

newsline

Michaux Hits Test '10' Case

WASHINGTON--President Carter has promised his "aggressive support" for the Humphrey-Hawkins full employment bill and a commitment to greater federal aid for historically-black colleges during recent meetings.

National Urban League president Vernon Jordan and Mrs. Coretta Scott King were among a number of Humphrey-Hawkins backers who met with the president before he began his two-week vacation.

Jordan said afterwards, "I'm satisfied that as a result of this meeting that we're going to have the aggressive support of the White House for this piece of legislation."

"I think the issue is whether the Congress is going to provide true leadership," said Jordan. Carter declined to support the bill during the 1976 campaign, but finally agreed to back it several months ago after changes were made by the bill's backers in Congress.

The Humphrey-Hawkins measure, which requires the federal government to submit to Congress a strategy for reaching four per cent unemployment, is one of the top priorities of the Congressional Black Caucus.

colleges, all members of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education.

The NAEOME members complained about the "insensitivity" of federal education officials and inequities in the distribution of federal aid to higher education.

Charles "A" Lyons, president of Fayetteville State University and NAEOME, said in a statement, "President Carter has left no doubt about his personal commitment" to black colleges.

Historically-black colleges have an enrollment of more than 200,000, about one-fourth of all black college students, but produce one-half of U.S. black college graduates.

RALEIGH—The State Department of Transportation estimates that it will cost approximately \$860,000 to clean up the 270 miles of roadside contaminated by PCB spills.

The clean-up operation, which consists of spreading charcoal over the roadsides and then scraping up the mixture of soil and charcoal, began Monday, August 21.

According to a DOT factsheet, it will take two weeks to make two applications of charcoal, with a binding substance. The charcoal is supposed to absorb the toxic chemical from the soil.

Following that first phase, the department's estimate is four more weeks to excavate all the contaminated areas.

However, this second phase will not begin until disposal sites have been identified.

Required for the clean-up are 157 tons of charcoal.

RALEIGH--Local per pupil expenditures vary up to \$467 across North Carolina, according to an analysis by the Research Department of the North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE).

The largest local per pupil expenditure is \$522.04 in the Chapel Hill-Carboro Schools and the smallest is \$54.41 in Craven County Schools, the study of raw data from the State Board of Education shows.

This is certainly not equal educational opportunity," said Lloyd Isaacs, executive secretary of NCAE. "All children ought to have the same opportunity for the best possible education no matter where they live."

The Chapel Hill local expenditure is 37.4 percent of its total per pupil expenditure. The other 62.6 per cent is state and federal funds. Other schools systems with local expenditures per pupil of more than 30 per cent are: Charlotte/Mecklenburg County, 35.0 per cent; Durham, City, 33.2 per cent; Winston-Salem/Forsyth County, 30.7 per cent; Hendersonville City, 30.5 per cent, and Greensboro City, 30.1 per cent.

Craven County's local per pupil expenditure is 4.5 per cent of its total. Other systems which spend less than 10 per cent in local funds are: St. Pauls City, 7.5 per cent; Graham County, 7.6 per cent; Avery County, 7.9 per cent; Yancey County, 8.4 per cent; Robeson County, 8.7 per cent; Halifax County, 9.0 per cent; Cherokee County, 9.2 per cent; Maxton City, 9.4 per cent; Northampton County and Fairmont City, each 9.5 per cent, and Bertie County, 9.7 per cent.

On a statewide basis, the average per pupil expenditure is divided into 66.4 per cent state funds, 13.2 per cent federal funds, and 20.4 per cent local funds.

By John W. Templeton
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H. M. "Mickey" Michaux, Middle District U.S. Attorney, took swipes at Gov. Jim Hunt's Wilmington 10 decision and the state-mandated competency test during a broadcast interview last Saturday.

Michaux, first black U.S. Attorney in a southern state, said he didn't think the Wilmington 10 trial had access to all the necessary information during an appearance on WXII's

"Report to the People."

"I take no issue with the jury finding, as a general rule; however, the jury makes up its mind based on the information given it," said Michaux.

Michaux said he has not made any recommendations to the U.S. Justice Department on entering the case, but said he had discussed it with assistant attorney general Drew S. Days of the Civil Rights Division.

The federal process, which has denied equal opportunity to students," Michaux said he would

Black People, also reiterated his opposition to competency testing. Michaux voted against the bill as a member of the General Assembly.

"The reason the (public schools) system is in the shape it's been in is because the system itself has fallen down," said Michaux. "It shouldn't be put on the shoulders of the students."

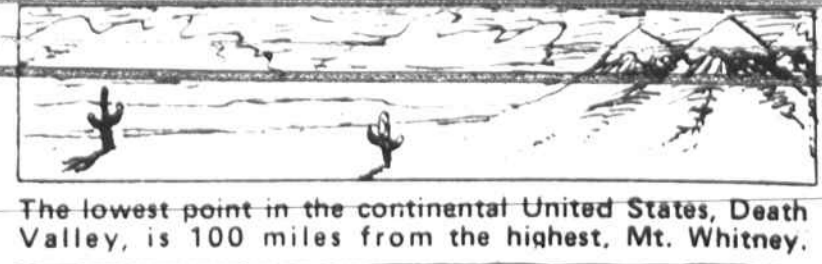
He asked, "Have we gotten rid of the vestiges of a system that has denied equal opportunity to students?" Michaux said he would

support giving a competency test to third graders now participating in the annual testing program when they reach the 11th grade.

In response to another question, Michaux said, "I do want to keep my political options open," regarding the possibility of a Michaux campaign for the 4th District Congressional seat.

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Pictured from left to right are: Vernon Jordan, President of the National Urban League; Barbara Blum, Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency; and Jack Watson, Assistant to the President for Inter-governmental Affairs, at the announcement of the federally funded \$115,000 grant to the National Urban League and several other organizations in order to sponsor a major conference on the urban environment in April, 1979.

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lize. WASPS suddenly discovered that nobody was very interested in equality: conservative whites wanted to keep the advantage with the whites, and blacks wanted shift the advantage to themselves, and NOBODY was talking brotherhood except those 60's dreamers who were beginning to feel a little strange, because it was starting to occur to them that while they didn't care for the conservatives' position, if they helped the liberals, it was like declaring war on themselves, they would always be the enemy to a side that was looking for advantages for minorities only.

When they got turned down by law schools and med schools with higher scores and grades than minority enrollees, the frustration turned into anger. They had been sold a dream of peace, love, and brotherhood that was counterfeit from the beginning. And they look around at their WASP classmates who didn't fall for it: plastic marvels in 3-piece suits working as IBM executives. So the establishment is wary of the liberals, and the minorities don't want them or need them.

Nice guys finish last. And go to court. And then the minorities say: "See? We knew they were no good."

-Sharyn Bratcher

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