the Department of Natural and Economic Resources (NER) the Division of Economic Development to the Commerce Department and to create a labor resources board.

Industry hunting, according to Hunt's proposal, and industrial development are to be overlooked by a board of economic development composed mainly of financial and business people. Hunt says that taking the economic development section from NER would improve the economy.

Hunt reiterated his promise to bring top paying industries to North Carolina. When questioned as to what the Commerce Department would do to encourage industries moving into the state to pay North Carolina workers wages comparable to those paid similar workers in other states, Hunt replied "you can't tell them what to pay. What we are after are industries which use a sufficiently qualified labor force with the kind of skills that require that kind of pay." Continuing, Hunt said, "In many cases when we bring them in we'll have to train

people, we'll have to upgrade the skills of workers in that . . . you can't expect them to come from Michigan or wherever it is to North Carolina to pay the same wage for labor that can't do as good a job. We've got to get those skills up so that they can do just as good or better job." Asked about the type of advertisement that would be used to recruit industry and then asked whether North Carolina's "right to work" law and the number of strike-free days would advertise under his administrations as during previous ones, Hunt said, "We have a right to work law in this state. I believe in it. There is nothing wrong with saying that's our law. That's our situation in this state, but we should not imply used to recruit industry and that we're not going to pay our workers fairly."

BITS AND PIECES

NEW YORK — History Quiz: Which is the oldest college which had as its original purpose higher education for Blacks? "Lincoln University in Pennsylvania was founded as Ashmun Institute in 1954 by Presbyterians, near Oxford, Pennsylvania. In 1866, it was renamed Lincoln University." Source: Black Culture Quiz, published by the Sperry & Hutchinson Co., 330 Madison Avenue, NYC 10017.

Two former homicide detectives in Harlem have been named deputy chief investigators to conduct the House investigations into the slayings of President John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King. They are Clifford A. Fenton, 49 and Edward M. Evans, 45.

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of its independence, Lesotho, formerly Basutoland has issued four new stamps, featuring symbolic designs of its celebrations and progress. Lesotho, with a population of over one million, is entirely surrounded by the Republic of South Africa.

The Manpower Development Training, sponsored by the NYC Board of Education is marking its 15th Anniversary in 1977 with a two-day citywide job fair, "Careers 77," on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 27-28 at the Norman Thomas High School, 111 East 33rd Street. Object of the program is to get jobs for unemployed and underemployed adults and youth. The program has a reservoir of highly trained adults ready for employment.

Basil Paterson of NYC has officially resigned as Vice Chairman of the Democratic National Committee. He was highest ranking Black on any committee.

Among the House candidates without major party opposition in 1976, many of whom enjoyed substantial surpluses 20 days after the election were Rep. Parren Mitchell (D., Md.) who raised \$50,000 spend \$41,000 and had a surplus of \$8,900; and Rep. Charles B. Rangel (D., NY) who raised \$52,000, spent \$41,300, and had a surplus of \$11,000.

Solomon Watson 4th, a Howard U. and Harvard Law School grad has been appointed assistant secretary of the New York Times Company. Watson, 32, joined The Times two years ago from the Boston Law firm of Bingham, Dana & Gould.

Blacks, Hispanic persons and other members of minority groups climbed to a record 19.1 per cent share of New York State's government jobs as of mid-1975, according to a report released by the State Department of Civil Service. This was a rise from 14.4 per cent in the department's first annual ethnic survey of 1967.

A U. S. Census Bureau study reports that the 11 million Americans of Spanish-speaking origin are worse off economically than whites but better off than Blacks. The study showed that unemployment among Hispanic Americans in March registered 11.5 per cent compared with 6.8 per cent for whites and about 13 per cent for Blacks.

Richard Clarke, head of the Richard Clarke Associates, a 19 year old NYC firm that is the nation's largest recruiter of black management-level personnel, says his business is "running about 50 per cent ahead of just a year ago" and this "goes good for professional black job seekers. There is a shortage now, he says, for accountants, staff lawyers, salesmen, personnel experts, engineers and scientists."

Gloster B. Current Blasts Carter For Defending Griffin Bell's Private Club Membership

NEW YORK — NAACP Administrator Gloster B. Current sharply criticized President-elect Carter for his defense of Griffin Bell's membership in private clubs. Carter had defended his Attorney-General-elect during an interview on the ABC-TV "Good

Morning America" program. The text of Current's statement follows: "President-elect Carter's statement . . . that criticism of Attorney-General designate's membership in private clubs that exclude blacks and Jews is based on his Southern back-

ground fails to deal with the basic problem confronting Judge Bell.

"That problem is the propriety of a person remaining in those clubs while serving as a federal judge. Compounding that problem was the failure of Judge Bell, while a member of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, to step aside when the case of a Biscayne Bay private club reached that court.

"The issue in that case was whether to uphold or reverse a decision of a lower federal judge, outlawing the religious and racial restrictive membership policy of the club because of a lease between the

City of Miami and the Yacht Club.

"Judge Bell, while a member of several clubs that excluded people for racial and religious reasons, participated in the decision to override the lower court decision.

"This appears to be instance of clear conflict of interest. It has nothing to do with the fact that Judge Bell is from the South or that President-elect Carter is from the South. The overwhelming vote that Governor Carter received from black people in all parts of the nation should demonstrate that regional bias is not a factor in their reaction to the Bell appointment."

Blacks Complain About Not Getting Enough Inaugural Invitations

HENDERSON (CCNS) — "The Inaugural Committee requests the honor of your presence and participation in the inauguration of Jimmy Carter as President of the United States of America and Walter Mondale as Vice President of the United States of America on Thursday the Twentieth of January, One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Seventy-Seven in the City of Washington." The preceding is an invitation to a select group of more than 300,000 invitees from Jimmy Carter's Inaugural Committee. That invitation invites the receiver to the inaugural parade and to the swearing in ceremony.

VIP's received an additional invitation to the "Inaugural Party" to be held Thursday evening following the ceremonies. Not really an invitation, but an application, the receiver is entitled to attend one of the four parties with payment of \$25 per ticket up to two tickets. For \$15 each the invitee is entitled to an Inaugural Book.

The inaugural parties will be attended by fewer than 50 blacks from North Carolina unless the current quota for the state's blacks is increased by the inaugural staff. Several key black supporters, organizers, and contributors that had expected to attend will not. Typical of the Carter supporters that haven't been invited is Henderson physician Dr. J. P. Greene who received a letter from Carter's staff in early December indicating that he would receive tickets to the parties. Greene, and Leo

Hadden, Chairman of the Second Congressional Black Caucus helped to deliver a solid black support for Carter in the November election. Hadden was one of the earlier politicians in the state to support Carter. Neither politician has received an invitation.

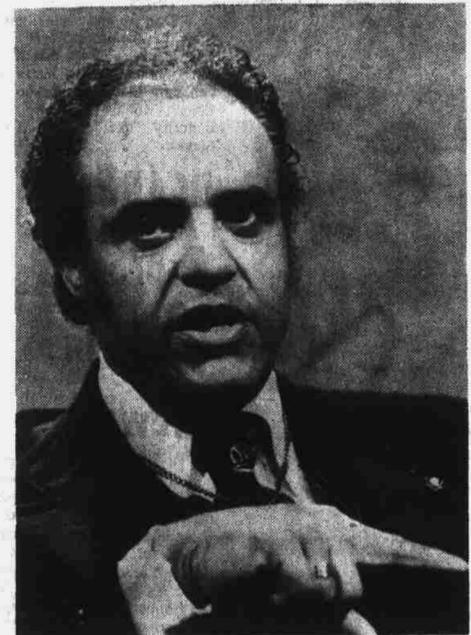
Greene said that after several inquiries in late December he received a letter informing him that "if you haven't received invitation before December 31st come on to Washington and get them here." Greene has problems with those instructions. The letter, according to him gave no information concerning

where to go and the process of getting the invitations once in the nation's capital.

Green said that he and Hadden have been in constant contact with John Baker and Harold Webb, coordinators for Carter in black communities across the state. "They are trying to work something out," Greene said.

E. V. Wilkins, black mayor of Roper, hasn't received an invitation to the inaugural party either. He, too, contends that he was informed that his name was sent by Webb and Baker to the Carter headquarters. Wilkins, mayor of the largest

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COMMON OCCURRENCE — Clubs which exclude blacks, women or Jews and perpetuate racism are so common in America that Jimmy Carter probably had a hard time finding cabinet nominees who don't participate, Benjamin Hooks executive director-designate of the NAACP said on ABC's "Issues and Answers" on December 26. (UPI).

Sen. Hart Remembered For Rights Activities

NEW YORK — The NAACP this week extended its "very deep sympathy" to the widow of Sen. Philip Hart of Michigan who died on December 26 of a heart attack. The NAACP telegram to Mrs. Hart at Mackinac Island was sent by Mrs. Margaret Bush Wilson, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Dr. W. Montague Cobb, President, and Roy Wilkins, Executive Director.

In their telegram, they said: "We of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People extend our very deep sympathy to you in the death of your beloved and distinguished husband. Philip

Hart was a key protagonist in our campaign to secure the enactment of meaningful civil rights legislation by the Congress for nearly two decades.

"He was a man of integrity, whose leadership in the Senate was recognized and acknowledged by opponents and supporters and across the party lines as well. His was a highly productive and successful life, and he was fortunate enough to see many of his goals achieved. He was above all a humanist, guided by his commitment to the highest ethical standards. Philip Hart was our friend. We join you in mourning his loss."

Dr. Martin L. King, Sr. To Speak At Inaugural

By Capitol News Service

Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr., will assist the Rev. Bruce Edwards of the Plains Baptist Church, in an early morning prayer service at the Lincoln Memorial Inauguration Day, Jan. 20.

The inter-denominational service will take place on the east steps of the memorial where Dr. King's son so eloquently gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech in 1963.

"It is expected to be the most memorable event in a long series of free social, religious, cultural and recreational activities," said Bardyl Tirana, co-chairperson of the

1977 Presidential Inaugural Committee. The committee, also co-chaired by Vicki Rogers is coordinating the five-day inaugural festival, which lasts from Tuesday, Jan. 18 to Saturday, Jan. 22.

The service, being arranged by Lisa Sergio, will have representatives from every faith, and a combined choir under the guidance of Norman Scribner, Director of the Washington Choral Society.

"Never before will so many people have such a chance to take part in the inauguration of a president," said Tirana. "This will be a true people's inaugural, the kind Governor Carter wants."