

Rebuilding Hayti's Black Business District

(Continued From Front) Such promises were made (by the city) prior to the 1962 bond referendum and later by the Redevelopment Commission.

White in a letter to Del Castillo.

Their [HDC's] statement [about the relocatees] is more positive and appropriate than ours," Del Castillo said at the meeting.

The city manager pointed out, however, that the city's plan does provide for the Durham Business and Professional Chain to enter a contract with the city, determining the viability of the businesses and assisting in their relocation.

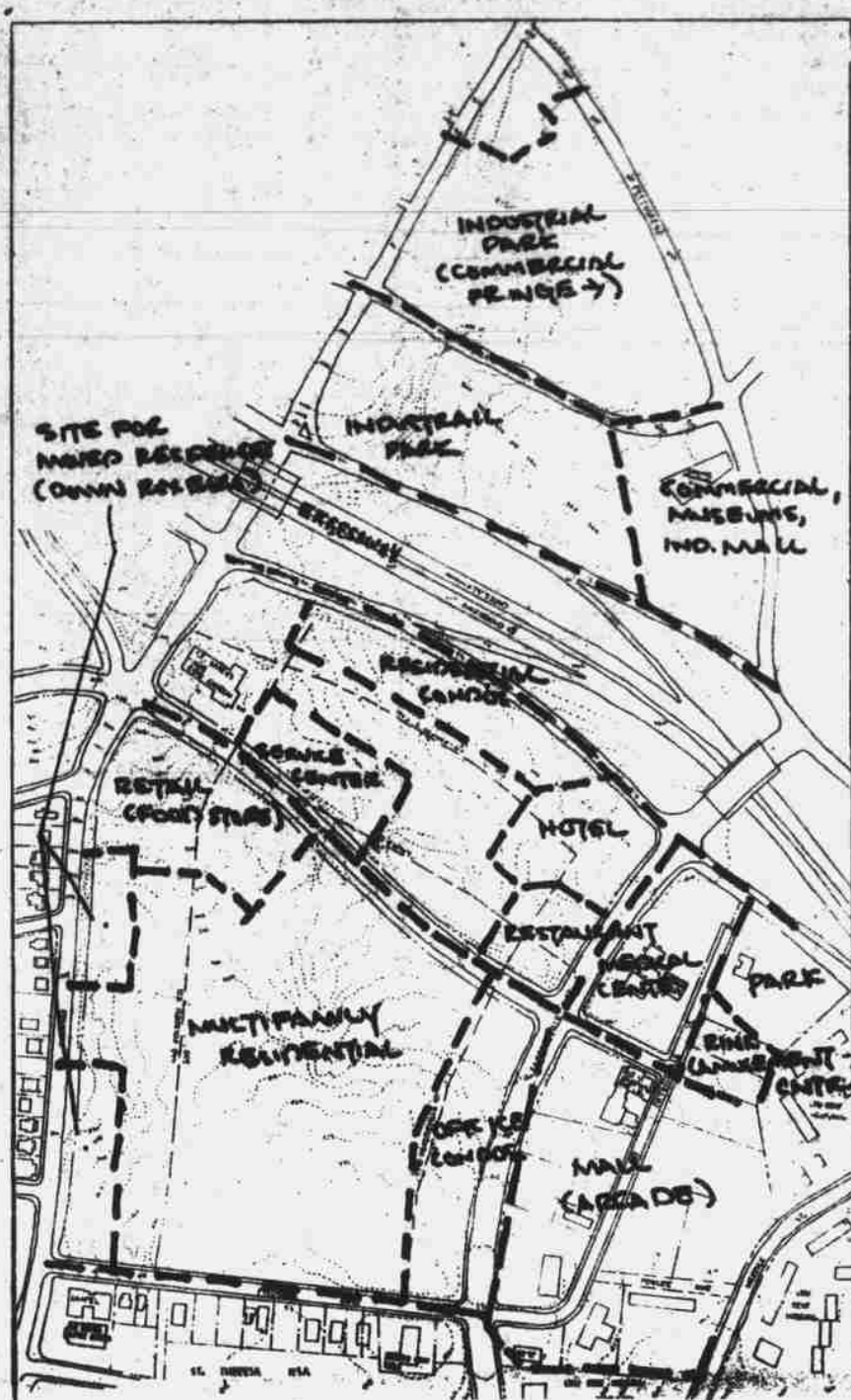
White said the contract's wording should be strengthened to insure the eight businesses remain viable and benefit directly from the redevelopment process.

White and Paul Norby, the city's planning department director, also noted that completion of the expressway would enhance the redevelopment process by luring developers to the area. They both

pointed out, however, that the process should move forward regardless of the expressway completion.

White and Norby agreed to work toward a unified plan for council approval.

Both said talks with potential developers have been successful.



HAYTI (NCR-54) DEVELOPMENT PLAN AS PREPARED BY HAYTI DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



HAYTI (NCR-54) DEVELOPMENT PLAN AS PREPARED BY CITY OF DURHAM PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Chicago '81

Left to right, Dr. E.V. Hill, Rev. Jesse Jackson and Rev. Haman Cross, Jr., listen to closing comments of "Chicago '81" session. Earlier in the evening both Hill and Jackson had addressed the conference of black young adults.

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(Continued From Front) result of elected officials should be hailed so that more blacks would think it advantageous to register and vote.

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"Chicago '81" Ends In Success

CHICAGO — Leaders of a national Christian conference for black young adults which recently concluded believe that the near-term impact of the event will be increased numbers of black Americans involved in evangelistic outreach to black America and the world.

Longer range, the "Chicago '81" organizers hope that the conference will help spark "spiritual awakening in black America that will shake the foundations of the world," according to national coordinator, Crawford Loritts.

"And," Loritts told a closing session of the five-day event, "I'm believing God for that!"

Some 1,500 persons, most of them in their twenties, registered for the Dec. 27-31 conference at Chicago's Marriott Hotel. The group had come from 35 states and the Bahamas. Two speakers had flown to Chicago from Africa.

About half of the conferees were laymen, while about half had come from a wide range of college campuses including Morehouse and Spelman colleges, Cornell, Ohio State, UCLA, Harvard, Princeton, the University of Southern California, and numerous others.

The gathering was sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ, an interdenominational missions organization whose approximately 14,500 full-time and associate staff serve in 150 countries and protectorates worldwide.

Helping stimulate spiritual awakening in the black community nationwide was the primary goal of "Chicago '81," but another major goal was attracting more black adults into full-time Christian work, either through Campus Crusade for Christ itself or through other avenues of service.

Commitment to concrete action in the wake of the gathering was stressed strongly throughout the meeting, which featured addresses by nationally known Los Angeles pastor Dr. E.V. Hill, Campus Crusade founder-president Bill Bright, the Rev. Haman Cross, Jr., of Detroit's Philadelphia's Christian Stronghold Baptist Church.

Seminar leaders touched on a variety of topics including "Black Women in Ministry," "Responsibilities of the Black Pastor," "Holistic Ministry to the Poor" and "Growth in the Black Church Through Discipleship."

Casual in style but serious in content, "Chicago '81" was characterized by unusually high attendance in meetings, seminars and workshops. During an afternoon of witnessing, there was virtually complete participation despite bitter cold temperatures in the city.

The conference was formally titled "A Critical Moment in Black America" and great emphasis was given to the importance of seizing the moment now to decidedly influence

America's black community.

Said Dr. E.V. Hill to conferees, "You can do it!" Noting some of the urgent problems unique to blacks, Hill told his audience, "I consider you at that point in history where you can make a decision and that decision can make a difference."

In his keynote addresses, the Rev. Haman Cross stressed how God has historically used small groups of people fully committed to Him to accomplish seemingly impossible tasks.

As an example, Cross cited the Old Testament account from the Book of Nehemiah when the walls of the city of Jerusalem were rebuilt despite many obstacles. Cross urged listeners to be willing to pioneer in outreach efforts designed to strengthen and build both church and community.

In a ringing address frequently punctuated by applause, Hill described what he called a slide in U.S. black culture that he said had begun with a turning away by the black community from its rich Christian heritage.

Hill called for a "strategy of deliverance" starting with a strong personal commitment to Christ, implemented through participation in "warm, Spirit-filled churches."

Dr. Bill Bright talked about the worldwide needs on the area of fulfillment of the Great Commission, an emphasis highlighted by participation in "Chicago '81" of African Campus

Crusade leaders from Kenya and South Africa.

As the conference moved toward its conclusion, the leaders laid increasing emphasis on the need for concrete follow-through.

Loritts spoke of having prayed with a few top associates during the "Chicago '81" conference that "this would not be just a self-contained conference — that this would not be just a time in which we've heard some good motivation and made some emotional decisions, but that this would be a launching pad."

In one of the conference's final sessions, he told the conferees: "We must get to the point in our lives and walk with God where no longer do we depend on white America to evangelize black America."

No longer do we depend upon white America to raise up the troops to go to the world with the gospel. No longer do we depend upon God to raise up white people who are our brothers and sisters to do the job that God wants us to do."

He also emphasized that this broader role would call for sacrifices in many situations, and he presented specific questions concerning ways that individual conferees could implement the themes of the week.

"Chicago '81" has a follow-up committee which will work to bring together those willing to be involved in outreach with avenues for service.

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