

# National Council of Negro Women names new leader

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Washington native Cheryl Cooper, former chief of staff at the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), has been named to the top post at the National Council of Negro Women Inc. (NCNW).

She will head the coalition of 38 national organizations founded by civil rights activist and educator Mary McLeod Bethune as NCNW looks to "strengthen" its "infrastructure."

Cooper has an extensive background in the Washington, D.C., political arena, serving as senior staff administrator and later assistant treasurer with Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) before joining AARP. She also has



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served on the African American Advisory Board of Georgetown University.

"Ms. Cooper brings to NCNW invaluable expertise

from overseeing the operations of one of the world's largest and most successful membership organizations," said Dorothy Height, chair and president emerita of NCNW. "As we look to strengthen our infrastructure and greatly expand our capacity, Ms. Cooper will play a leading role with a dynamic management team."

NCNW, founded in 1935, has 250 community-based chartered sections that reach 4 million women to meet Bethune's goal of uniting women's groups and to increase their power.

"NCNW has a great history and I look forward to this unique opportunity to work with Dr. Height to address the needs of African-American women," Cooper said.

# Muslims to hold town-hall forum on Farrakhan trip

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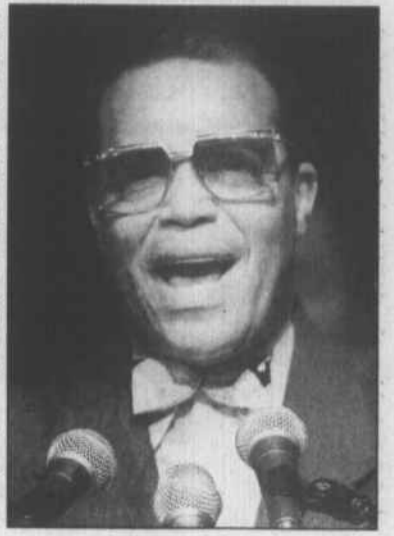
As part of an effort to inform local residents about Minister Louis Farrakhan's current peace mission, the Winston-Salem Nation of Islam Mosque will hold a town hall-style meeting Wednesday on the campus of Winston-Salem State University.

Farrakhan embarked on the journey late last month and is scheduled to visit several nations in the Middle East and Africa to discuss the United States' current war on terror and decades-old fighting between Israelis and Palestinians. This week, Farrakhan visited Iraq,

where he urged President Bush not to launch war against that nation. At press time, Farrakhan had landed in Durban, South Africa.

A news conference given by the minister at the National Press Club before his departure will be shown at the town hall meeting, mosque officials said. There will also be a question and answer and discussion period during which people can ask about Farrakhan's goals and objectives.

The forum will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Anderson Center on the campus of Winston-Salem State University.



Louis Farrakhan

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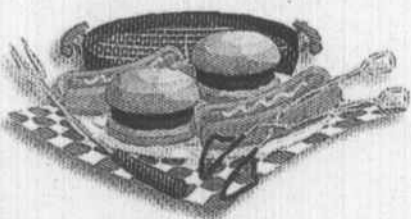
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