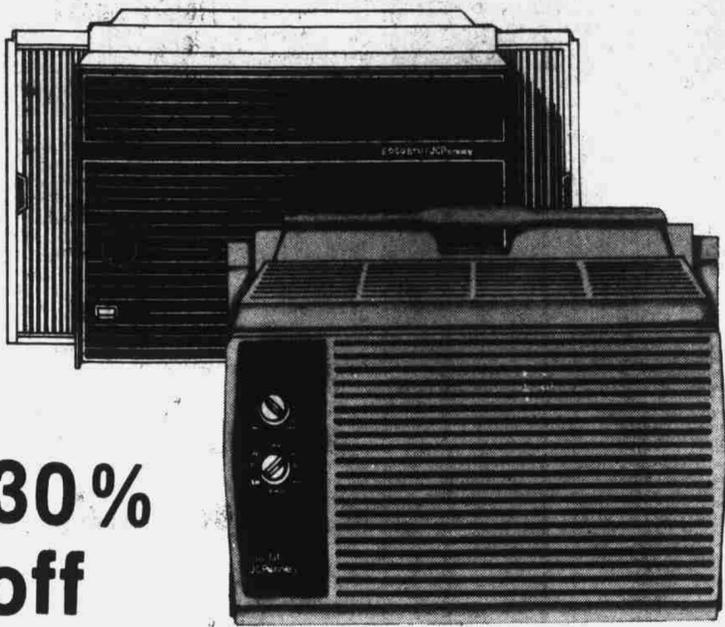
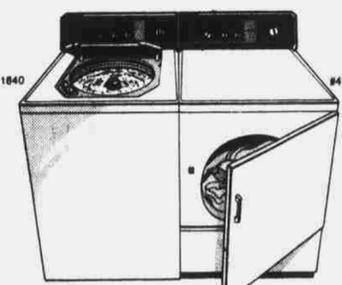


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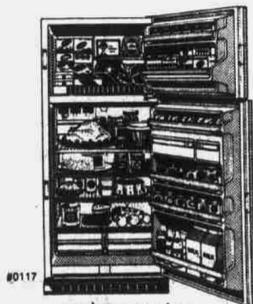


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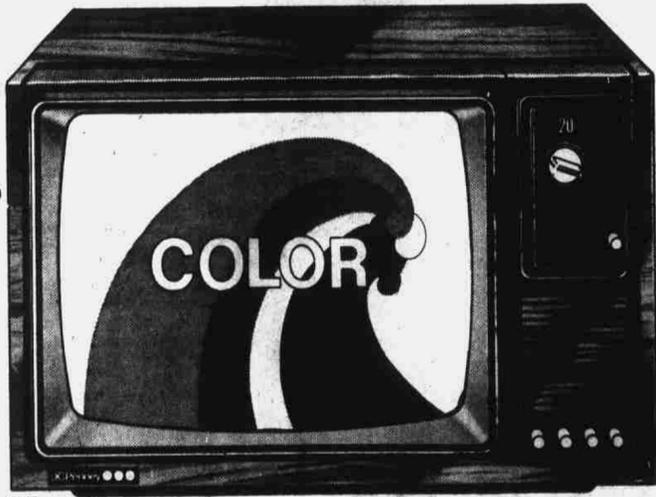


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towns than Nixon. Several new towns, begun in the early seventies under the 1970 New Communities Act, have since been determined a substantial risk, and not viable projects for further HUD participation. HUD has announced plans to acquire Soul City property.

McKissick Says He Will Fight—Not in Default
McKissick says he is not in default of his obligations and will fight the HUD decision to acquire his town. He argues that with \$4 million in loan guarantees HUD has refused to issue, this city can complete the final phase of its essential services—its sewer system. Already a regional water system, streets, a fire station, a recreation facility, and approximately 33 homes have been developed.

Far behind on its projected growth, attraction of industry, development of residential property, and commercial establishments, HUD Secretary Patricia Harris appointed a Task Force in February to come up with means to continue the town as a new community.

Co-Chaired by former candidate for mayor of Washington, D.C., Sterling Tucker, the Task Force recommended acquisition of Soul City. The Task Force relied upon data gathered and analyzed by AVCO, a California based consultant.

AVCO projected that by year's end (1979) Soul City would not have enough funds to continue its obligations on its loans. The consultant projected Soul City's cash flow at the end of the year at \$229,000.

McKissick doesn't deny the consultant's projections, but he notes they are based on spending trends which could be altered.

"We don't necessarily agree with what is being said," responded McKissick to his projected insolvency. "That depends upon how you budget the existing funds that you have got. We are not ready to say exactly what amount that we have got because we have not made a complete financial analysis of what we will do, or what we will spend, or what we will have."

Racial Overtones Charged
HUD officials claim that Soul City's problems are derived from lack of sales of industrial, commercial and residential property. The town has an insufficient workforce to draw from to attract industrial development, reported AVCO. Without industrial and commercial development, there is no market for residential housing at the project, AVCO concluded. The name "Soul City" has a negative connotation for the prospective white resident, and unfavorable publicity would scare prospective blacks, AVCO reported.

McKissick charges that Soul City is not being treated in the same manner as the other HUD supported new towns. Soul City is the only HUD new town with a black developer.

"All the other new towns that they have closed down and most of the others, when they look at some figures and some guys brings in a report saying it is not viable, HUD has issued them new bonds and let them have additional guarantees," said McKissick.

HUD spokesman Bill wise denies McKissick's charges saying other new towns were acquired in the same way McKissick's Soul City is facing.

National Campaign to Save Soul City Developing
Aside from the dispute over the alleged discrimination against Soul City, McKissick is organizing a broad based campaign to save his dream. Black politicians and civil rights organizations, according to the developer, are being lined up to fight his cause.

One group of black democratic party patronage deals, the N.C. Black Political Caucus, has endorsed a massive campaign in Soul City's behalf. Caucus chairman,

Clarence Lightner, charged that Soul City is being harmed by misinformation. Most of the information consumed by North Carolinians on the state of affairs of Soul City originates from the News and Observer, a Raleigh based, white owned publication.

"The main thing brought out in our meeting today is that there are so many facts going around that are incorrect," said Lightner after a recent Caucus meeting. Lightner continued announcing plans to distribute a Soul City fact sheet hoping "that the media will cooperate with us as a caucus and straighten these statements out. We think that more harm is done by misinformation than anything else."

Ms. Paulette Robinson, Caucus media liaison, said recently the campaign to keep Soul City in McKissick's hands is going to be a test of the group's political strength. If the failure of the state's newspapers to publish the Caucus' support for Soul City can be viewed as part of the test, McKissick may be left wanting.

The Caucus and many other groups McKissick is wooing are democrats. Many are closely tied to the established patronage machines, decreasing the likelihood of many of them openly challenging their established cohorts in politics.

National groups mentioned by McKissick to help in his drive include the Congressional Black Caucus, Operation Push, the NAACP, and the Urban League.

Church groups are also rallying to the Soul City cause. One interracial, inter-denominational group of churchmen announced recently a half million dollar investment into the only industry located at Soul City, the bankrupt Welmetco. A low wage paying industry, the company makes duffel bags for the military.

Soul City — A 1980 Election Issue

For the time being, most of the groups have focused their attention to HUD. Unless HUD reconsiders its planned foreclosure on Soul City, and unless HUD insures the requested \$4 million in loan guarantees, McKissick says Soul City's plight could become an election issue.

Asked if he could be expected to support democratic candidates including President Carter and North Carolina Governor James Hunt, McKissick replied evasively, "I am a political animal, always have been, I don't believe you can separate politics from economics...I suspect this matter would evolve into a political issue. I think that it has political and racial overtones."

The state's two top elected officials, U.S. Senators Jesse Helms (Republican) and Robert Morgan (Democrat) have fought Soul City in Congress. Helms, a reactionary, recently engineered Senate approval of a resolution calling for no more federal funds to Soul City. Two Government Accounting Office audits had failed that purpose. The GAO reported the funds were being spent correctly.

McKissick Licensed To Preach

As McKissick prepares to fight, he will be assuming a new role. He is soon to become a licensed preacher. Dr. Grady Davis, McKissick's pastor, confirmed reports this week that Durham's Union Baptist Church has voted to license McKissick. The licensing will take place the latter part of July or in early August, Davis said.

Considerable Resistance To Mass Campaign

While there are many blacks who believe McKissick's town is failing because the developer is black, and was formerly a civil rights activist, many of those same blacks say McKissick won't get the support of the poor blacks.

Mrs. Christine Strudwick, a Durham activist for years and a private duty nurse, doesn't support McKissick. Soul City is geared for McKissick and

Helm's Amendment Passes House

WASHINGTON — The Senate adopted an amendment offered by Senator Jesse Helms Friday, July 13 to terminate HUD support for Soul City, North Carolina, a HUD New Community.

In offering the amendment, Helms said, "The passage of my amendment finally puts the U.S. Senate on record in opposition to the Soul City 'bondoggle.' Adoption of my amendment also means that Floyd McKissick, who has vowed he will fight HUD's move to reacquire the Soul City property, will be unable to challenge HUD's decision to terminate the project. I realize, however, the need for some degree of flexibility in HUD's winding up of this project. For this reason, I have modified my amendment so as to leave open the possibility of continued federal funding of certain worthwhile projects that are of particular benefit to adjacent communities."

The specific projects Helms termed of substantial benefit to the surrounding area include the Warren County sewage treatment plant and the Warren County water line presently under construction. "I believe the government has a commitment to continue these regional projects even though Soul City will not be a viable community within the region," Helms said.

Helms expressed his willingness to assist HUD personally or through his staff in expediting the termination of the Soul City project.

In addition, Helms an-

nounced Friday that he has written Mrs. Patricia Harris, Secretary of HUD, expressing three concerns with the HUD plan to reacquire the property through negotiation with the Soul City Company.

First, Helms asked HUD to define the liability of each of the corporations and individuals involved in the project. "In either a negotiated reacquisition or a foreclosure, all liabilities — corporate and personal — must be established to assure that the interests of the federal government are protected. No individual or corporation should be permitted to reap a profit or benefit in the final settlement of Soul City affairs," Helms said.

Helms also urged HUD to move quickly in the termination of the project. "If this settlement is to have merit, it must be accomplished quickly. If a settlement is not forthcoming, the foreclosure option should be instituted immediately, both to avoid large expenditures for the continued operation of this 'bondoggle' and to clearly finalize the mandate of the HUD resolution to 'protect the security and other interests of the U.S.'"

Additionally, Helms requested that none of the present Soul City management be involved in the final disposition of the Soul City community. He asked that HUD personnel or appointed receivers manage the project and dispose of the property in carrying out the HUD mandate to terminate the project.

United Front Meets at Snow Hill Bapt. Church

This past week the United Front, a newly organized community organization with representatives from over forty churches in Warren County, met at Snow Hill Baptist Church. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Reverend Luther Brown, who also introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Attorney Floyd B. McKissick, Sr., Developer of the Soul City Project. Mr. McKissick discussed the current status of Soul City's negotiations with HUD and the possible outcome of the meetings. He pledged to continue development of Soul City with or without governmental participation. Mr. McKissick blamed HUD for many of the delays which had occurred during development and accused Senator Helms and Morgan and Congressman Fountain of being politically motivated in their attacks on the project. He said it was unfortunate that these representatives felt that they should be cutting of the funds to their own state and district and that Soul City had been successful in attracting more business investments in this area than had our representatives.

The United Front recently passed a Resolution in support of the continued development of Soul City under the management of Floyd B. McKissick, Sr.

Following Mr. McKissick, Sr.'s address, Mr. Floyd B. McKissick, Jr., Chairman of the Warren County Democratic Party, spoke on the importance of the upcoming

his friends, she contends.

Her son, Lynn, applied for a job at Soul City in '78, she said. Mrs. Strudwick stated that McKissick's wife, told her that the young man was "over educated". Mrs. McKissick could not be reached, but McKissick's son, Floyd Jr., also a Soul City official, said he didn't believe his mother or anyone else at Soul City would make such a comment.

school bond election and emphasized the need to improve the quality of education in the public schools in Warren County. He mentioned that improved education was our community's most important weapon to put our children in a more competitive position in today's job market as well as in institutions of higher learning. It was also felt that a new county-wide high school would be a modern facility capable of attracting better qualified teachers to Warren County and would be capable of offering more programs for students.

A report was made by Attorney T.T. Clayton on the organization's fund raising and membership campaign.

The next meeting for the United Front will be held on August 7, at 8 p.m. at the Norlina Baptist Church. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.



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