

Black America's Business Is Not Pathetic

BY CHARLES E. BELLE

About the only question put to me more than "which way is up" is where can I find a list of black American businesses. At least part of the second question is answered. All you have to do is call Norman Hodges, chairman of the National Association of Black Manufacturers (NABM). By no means is his list of membership limitless, but it is a fair start.

Mr. Hodges hangs his hat at 1625 I St., NW, Washington, DC 20006 and takes telephone calls at 202/785-5133 for minority memberships or procurement orders from majority manufacturers. Putting business in black American plants is Mr. Hodges' profession.

Many military procurement officers are finding Aaron Donerson, special projects officer, NABM, donning a job for them locating the interested NABM member for their contracts. An estimated \$2,220,000 of opportunity is out there for Aaron's special projects alone.

This does not count the contracts Donerson expects to dig up from the 4-R Act of the National Railroad program. Actually, just since NABM's annual convention, member firms have made off with another \$3.5 million in contract awards, according to their forty-year-old president, Eugene Baker.

The present membership ranges from Andrews Reproductions to the \$61 million in sales Motown Productions and includes Wallace and Wallace, sellers of retail oil. Any black American owned manufacturer can join the seven year old organization which is restricted to 50% owned ethnic minority firms.

Eugene Baker, president for the past three years is focusing NABM's attention on the legislative and political initiatives needed to promote minority business development. Jerry Davis, chairman of the membership drive, deems NABM to be the only trade association

that deals with the problems of minority enterprise, with major emphasis on the implementation of the 8(a) set aside program that is administered by the Small Business Administration (SBA).

Indeed, NABM has even obtained funds for itself through the office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE), U.S. Department of Commerce. The cost to join NABM is a one time \$100 initiation fee for firms with sales of less than \$100,000 per annum and a fixed \$250 per year dues for all corporations.

Telling black Americans where the trade is is what NABM is talking about. To hear a better story, call one of their regional representatives, like Eugene Roundtree, Hingham, Mass., 617/749-7100; Jerry Davis, Washington, DC, 202/785-3445; Benjamin Jones, New York, 212/799-6400; Roy Terry, Roanoke, Alabama, 205/863-2171; Robert Renfro, Detroit, 313/491-9100.

Larry Johnson, Dallas, 214/651-1312; James Roath, Kansas City, 913/342-9393; Ella Lane, Los Angeles, 213/750-8059; Betty Briggs, Oakland, Calif., 415/646-0364; Herbert Sawyer, San Jose, Calif., 408/292-2130 or Jerry Jones, Chicago, 312/374-3000 for membership and contract opportunities that become available directly or indirectly through NABM action.

The senate recently approved a U.S. budget for \$487.5 billion. Black America is estimated to earn some \$80 billion a year. American Telephone and Telegraph company earned \$1.42 billion in one quarter.

Back in 1900, there were fewer than 4,000 black skilled craft union members and almost no black owned manufacturing companies. NABM members are making a way for the next century of economic growth of black America.

NEWS OF N. C. CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

DR. MARVIN DUNCAN represented North Carolina Central University at the November 2 meeting of the All-University Committee on Faculty Welfare in Chapel Hill. The committee, part of the University of North Carolina system, discussed legislation passed during the second session of the 1977 General Assembly of North Carolina, an increase in disability income benefits in the state retirement plan, other recommendations for changes in the retirement plan, and a progress report on state studies of tax shelter for the retirement plan and of changes in Social Security payments.

PARTICIPANTS IN NCCU'S MBS PROGRAM heard a seminar on genetic chemistry presented by Dr. Linda L. Spremulli, department of chemistry UNC-Chapel Hill, Wednesday, October 25, in the Hubbard Chemistry Building. The federally-funded Minority Biomedical Support Program is directed by Dr. W. H. Pattillo, Jr.

MEMBERS OF THE VISITING COMMITTEE of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools which will conduct an accreditation study of North Carolina Central University November 15 to 18 are as follows:

Dr. Nebraska Mays, associate vice president for academic affairs, the University of Tennessee System (serving as chairman); Dr. Mack H. Jones, chairman, department of political science, Atlanta University.

Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, associate dean, school of social work, the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Dr. Ila C. Martin, assistant dean Virginia Commonwealth University; Dr. Jeffrey M. Jacques, associate professor of sociology, Florida A & M University.

Ms Sharon Beard, deputy commissioner, Board of Regents, State of Louisiana; Dr. William C. Brown, director Institute for Higher Educational Opportunity, Southern Regional Education Board; Dr. Leonard L. Haynes, III, director, Desegregation Policy Studies Unit, Institute for Services to Education.

Dr. Theodore F. Childs, chairman, division of Allied health professions, Tuskegee Institute; Leon Kerry, vice president for fiscal affairs, Norfolk State College; Dr. Zelma A. Payne, director of nutrition program, Spelman College.

Dr. Harold Bishop, special assistant to the president, the University of Alabama; Dr. Alvin I. Thomas, president, Prairie View A & M University; Dr. Robert Satcher, director, Educational Planning and Institutional Research, Hampton Institute.

Dr. Joseph Jones, dean of the graduate school, Texas Southern University; Dr. Guy Craft, librarian, Albany State College; Dr. Otis A. Thomas, assistant dean, school of business and public administration, Howard University.

Dr. Ozias Pearson, director, Student Services Institute, United Board of College Development; Dr. Lonnie C. Crosby, assistant dean for administration and director, institutional research and planning, Jackson State University.

Dr. Lamore J. Carter, vice president for academic affairs, Grambling State University; Dr. Raymond M. Haas, vice president for administration, West Virginia University; Dr. Robert S. Hufstetler, chairman, division of natural science and mathematics, Virginia Wesleyan College; Dr. Otis King, dean, school of law, Texas Southern University; Dr. Joffre T. Whisenont, associate executive secretary, Commission on Colleges, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

PAID INTERNSHIPS ARE available for North Carolina Central University graduate and undergraduate psychology students in a number of state and private agencies, according to Dr. Les Brinson, chairman of the NCCU psychology department. Among the agencies which offer the internship opportunities are the Roanoke-Chowan Mental Health Clinic, Ahoskie; O'Berry Center, Goldsboro; Caswell Center, Kinston; Beaufort County Mental Health Center, Washington; and the North Carolina Division of Youth Services. The department will offer course credit for the internships, with the permission of the NCCU Graduate School of graduate students and through the department's Community Psychology program supported by the federal Advanced Institutional Development Program grant.

GUEST LECTURERS scheduled during the 1978-79 academic year by the North Carolina Central University School of Library Science are as follows:

Arlene Taylor Dowell, "The Challenge of Professional Writing," 10 a.m., November 15, Room 331, James E. Shepard Library.

Daniel Williams, "Identifying and Preserving Archival Materials in Black History and Culture," 2 p.m., November 29, room 331, James E. Shepard Library.

Vivian Hewitt, "Current Trends in Special Librarianship," 2 p.m., December 6, Room 331, James E. Shepard Library.

Sharon Bell Mathis, "The Effects of Books and Reading on Children," 2 p.m., January 31, Room 331, James E. Shepard Library.

Anne Adams, "The 'Success in Beginning Reading and Writing Program' and Libraries," 10 a.m., February 14, Room 331, James E. Shepard Library.

Harry Johnson, "Effective Non-print Media Programs in Academic Libraries," 2 p.m., February 28, Room 331, James E. Shepard Library.

Vergie Cox, "Censorship and the Selection Process," 10 a.m., April 11, Room 331, James E. Shepard Library.

NEW CHAIRMEN have been elected by committees of the North Carolina Central University Faculty Senate. They are Dr. A. Soldi, physics, chairman of the Academic Policies Committee; Edward Ramsey, home economics, chairman of the Faculty Personnel Committee; Dr. Leslie Brinson, psychology, chairman of the Committee on Governance; Mrs. Mercedes Thompson, art, chairman of the Faculty Grievance Committee; Mrs. Miriam Ricks, library science, chairman of the Faculty Tenure and Status Committee; and Jess J. Bowe, criminal justice, chairman of the Committee on Honorary Degrees and Memorials.

Committees which were scheduled to report at the October 27 meeting of the Faculty Senate were Faculty-Trustee Relations (Dr. Arthrell Sanders) Governance, and Academic Policies. Dr. Eugene Eaves of NCCU's delegation to the UNC Faculty Assembly was to report on the actions of that body. Reports of the Committees on Academic Policies and Governance have been distributed with minutes of the September meeting.

NCCU RECEIVED \$82,663 in Federal grants during the month of September, according to reports filed by Dr. Cecil L. Patterson vice chancellor for academic affairs, with the University of North Carolina General Administration.

The proposal titles, directors, and awards are as follows: "Pre- and Post-baccalaureate Fellowships (Title II-B Library Training Fellowships), Dr. Annette Phinazee and Dr. Benjamin Speller, an additional grant of \$6,600 from the U.S. Office of Education, September 8.

"Federal Grant Funds to Purchase Eligible Library Materials under Title II-B of Higher Education Act, 1965," Miss Pennie Perry, a grant of \$3,906 from the U.S. Office of Libraries and Learning Resources, September 11.

"Demonstration Project: Law School Clinical Experience Program" Ronald W. Belfon, a grant of \$40,190 from the Bureau of Higher and Continuing Education of the U.S. Office of Education, September 1.

"Allied Health Professions Special Program," Dr. Walter H. Pattillo, a grant of \$31,967 from the U.S. Bureau of Health Manpower, September 26.

The university also received notification from state and U.S. agencies in September of the rejection of three proposals totaling \$37,500.

BLACK HISTORY WEEK will be February 11-17, 1979, at North Carolina Central University. Dr. Sylvia M. Jacobs, coordinator of the program for the NCCU department of history, has asked NCCU faculty members to join in planning of the activities and programs for the week. "We would like the observance of Black History Week to be a university-wide supported event," Dr. Jacobs said. She asked that activity suggestions be sent to her by November 17.

CONG. STOKES

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causes of crime. Several expert criminologists responded to Stokes' address, with Duke University's Dr. Martin Golding questioning a contention of Stokes and several other

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speakers, that pre-trial detention was a form of punishment. Without taking a position on the question, Golding said "what we have is an engineering problem where we have protection of society on the one side and protection of prisoners on the other side."

The question was raised about pre-trial detention and whether it is punishment, of course, it is," commented Attorney Irving Joyner, the Director of the Criminal Justice Program of the Commission For Racial Justice of the United Church of Christ.

Joyner declared that the criminal justice system is big business. Mace, guns, pistols and other armaments uniforms, badges and other police equipment are sold for untold millions. "Now, if you got rid of crime, you would get rid of them," Joyner continued. He also urged an examination of bail bonds prac-

tices. "They are getting rich. If you liberalize the bail laws, they would be like us - in poverty."

Durham Representative George Miller said that the N. C. Legislature is working on the problems and that some legislation may be expected the next term.

Making bond more freely available, freeing accused criminals from jail by promising to appear in court, and by allowing some credit of time jailed when the convicted is incarcerated.

On fixed sentences for crimes, a measure that failed in the last legislature, Miller predicted if introduced, the measure would pass, but questioned whether the bill passed might be more punitive than present statutes. He said the mood of society and the legislature is toward longer sentences for defendants.

Asserting that a majority of people are not violent criminals, another speaker,

Jeff Campbell, representing Ex-Convicts Organization of Charlotte, advocated wider use of low bail and no bail.

In Charlotte, Campbell said the pre-trial release program "keeps the person in the community where his problems can be dealt with." Having defendants show up in court is no more a problem for defendants that are released without bail than it is for defendants released with bail, said Campbell.

Several humanists from around the state met for two days in small groups discussing the problems raised by the speakers and suggesting alternatives. Some of the speakers were North Carolina Central University professor, Dr. Charles Slappy, Duke professor, Ms. Deborah Mailman, Dr. Alan Sparer of North Carolina State University and Ms. Elsie Scott of St. Augustine's College.

Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR), the program's sponsor, is a national organization with offices in Wilmington, Fayetteville, Greensboro, and Asheville. The primary objective of the organization is to bring volunteers into jails to influence the lives of inmates. Some programs include release on recognition, third party custody, halfway houses, community service, and victim assistance. State Director of OAR is Ms. Pauline Frazier.

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Rankin Security Service Corporation has been awarded several government contracts, totaling over \$250,000. It has been announced by Ms. Sandy Fox in the Operations Division. Awarded in October, the new contracts will be for a period of one year, with renewal options.

Contracts range from \$30,000 to \$50,000 in dollar amount per year, and are located in the following states: Michigan, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Texas, Virginia, and the State of Washington. Government agencies awarding contracts, include the Federal Aviation Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Public Health Service, Atlantic Marine Center, and the Defense Mapping Agency. Employment was provided for 35 persons.

DURHAM NATIVE APPOINTED TO COMMITTEE

Governor Hunt has appointed Frederick K. Ruffin, MSgt (Ret) to serve on the Governor's Jobs for Veterans Committee.

Ruffin was sworn in along with other members of the committee on July 15, in Greensboro. He is married to the former Patricia A. Daniel and they have three children, Deborah, Frederick Jr., and Michael. The purpose of the committee is to monitor veterans' representation and to ensure that jobs are continually sought for the veteran.



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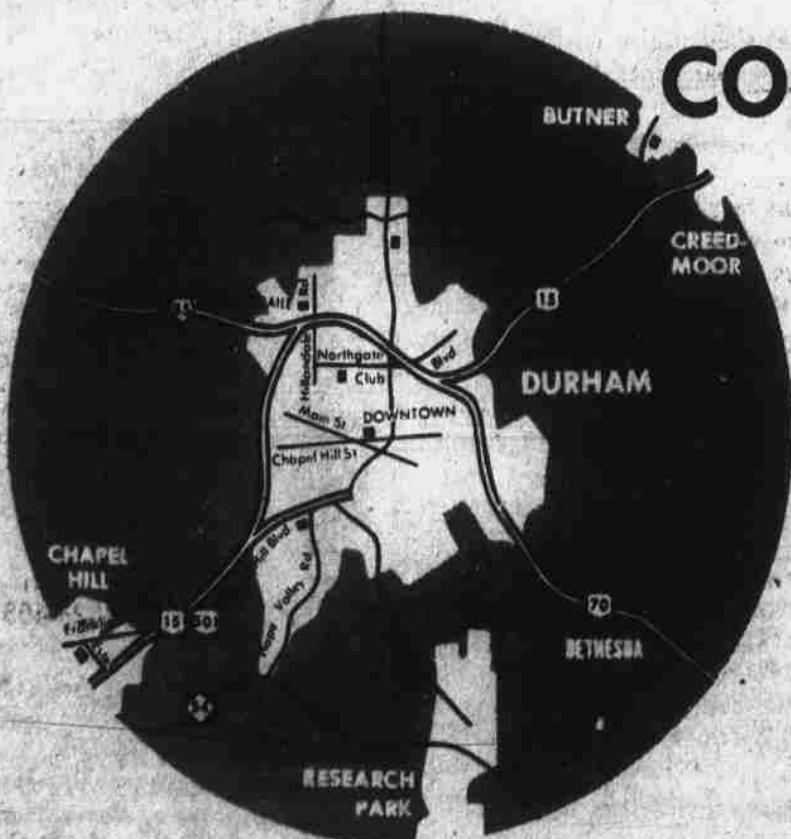
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