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## Largest SBA Contracts in Region

# Black Firms Get \$10.3 Million



Left to right are: Charles Fuller, president of Fuller Oil Company; Wiley Messick, SBA; Larnie G. Horton, Special Assistant to the Governor; Catherine Szucs, SBA; and Melvin Gilliam, Bertie Industries, Inc.

Federal government contracts totaling some \$10.3 million were awarded last week to two small, minority-owned firms in North Carolina.

The contracts were announced at a news conference at the Governor's Office by Dr. Larnie G. Horton, Special Assistant for Minority Affairs to Governor Jim Holshouser.

On hand for the contract-signing was Wiley S. Messick of Atlanta, U.S. Small Business Administration Regional Director, who said a \$10 million contract awarded to the Fuller Oil Company of Fayetteville "is the largest minority business contract ever awarded in this region by the SBA."

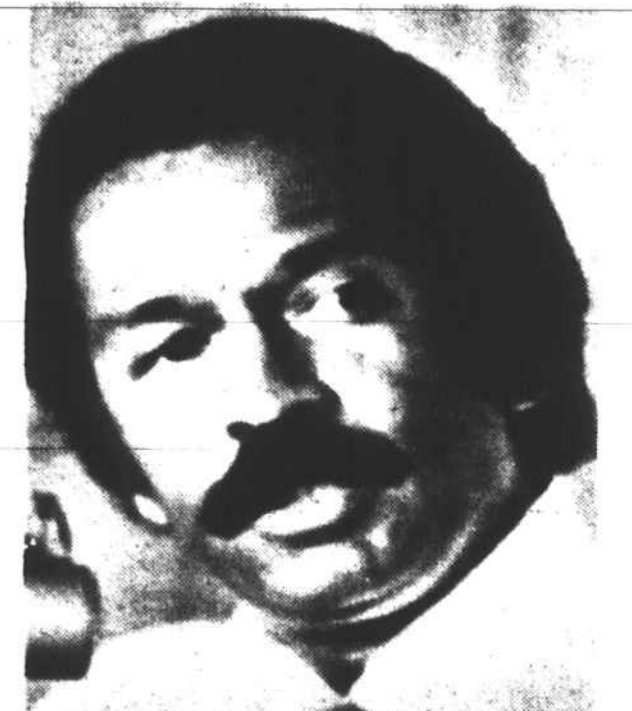
Also awarded was a \$300,000 contract to Bertie Industries, Inc., of Windsor to supply 90,000 coats for food handlers to the federal Defense Supply Agency (DSA).

"We are very proud to be a part of this historical landmark of economic development in North Carolina," Dr. Horton told the news conference. "Significantly, these contracts today indicate an ideal

working together of federal and state governments with private industry for minority economic development."

The contracts to Fuller Oil Company and Bertie Industries were awarded through Section 8(a) of the Small Business Act, under which SBA is authorized to act as prime contractor for certain types of goods and services and subcontract orders to

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Congressman Conyers

## Conyers Speaker At WSSU

Congressman John Conyers, Jr. (D-Mich.) said in a press conference here that he will nominate Congressman Ronald Dellums of California for president at the Democratic National Convention. "We need to get the country used to seeing blacks in presidential roles," Conyers said before his scheduled speech at WSSU's Annual Honors's Day Program.

Conyers said that two things need to happen in 1976. One, "we ought to nominate a president and we should be helping the community find a black candidate to run outside the Democratic and Republican Parties."

One of the founders of the Congressional Black Caucus, Conyers said that the Peace and Freedom Party will be running a black female for president though he could not

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## Ford's Food Stamp Program Would Eliminate 5 Million

by James Smith  
Staff Writer

Five million people will be cut from the food stamp rolls if Congress approves President Ford's new food stamp program.

However, a spokesman for the Department of Agriculture said the new plan would increase benefits for some five million of the poorest recipients and would draw 600,000 additional persons into the program.

Ms. Mitzie Reavis, supervisor of the Food Stamp program here, disagrees with the president's new proposal.

"According to the new proposed plan, President Ford is asking that you figure out the gross income of a person for the past 90 days as a means of figuring out how much a person must pay for the food stamps," Reavis said.

"But, suppose a person has been laid off his job. It's not fair to the individual to figure out how much he will have to pay on gross income when the individual isn't even working."

Under the present plan, Ms. Reavis stated, "if a person is

out of work and applies for food stamps, we begin figuring the amount of money the person has made during the month he/she was laid off their jobs.

Ford's new proposal would also set a standard deduction of \$100 per month per household and \$125 for household with a member over

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### Keynote Speaker at PBL Meet

by James Smith  
Staff Writer

"The welfare system is a system of enslavement which eventually will cost the federal government so much, it won't be able to handle it," charges former Chapel Hill mayor, Howard Lee.

Lee, a candidate for Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina, was in Winston-Salem this past weekend to speak at the 12th annual conference and workshop of the Professional Business Women's League of North Carolina.

In a press conference, Lee stated that the welfare system as is, almost encourages people not to work. "It's a system which offers no encouragement," he said. "It



Howard Lee

takes away their human dignity."

Using as a central theme for his campaign, "Quality over Quantity," Lee feels that