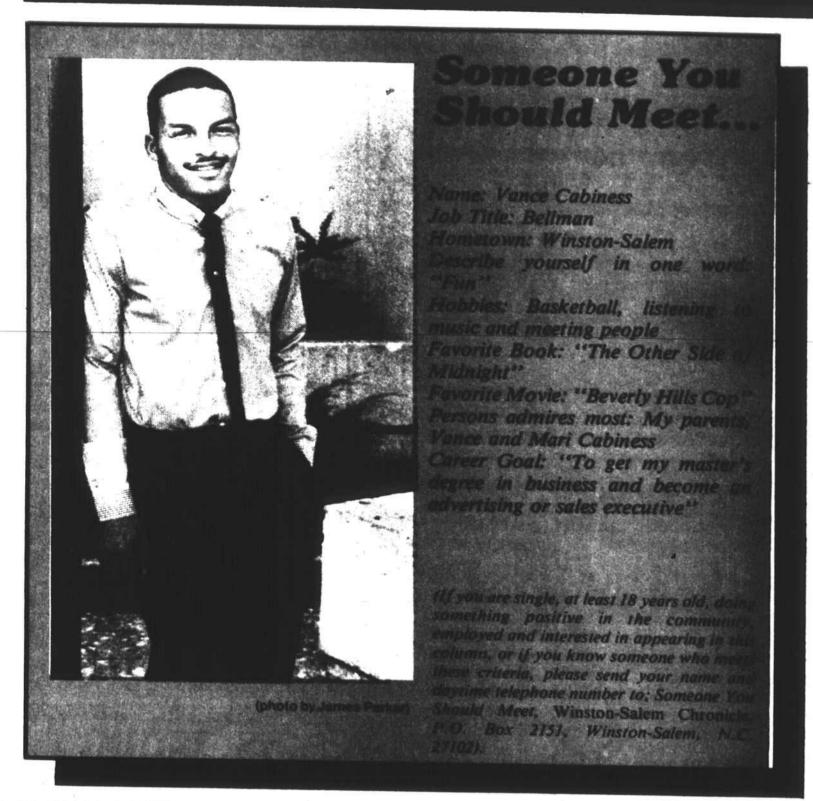
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NEWS DIGEST

P.W. Botha offers blacks some concessions

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JOHANNESBURG, South Africa -- South African President P.W. Botha offered some concessions to blacks last week but didn't grant them full voting rights. In an address made in the Cape Province city of Port Elizabeth, Botha called full voting rights for blacks a "dictatorship of the strongest black group."

Botha did suggest that blacks might be able to hold seats on the President's Council.

The 60-member President's Council advises the South African government on legislation. The council was restructured last year to include mixed-

race and Asian members.

Botha declared his commitment to a united nation that allows for black rights. He also said that any future system must protect the rights of all minorities, including whites, in South Africa.

The South African president offered no specifics in his speech to a congress of the ruling National Party, saying that details must be negotiated.

Botha said South Africa was a nation of minorities, including several within the black community. Any reforms, he said, must protect the rights of all the groups.

Botha said that the main question is how to include non-white minorities in a constitutional system built by whites over three centuries.

Reagan bans importing South African coins

WASHINGTON -- President Ronald Reagan banned the importation of Krugerrands last week. The ban, effective Oct. 11, put into place a major part of the administration's program of limited economic sanctions designed to force South Africa to change its apartheid government system.

Reagan said that he acted "in view of the continuing nature of the emergency."

The president acted in an executive order issued

as a follow-up to sanctions imposed on South Africa on Sept. 9.

The Sept. 9 executive order called for restrictions on bank loans to South Africa and exports of computers and nuclear technology.

The Krugerrand is a 1-ounce gold coin sold as international currency. South Africa has produced 40 million ounces of Krugerrands in the last 10 years; it produced 2.6 million ounces of the coins in 1984.

Black rioters battle police in Liverpool

LIVERPOOL, England -- Approximately 300 young rioters, most of them black, stoned a police station and set several cars on fire last week in the Togeteth district of Liverpool.

Liverpool is the third British city to be hit by street violence in the last month.

Police in riot gear sealed off part of Toxteth after

gangs of young men, mostly black, vandalized and burned police cars and threw rocks at the Hope Street police station, reports say.

The violence in Toxteth, London's Brixton district and the Handsworth section of Birmingham is similar to violence that occurred in the same racially mixed inner-city areas in 1981.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Aldermen question local chamber

By DAVID R. RANKIN Chronicle Staff Writer

The Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen voted 6-2 at its regular Monday night meeting to award the Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce \$30,000 to help finance bringing new business and industry to the city. The aldermen were prepared to give the chamber \$60,000, but resistance to the idea from several board members reduced the amount.

East Ward Alderman Virginia K. Newell, chairman of the finance committee, made a motion to reduce the amount, saying that the chamber has not been able to do the job it's supposed to do.

"I don't think that throwing more money into a pot that's not productive is a good idea," said Mrs. Newell.

After Newell's motion, Northwest Ward Alderman Martha S. Wood criticized the local chamber in a prepared statement that she read to the board.

"The local chamber gets well over \$500,000 of tax money," Mrs. Wood said. "Nowhere in North Carolina have I found a local chamber that gets a third of this (amount)."

After receiving more than half a million dollars,

the chamber wants more, said Wood.

"What are they doing with all that money?" asked Mrs. Wood. "What are they producing?"

The chamber gets \$459,000 from the hotel-motel tax, \$52,000 from the Convention and Visitors

Bureau and \$50,000 from the county. Only 413 new jobs came to the city last year as a result of the local chamber, said Mrs. Wood.

Southwest Ward Alderman Lynne Harpe and West Ward Alderman Robert S. Northington Jr. voted against the amended motion. Both supported granting the chamber \$60,000.

Harpe defended the chamber, saying that the money is spent on the city's behalf.

"Ten percent (of the money) is used for administration purposes (of the chamber), and the rest is used for advertising and promotion," Mrs. Harpe said.

Some of the money, said Mrs. Wood last month, should be used to fix streets and extend utilities to sites prospective industrial tenants are considering. Mrs. Harpe called Mrs. Wood's idea "bailing out the ocean with a teaspoon."

"Even after the sites are prepared, are we going to wait for a business or industry to fill it to fall from heaven?" said Mrs. Harpe. "We have to go out and sell it."

Mrs. Harpe explained that the \$459,000 the chamber gets from the hotel-motel tax is money that by law must be spent on promoting tourism, a task the chamber hasn't been hired for.

Northeast Ward Alderman Vivian H. Burke criticized City Manager Bill A. Stuart because he

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Consumer cards provide quick answers

By DAVID R. RANKIN Chronicle Staff Writer

Q: If I have a complaint or question about the postal service, how can I make sure my inquiry gets a hearing?

A: According to the Winston-Salem postmaster, Consumer Service Cards are postal customers' postage-free way to reach their postmaster with suggestions, complaints and compliments.

The postal service says that more than 4.3 million Americans have used this method since 1975.

The cards are available at every post office and from your letter carrier.

Customers keep the original copy and mail the other copies to their local postmaster. A numbered copy is kept on file to identify trends for further investigation and corrective action.

Careline Can Help

Q: How can I get information about non-profit organizations?

A: Information and referral specialists at Careline can help you find out about non-profit organizations, governmental programs and support groups. These people handle hundreds of questions like yours every day.

Careline, which is part of the N.C. Department of Human Resources, has a computerized data base

which contains information about 10,000 humanservice agencies and organizations. A person can call Careline from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday

The office has a telecommunications device for the deaf to assist callers who are hearing impaired. The number for Careline is 1-800-662-7030.

New Seat-Belt Law

Q: Can you tell me the deal about this new seat-belt law? I've heard that I can get a ticket if I don't wear my seat belt. Is this true?

A: According to information from the N.C. Insurance News Service based in Charlotte, the new seat-belt law went into effect on Oct. 1. The law says that all front-seat passengers must wear their seat belts.

Violation carries a \$25 fine, but officers can only issue a warning ticket for the first 15 months of the law's enactment.

After the 15-month grace period, drivers will be required to pay the \$25 fine for front-seat passengers younger than 16 years old who do not buckle up. Drivers and passengers older than 16 will have to pay their own fines.

If you break the seat-belt law, it will be considered an infraction, an unlawful act but not a crime, meaning that no court costs will be charged, and no insurance points will accumulate.

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