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Power concedes nothing without a struggle." — Frederick Douglass

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"Arrogance of Power" Fells Hunt

▲ Defense team awaits DNA tests, vows to appeal to Supreme Court

By DAVID L. DILLARD Chronicle Staff Writer

Supporters of Darryl Hunt say they are still not getting a fair chance to prove his innocence in his conviction of the 1984 murder of journalist Deborah B. Sykes.

Judge Metzer A. Morgan Jr. last week issued a 210-page order, after reviewing additional information and testimonies last June, stating that "there is not a reasonable probability that the defendant was wrongfully convicted. The second trial was not fatally flawed.

Defense attorney Mark Rabil

argued that prosecutors withheld information and prevented key witnesses Willis Reynolds, Al Kelly and Lisa McBride from testifying at Hunt's second trial in 1990.

Morgan concluded that neither the prosecution nor law enforcement officers prevented them from testifying and that the testimonials each offered was not newly discovered information because it was known before the second trial.

Rabil and Larry Little, a former alderman, said prosecutors would rather convict an innocent man, than

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Darryl Eugene Hunt

Aug. 10, 1984: Deborah Brotherton Sykes raped and stabbed to death ▲ June 17, 1985: Jury reaches verdict of life imprisonment against Darryl Hunt

▲ May 24, 1989: Supreme Court orders second trial for Hunt

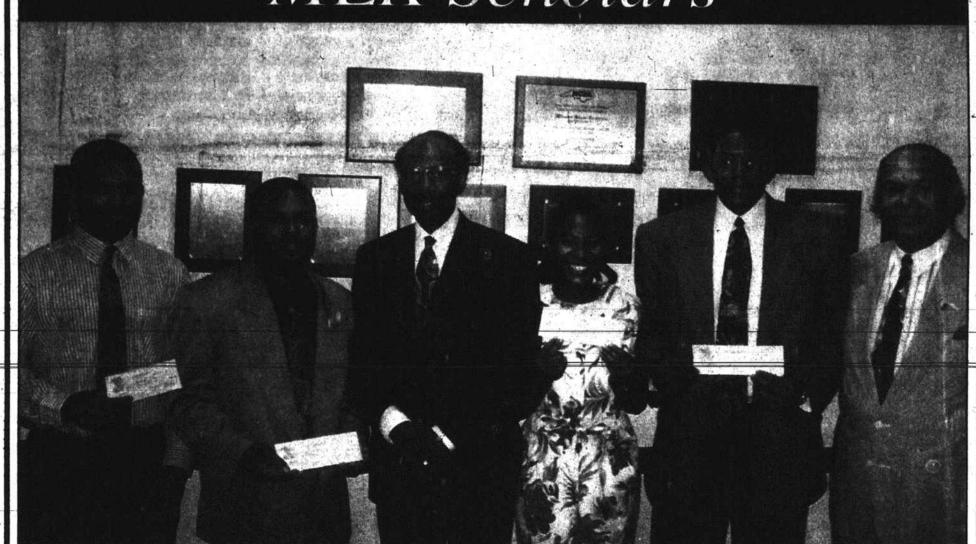
▲ Oct. 11, 1990: Catawba County jury convicts Hunt of first-degree murder April 25, 1994: Judge Metzer Morgan . . rs DNA testing of Hunt and Sykes

Aug. 12, 1994: Morgan denies request for third trial; defense appeals



Hugh B. Price is congratulated by President Clinton shortly after becoming seventh chief executive officer of the National Urban League.

MLK Scholars



Students receive MLK Scholarships from Winston-Salem Ministers Conference. Pictured (1 to r) are Clarence Hosch, Damian Anderson, the Rev. Ronald Davis, president of Ministers Conference, Michaela Rodgers, Sherman Manham and L.V. Stennis, treasurer.

Winston-Salem Ministers Conference Helps Students to Follow in Dr. King's Footsteps

By DAVID L. DILLARD Chronicle Staff Writer

Eighteen-year-old Damian Anderson wants to pattern himself after Martin Luther King Jr.

The Carver High school graduate is following closely in the footsteps of his idol by attending Morehouse College in Atlanta this fall.

a \$1,000 scholarship named after King from a group of local African-American ministers.

"I'm proud to accept a scholarship in his name because of the example he set and the type of character he demonstrated," Anderson said. "I'm going to make good use of the money

He is even more elated to go with the aid of by making good grades and giving back to the community.'

> Anderson is one of six recipients of this year's Martin Luther King Jr. Seed Scholarship offered annually by the Winston-Salem Minis-

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Urban League's CEO on Mission

▲ Price says economics, education and racial inclusion are priorities

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Hugh B. Price, the newly appointed president of the National Urban League, has narrowed the civil rights group's focus to three major issues: economic development, education and racial

"I accepted this position because I've been working with issues related to racial and economic justice for African-Americans even those in the inner cities," Price said. "Racism is still very much a factor and it's the source of much of our trouble."

Formerly, the vice president of the Rockefeller Foundation, a columnist for The New York Times and a frequent commentator on social issues, Price became the seventh president of the National Urban League on July 1, succeeding John E. Jacob as head of the nation's second-oldest civil rights organization.

Benjamin S. Ruffin, vice president for corporate affairs at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco and a member of the National Urban League's board of directors, said Price is familiar with the struggle of poor people and has done research on problems facing minorities.

"Hugh brings a great deal of experience with philanthropic organizations and he has worked with

the problems faced by urban America," Ruffin said. "It will be a challenge for him because he is not from the traditional Urban League background, but he brings a lot of other assets that will help get the message across."

Ruffin said Price's efforts to concentrate on education, employment and racial inclusion should produce results in those areas.

"Our problems are in such a myriad, we need to narrow the direction and focus on specific issues," Ruffin said. "It's been a long contention of mine for organizations to come together and make an impact on certain issues."

Price says the Urban League will be working with other national organizations, and will even consider dialogues with Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

"I don't know about working with him, but we will be in dialogue about issues that affect the African-American community," he said. "We're all trying to improve the conditions of our people, but we have different roles to play."

Price said the quality of education is hurting in inner cities and he plans to start a Youth Development Fund to empower local affiliates and hire adult counselors to work with youths.

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City Has First Black-Owned Cab Company in 20 Years

By DAVID L. DILLARD Chronicle Staff Writer

Buster Green hasn't driven a cab in years. He said it was around 1973 when he closed Camel City and Green Cab companies, the only black-owned cab companies in Winston-Salem.

"I've been doing it all my life," said Green, 87, whose memory is not as keen as it once was. "I've been in transportation as long as I can remember."

Now his proteges Clarence Johnson. James McIlwain and John W. Garrett have followed Green's footsteps, and in July they opened another black-owned cab company called Golden Eagle Taxi Service Inc. John-

son, who serves as president, said they started the company to improve the quality of transportation services throughout the city.

"I felt like there was a need for it," Johnson said. "There were so many complaints

Golden Eagle, located at 893 N. Liberty St. is also the location of J&J Professional Car Wash, which Johnson has owned for 18 years. The name Golden Eagle derived from Johnson's friend and would-be business partner

"There were so many complaints about the service people were getting, so we thought we could help with the city's transportation."

— Clarence Johnson

about the service people were getting, so we Willard Porter, who died in 1992. Porter had thought we could help with the city's transportation."

won a Golden Eagle achievement award from R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

Johnson said Golden Eagle will set a new standard for cab companies by guaranteeing their cabs will arrive in 20 minutes, plus the drivers will wear uniforms and are required to keep their cabs clean.

He said that beginning next month, the company will also offer an opportunity for blacks to buy their own cabs and become. independent drivers. Johnson credits his faith in God and Green as the ones who paved the way for him.

"We're just thankful to the Lord and to Mr. Green and the city of Winston-Salem for letting us serve their transportation needs," he

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