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Blacks To Vote Overwhelmingly In Tuesday's Election

Blacks overwhelmingly intend to vote in the 1980 election, and most will support President Carter, says an opinion survey conducted by the Sheridan Broadcasting Network.

In a telephone survey of black registered voters taken between August 25 and September 25, results showed 97 percent of the 17 million black registered voters intend to cast ballots.

Using random selection in ten cities, with telephone exchanges keyed to mainly black areas, the survey reveals 53 percent of the black population is located in the South, 21 percent in the Northeast, 18.6 percent in the North Central and 7.4 percent in the West.

Sampled cities were Atlanta, Columbia, Memphis, Mobile and Louisville in the South; Boston and Buffalo in the Northeast; Cleveland and Detroit in the North Central states and Los Angeles in the West.

While 59 percent of those polled chose Carter and only 2 percent picked Reagan, a large percentage remained undecided. Support was almost non-existent for Congressman John Anderson, who perhaps has the strongest civil rights record of the candidates.

A majority, 77 percent, indicated Carter would be more sensitive to black concerns. Four percent gave Reagan the nod, three

AKA Voter Blitz

To Involve

100,000 Citizens

Some 100,000 citizens are expected to be involved in a nationwide Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority (AKA) Voter Blitz on Saturday, November 1. Additionally, from Chicago, the Sorority's board of directors will hook-up by telephone with 13 cities and the sorority will visit churches on November 2 to remind and encourage citizens to vote.

All of the efforts are designed to ensure high voter participation on Election Day. "No one anywhere must get up on Wednesday, November 5 and say, I should have voted," said Barbara K. Phillips of Winston-Salem, N.C., AKA national president.

The Blitz will be sponsored by AKA chapters simultaneously in 500 communities throughout the Sorority's nine regions.

The agenda for the Blitz includes strategies for getting out the vote, statements on why the November 4 election is critical and personal appeals by community leaders.

percent chose Anderson and 2 percent said none of them were sensitive.

When asked whom they thought would win in November, 75 percent of the sample selected Carter, although only 59 percent said they would vote for him.

Unemployment is the number

one concern and inflation a close second in black communities across the country.

Fifty-six percent said reducing unemployment should be the next president's first priority, while 35 percent indicated curbing inflation ought to be supreme. Foreign policy recorded 3 percent, defense

3 percent and don't know 2 percent.

Among the sample population 60 percent were women, 40 percent men.

Forty-six percent fell in the low-income category which is \$10,000 or below. Another 47 percent were in the middle income category- \$10-25,000 a year. Six

percent were in the high income bracket- \$25,000 and over and one percent would not respond to the survey.

Ages range from 21 percent in the 18-24 category, 52 percent in the 25-50 group, 26 percent were 50 or older and one percent did not respond.

Four Black Candidates Will Seek Election Here Tuesday

By Eileen Hanson
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Four black candidates from Mecklenburg County will be seeking election when voters go to the polls Tuesday, November 4.

Dr. Bertha Maxwell, 44, is director and founder of the African and Afro-American Studies Center at UNCC. She is seeking her first elected office as State Representative. If successful, she will be the first black woman ever elected to the N.C. Legislature.

Rev. Robert L. Walton, 36, and Dr. Raleigh W. Bynum, 44, are running for the Board of County Commissioners. Walton, pastor of St. Paul's United Presbyterian Church, seeks his second term, having served on the Board from 1974-76. Bynum, an optometrist, is seeking his first elected office.

Running unopposed for 26th District Judge is T. Michael Todd. One of the youngest judges in the state, Todd was appointed to the new judgeship last year at age 28. He won nomination in the Democratic primary last May.

Maxwell, Walton and Bynum are also Democrats.

DR. BERTHA MAXWELL

Dr. Maxwell began her career as a classroom teacher in Charlotte, and was the first black woman to hold an administrative post as principal of Morgan and Albemarle Road Elementary Schools. She has had a distinguished career in education on the faculty of UNCC, and served two years as Vice President of Administrative Affairs and Planning at Johnson C. Smith University.

"Education is key to the future," said Maxwell. "We should educate our youth to live in the total world, and not just to fit job slots."

If sent to the Legislature, she feels she could influence the selection of boards and the appropriation of funds for education.

On the controversial competency tests, she said, "I opposed it at first. But it has brought more accountability. It has to be monitored so as not to discriminate against poor and black youth. It should not be used to screen children out of school."



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...District Judge

"In-school suspension" is another innovation Maxwell would like to see used in disciplinary cases. "We should not push kids out on the street if they misbehave. The learning process should go on," she said.

Inflation will be the number one crisis facing the Legislature next year, according to Maxwell. "We must look for new sources of revenues and how to get the most out of the tax dollar. We must continue to provide human service."

Controversial issues this year will be the Equal Rights Amendment and state aid for abortions. Maxwell favors both.

"It is very vital that women be

written into the Constitution. It will help black women, just as sufferage (right to vote) did."

On the abortion issue, Maxwell stressed, "I'm pro-life, but a woman must have a choice. What does a 13 year old know about motherhood?"

Maxwell's campaign has attracted many volunteers from JCSU and UNCC, as well as noted state and national black leaders.

On Saturday, November 1, a prayer meeting to "get out the vote" will be held at JCSU Chapel at 10 a.m. Guest speakers will include Sen. Bill Owens, first black elected to the Massachusetts Senate, and Dr. Leonard Jefferies, director of the Afro-American See BLACKS on Page 15B

Minter Cites

President Carter's

Administration

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Carter Administration is the most pro-education administration in history, according to Steven A. Minter, the under secretary of education in the new Department of Education. Minter cited the Carter Administration's commitment to black colleges for more than 12,000 students and officials attending the Black College Day rally held on Capitol Hill.

"Last year, over 200 million dollars was provided as financial aid to students of historically black institutions," Minter said. "In just three years, the Carter Administration has invested \$182 million in our nation's black colleges through Title III."

"On top of Title III and student financial assistance, the Administration supports black colleges in other ways - through support for equipment, through support for facilities, through support for development and through support for research," Minter added.

Mentioning the establishment of the Department of Education, the appointment of a full-time deputy assistant secretary for Title III, and the 73 percent increase in educational spending, Minter praised the Administration's leadership in the field of education.

"The future of historically black colleges is not an isolated element of federal policy. It must be part of a larger commitment," Minter remarked.

Minter emphasized the Administration's commitment to utilizing black talent by citing President Carter's appointment of 40 black federal judges, 15 black ambassadors, and 54 black Americans to cabinet and sub-cabinet positions.

Minter also cited continued financial support for black colleges and the extension of the charter for the Advisory Committee on Blacks in Higher Education as part of the Administration's commitment to black colleges. In addition, Minter said the Administration would continue to work with black colleges, enforce civil rights, and appoint black college alumni to positions of influence and responsibility over policy.