



MS. VIOLA TAYLOR
...Gets new appointment

City Manager's Office

Ms. Viola Taylor Named

Administrative Assistant

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The Charlotte City Manager's office has a new administrative assistant, namely, Viola Taylor.

Ms. Taylor has been with the city government since 1975 in the Budget and Evaluation Department as an analyst with responsibilities in the preparation and administration of Charlotte's Five Year Capital Improvement Program and in preparing studies on the 911 Emergency Telephone System, manpower, transit and other city programs.

Book Club

Formed

The YWCA is forming a book club or discussion group as part of its winter term of classes. The club will meet twice a month on Monday evenings to discuss current fiction and non-fiction. Future schedules will be arranged, according to the desires of the group, so that the club becomes an ongoing activity.

Gladys Lavitan, popular book club reviewer, actress and news paper woman, will be the leader.

"We want lots of input as to what the group wants to read and discuss," Mrs. Lavitan said "This will be a wide open discussion group."

If you are interested, call the Park Road YWCA Center, 525-5770, and speak to either Michelle Dezzuto, Program Director, or Naomi Myles, Public Relations Director.

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A native of Columbia, S.C., Ms. Taylor came to Charlotte as an undergraduate student at Queens College. By graduation, Ye Old North State had won her over. After a period as a research associate with the North Carolina Justice Academy in Salisbury, she made me move back to Charlotte.

"Eventhough I enjoyed my work with the Justice Academy, especially in relation to the impact I could have teaching law enforcers, Salesbury, as a living environment, left something to be desired. Charlotte has a much more urban atmosphere and by way its growth does innovative and new things, its a leader, its the kind of atmosphere I find fulfilling," Ms. Taylor stated and continued by saying "My interest is greatest in the area of local government. On the local level you are involved with rendering of services and that does not allow getting lost in the shuffle."

During her short time back in Charlotte Ms. Taylor has worked with others at Johnson C. Smith University developing a five year plan objective for the operations departments of the University, recounting that experience she stated with an air of sincerity, "I really enjoyed working at Johnson C. Smith. We must realize that the University is so-o important to the Black Community."

In appointing Ms. Taylor to this office the City Manager, David A. Burkhalter, said "I am very pleased that we had such a qualified person already working for the City." The Black community of Charlotte is proud to have the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rober L. Taylor share her expertise with us.

Vernon Jordan Says:
Criticism Of President Carter May Pay Off For Blacks

The attack by Vernon Jordan, the National Urban League's executive director, on the Carter administration's domestic policies, may have paid off for blacks "on several important fronts," Business Week magazine reports.

In an article titled "What Black Leaders Want from Business," the magazine says Black leaders believe Jordan's criticism will result in "a more generous welfare reform plan, a higher priority on creating jobs, and a stepped-up timetable on plans to use incentives to persuade business to locate in areas of high unemployment."

The demands of Black leaders such as Jordan comes at a time of soaring unemployment among teenage Blacks, 40 percent of whom are out of jobs. The magazine quotes economist Bernard Anderson of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton school as saying, "There's no question that Black teenage unemployment is the single most serious

problem in the American labor market today."

Only a month ago, Congress voted approval of a multifaceted youth employment bill that will pour some \$1.5 billion in the next year into a variety of programs to provide job and training opportunities for 250,000 young people. But under pressure from disgruntled congressmen, particularly the Black Caucus, President Carter has pledged to step up such aid.

Robert Taggart, who heads the Labor Dept.'s new Office of Youth Programs, fears the new youth bill is "a patchwork of inflated expectations, untested ideas, and unrealistic timetables." Other experts are sharply divided on how best to fight teenage joblessness.

At the Potomac institute, in Washington, D.C., longtime civil rights activist Harold C. Fleming, says, "We're dealing with what's becoming a permanent underclass, geographically and economically

out of the mainstream." His view is backed by Jordan's organization which found in a study of Blacks in 1977 that the country's "largest minority (is) still shackled by serious problems that will require more attention than they have ever received before."

Mr. Carl Holman, president of the National Urban Coalition, like other Black spokesmen, would prefer the major thrust to come from the private sector. "Is the business community going to accept the new challenge to help get into the work force people who can become social dynamite?" he asks, referring to Black youth. But he adds, "Business cannot be expected to hire unskilled people without some incentives," and he favors government picking up the tab for part of the wages of untrained workers.

Jordan apparently agrees with this assessment. "Private enterprise," he says, is not designed to address the problems of the poor and



Vernon Jordan
...Urban League director

unskilled." And even if today's Black teenagers have skills, they might still have severe problems holding down jobs.

"In addition to specific skills, many Blacks need the experience of working and collecting a paycheck week in and week out," Holman says realistically.

Among Black leadership, there seems to be agreement that, if the private sector can't deliver, they will make do with Federal make-work jobs.

"We have no love for public service jobs," says Holman. "They tend to be short-lived."

And Jordan adds, "Absent private jobs, we'll take them where we can get them."

The prospects, however, for a flood of new jobs are not bright, particularly with the

recovery running out of steam and the fears of many whites that there is not enough of the economic pie to go around.

One longtime civil rights activist notes that the country "is more conservative, there is a sense that the pie is shrinking or at least not growing, and people worry how minority demands will affect them. There is a sense, too, that we've already done enough for Blacks, that it's time for them to stand on their own feet."

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