

# PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER'S TEAM STILL SEEKS BLACKS FOR TOP JOBS

WASHINGTON — Now that President-elect Jimmy Carter's cabinet and key advisors have been chosen, the Carter-Mondale headquarters is turning its attention to selecting less publicized decision makers in sub-cabinet and top agency positions in the new administration.

Att'y Patricia Harris has been named Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Rep. Andrew Young (D-Ga.) has been appointed Ambassador to the United Nations, just as top black advisors in the Carter campaign predicted several weeks ago.

"We don't want black leaders to be recycled. We want new people who play key roles as decision makers," declared former Georgia State Rep. Ben

Brown who served as Carter's deputy campaign manager throughout his two year drive for the presidency. Brown emphasized that 3,000 applications from blacks are being screened for top level jobs in government agencies, departments and the White House.

Key black supporters of Carter and Vice-President-Elect Walter Mondale are assuming leadership roles in the transition and inaugural plans for the victorious team. Housed on the fifth floor of the Health, Education and Welfare Department building near Capitol Hill, Brown's staff includes aides Ernest Withers of Memphis, Bunky Clark of Atlanta, Jim Lowe of Detroit, Joji Konoshima, and Ester G. Kee of New York, Louise Lee of Detroit, and Gerald Holder of New York.

Dr. Andrew Chisholm of South Carolina, who played a major role in the campaign as director of minority affairs, holds a similar slot with the transition staff. Other aides include Lawrence Bailey, influential role as assistant to Hamilton Jordan, Carter's campaign director. These two will see that "campaign and political considerations are involved in selecting candidates for various positions," in the Carter Administration.

Other members of the transition task force include Daniel P. Henson II, Baltimore, Treasury and Commerce; Dr. C. Vernon Gray of Morgan State College, regulatory agencies; Harold Sye, D.C., SBA and OMBE; Dr. Paul Vance, Baltimore, education panel; and Dr. Haskel Ward, New York, interna-

tional affairs and Defense.

New staffers joining the early campaign on the transition team include Gwen Hemphill, Carol Payne, Larry Washington and George Miller of Washington; Larry Gibson of Baltimore and Valerie Pinson, Congressional liaison. Sam Tucker who handled black press liaison for the campaign, and Ofield Dukes, press aide to former Vice President Hubert Humphrey, are serving as press consultants to the Carter-Mondale minority staff.

Early staff competition between the Carter team and the Congressional Black Caucus and Democratic National Committee aides has been resolved, with Brown and the pre-election supporters in full control, insiders report.

Among key blacks working with the inaugural staff

are Mrs. Pinky Rutledge and Rita Samuels of Atlanta, Erwin Webb and Martin Mitchell of Washington and Marie Brooker of Chicago. Mrs. Rutledge is handling VIP participation and Ms. Brooker is handling all housing arrangements for the inaugu-

ral committee. Chester Carter and Julian Nichols are handling all housing arrangements for the inaugural committee. Carter is former chief of protocol for the U. S. State Department in the Kennedy-Johnson administration.

Transition team members are reportedly calling possible appointees throughout the nation in a vigorous recruitment of minority applicants. Brown is reportedly shuttling to several cities to check out political appointees. Staffers denied reports

that the majority of slots will be filled by Atlantans or Georgians.

All resumes of interested persons are being sent to the Carter-Mondale Headquarters, Transition Staff, P. O. Box 2600, Washington, D.C. 20013.

## North Carolina Receives Additional Federal Day Care Funds

RALEIGH—A number of counties across North Carolina will share in an extra \$5,074,000 in Federal Title XX day care services funds under Public Law 94-401. This money represents 100 per cent grants not requiring any local match.

Secretary Phillip J. Kirk, Jr., has allocated some of the funds and, in consultation with staff, is reviewing applications from a number of counties.

The Secretary has approved \$117,601 for United Cerebral Palsy to enable four of its centers to remain open and fully operative. The centers are located in Raleigh, Charlotte, Greenville and Wilmington and, prior to this allocation, were faced with

closure because of a shortage of operating money.

Additionally, \$534,824 was approved for the Division of Mental Health Services to provide day care facilities for mentally retarded children outside of state institutions.

Secretary Kirk noted that most of the five million dollar grant will primarily go for new and expanded day care services, particularly in counties which have no certified day care programs at the present time. Nineteen North Carolina counties are in vital need of such funds and they are located mostly in the east. In addition to these, Secretary Kirk and staff are now reviewing requests for grants

from county departments of social services. Twenty-eight counties have submitted requests thus far.

It is expected that grants will include staffing funds to enable day care facilities to employ competent Aid for Dependent Children (AFDC) recipients as child care facility staff. Also the Federal grants may warrant a small increase in consulting staff based mainly in DHR regional offices.

Secretary Kirk has this comment about the importance of this Federal grant. "This is 100 per cent money up and above the regular Title XX allocation for North Carolina, and it represents money that will fill a very

particular and important need in many North Carolina communities. I would also like to specifically thank North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms and the staff in Washington of the North Carolina Office of Inter-governmental Relations for their tremendous support and efforts in securing the release of this urgently needed day care grant."

Kirk did note that while the \$5,074,000 day care grant represents a one-time appropriation, he is hopeful and expects Congress to continue to approve additional day care funds, perhaps as regular Title XX grants next year based on a 75 per cent 25 per cent matching basis.

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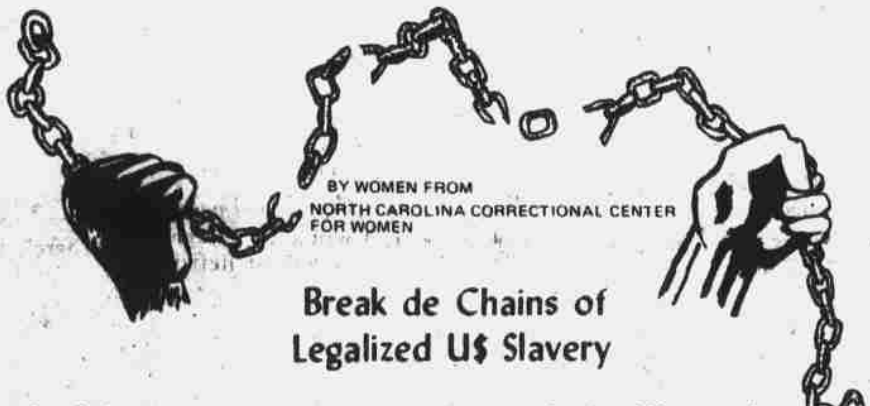


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