

NCBM To Host National Summit

TUSKEGEE, ALA. — The Board of Directors of the National Conference of Black Mayors (NCBM), has invited heads of over 50 of the nation's black organizations to discuss ways 210 mayors can be supportive of their efforts at an August 27-28, national summit scheduled for Tuskegee, Alabama.

According to Mayor Johnny Ford, president of NCBM, "Our organization, which represents 210 mayors and 10 million citizens, is not interested in competing with any other national organization. Instead, we are interested in being of service and assistance to other national organizations in helping them to accomplish their goals in serving black America. If they are successful, then we are successful."

Each national organization will be asked to bring a draft resolution to the Summit that addresses ways that the mayors can use the power of their office to promote the cause of national black organizations. Resolutions will be discussed and adopted by the Board, and the entire membership of NCBM will subsequently be called on to implement the commitment of the resolutions.

Ford cites as an example: "I am sure that the National Association of CPA's will ask us to call on our 210 cities to hire black CPA firms to audit our cities; black architects should ask us to employ their architectural firms to design our buildings; black lawyers should ask us to hire black lawyers to represent our cities and black engineers to engineer our public works. The National Association of Minority Contractors should ask us to adopt a resolution calling on our 210 cities to adopt strong



Miss Mildred McLean, a senior accounting major from Fayetteville, is looking forward to the new year.

"Serving as student ambassador, going places and representing the institution as well as the students will be high on my agenda. I will especially enjoy visiting high schools and chatting with potential college students. Being able to show friendliness through warm communications has helped me grow and I want to share this experience."

affirmative action plans so that black contractors will be assured of their fair share of construction work in our cities."

These are just a few examples we hope to consider along with resolutions from the national black business community, civil rights, the churches, the black colleges, sports and

entertainment and other national organizations that have the genuine interest of black America at heart. We want to help them and it is they who can best tell us how to do that," said Ford.

Ford said that he hoped this summit would help establish a national network; that the mayors want to join forces with

the national organizations so that they can support them and they in turn can support us.

The summit will be held in Tuskegee at the nation's only black-owned Holiday Inn. For further information contact the Mayor's office in Tuskegee, Alabama at (205) 727-2180.

UDI Begins Phase II Expansion Of Industrial Park

Phase II development plans got underway at UDI Industrial Park this month. The Park was recently expanded to 91 acres of which 15 acres will be developed as an office park.

According to Ed Stewart, executive director of UDI Community Development Corporation, development plans involve the extension of sewer and water lines, paved streets and gutters, clearing and limited landscaping. When the infrastructure work is complete, UDI Industrial Park, with underground electric, gas and rail service accessibility, will be the most completely developed industrial site in the Durham-Raleigh area.

The Park, started in 1978 with the help of Federal funds, completed Phase I land improvement plans in 1979. There are currently two tenants, employing approximately 100 persons,

in the Park. Stewart said plans for a third building are being prepared with construction scheduled to start early in 1983. The building will consist of 15,000 square feet and cost approximately \$350,000. He also said that negotiations with two additional tenants should reach fruition within the next two months.

The current tenants are Northern Telecom, occupying a 33,000 square foot facility and Hydro Services, which built a 15,000 square foot building. Northern Telecom is well known in the area of telecommunications and Hydro is a manufacturer of water purification systems.

Marketing for the Industrial Park is directed to manufacturers seeking 5-10 acres to expand their operations. The major attraction is the location of the Park which is only one mile from the Research

Triangle Park, the largest planned Research Park in the country.

Stewart said that UDI Industrial Park has a five-year development plan, which, when completed, is projected to have 25 manufacturing facilities and 20 office buildings with a total value of \$24,500,000. It is estimated that approximately 1,000 jobs would be created, generating an annual income of \$10-\$12,000,000.

It is evident that the possible economic impact of the Industrial Park can be a tremendous boost for the local

economy and will play a vital role in the governor's balanced growth program for the state of North Carolina.

UDI Community Development Corporation is a community based organization with emphasis on economic development. The chairman of the board is W.P. Edwards, and active community leader. The president is William Bell, an engineer at IBM and a county commissioner. Other members of the board are community council representatives and corporate officials.

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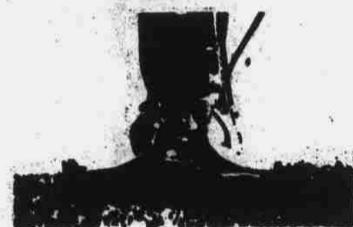
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