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Their faces decry the life and death struggle that black people have endured since the beginning.

Phoenix: A Monument To A Race And Creator

by Rudy Anderson **Staff Writer**

The official unvailing of the fantastic mural "Phoenix" by Glenda K. Wharten was held Sunday, October 3rd at the Dungeon Club after numerous misunderstandings and delays.

Over 300 people attended the gala celebration of black accomplishments, including representatives of the Hanes Foundations.

At the introduction of "muralist" Glenda K. Wharton, the audience gave her a well deserved standing ovation. In his introduction of her, Dungeon Club, Inc. President and owner, Rodney Sumler, gave some background in the naming of the club. He said, "It was a negative term, meaning imprisonment or confinement. We chose that term nine years ago because we wanted to symbolically point out the problems in the black community."

He called the mural a definite asset for the community at large.

Miss Wharton said, as sne stood rather shyly before the audience, that she had chosen Phoenix as the name of the mural because, "I have always treasured the beauty in the symbol of the immortal ancient Egyptian bird."

She said further, "The bird

burns itself and rises heritage, present, and the premonition of my future."

The Phoenix vividly shows these time periods, the quest of the black people's ancestral life and death cycle. "Like the Phoenix, my people rise from their ashes immortal and invincible," she said.

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full-grown from its funeral pyre, its ashes. This symbolizes more than anything in the world my vision of my

Miss Wharton missed nearly three weeks of school at Corcoran School of Art in Washington, D.C. to stay here at home to finish the masterpiece.

The cost of the work was



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Under considerable fire from blacks and both the Republican and Democratic party, former Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz resigned his cabinet post Monday.

According to Rolling Stones, Butz reportedly said that there were only three things "coloreds" wanted, "a tight p----, lose shoes, and a warm place to s---."

In a press conference, called expressly for that purpose, an uncomfortable Butz apologized for having made the offensive remarks and said that his remarks made in a private conversation' in no way reflected his true feelings" about blacks.

Black leaders here were totally outraged by Butz' statements. Richard Davis. city alderman from the North Ward, said, "It's the most derogatory thing I've ever heard of a racist nature coming from a person in such a high office." He said further, "It indicates to me more and more that there is a lot yet to be done in terms of race relations in this country."

Carl Russell, alderman of the Northeast Ward, said it was an unfortunate statement. "That may be what some



Earl Butz



Dr. Jerry Drayton ... Severe Consequences

blacks want and it may be what some whites want also, or any other ethnic group. But he included an entire race," he said. Russell said he could not understand why the President had given him such high praise when he accepted his resignation. He said, "I once welcomed Butz here as Mayor Pro Tem, but I didn't



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Dr. Patterson ...should be pitied

know how he felt about blacks at the time. What I saw was the other side of his dual personality. Now I wonder how fine a man he really is."

Rev. Jerry Drayton, pastor at New Bethel Baptist Church, said. "Our race has been made fun of for so long without any reaction from the public. I'm glad that we've

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New People's Rights Group Gets Underway

Last week, leaders of the Third Century Priorities Committee announced its plans to revitalize community solidarity and cooperation in the coming years.

and Mrs. James Ralph Scales, co-chairmen of the group, held a press conference and said for its first affair the keynote speaker would be Mrs. Coretta Scott King, wife of the slain civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Lutehr King, Jr.

Mrs. King is scheduled to speak October 10, 1976, in the Benton Convention Center at 4 p.m. Her topic will be "Now and the Coming 100 Years: The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Community."

Mre Kannady said the committee felt it would be fitting for Mrs. King to be the group's first guest. She described her as a "strong woman, an able woman, a woman who can re-imbue us with the tenants of charity,

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Co-chairwomen, Mrs. James Ralph Scales and Mrs. Annie Brown Kennedy, discuss the objectives and plans for the Third Century Committee and community.