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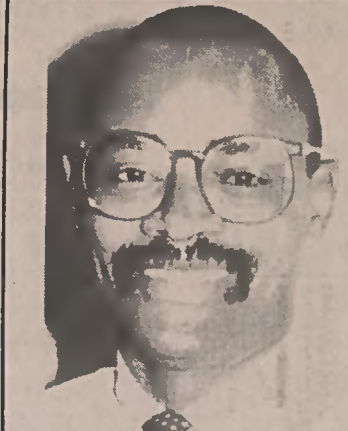
Solomon Gets Business Post

David Solomon has been named by state Commerce Secretary Claude E. Pope as the new Director of the Minority Business Agency in the North Carolina Department of Commerce. He fills the position previously held by Julian Brown who resigned to join the North Carolina association of Minority Businesses in Durham.

A native of Whiteville, Solomon earned a B.S. Degree in Business Administration from North Carolina A&T State University and an MBA degree from Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri.

Solomon brings to the agency broad based corporate experience and management skills from an extensive business career. As Director of the Minority Business Development agency, Solomon administers the agency's programs to assist businesses owned by minorities, females, and disabled persons.

For more information about the Minority Business Development Agency's services, contact Mr. Solomon at (919) 733-2712.



Elliott Is Asst. City Manager In Florida

Former Charlottean John W. Elliott Jr. has been appointed to the position of Assistant City Manager for the City of Delray Beach, Florida.

Elliott holds a bachelor of Political Science degree from Johnson C. Smith University and a master's degree in City Management from East Tennessee State University.

He has served as Personnel Director for the City of Johnson City, Tenn. and Melbourne, Fla. In Charlotte, he held the position of Director of Special Programs at Johnson C. Smith University, Investigator for the Office of the Public Defender, Juvenile Counselor with the Juvenile Counseling Service, Center Director for the Neighborhood Center, and Correctional Program Supervisor for the North Carolina Department of Corrections.

Elliott, 42, will be supervising the activities of five major City departments and is one of two Assistant City Managers for the City of Delray Beach.



Citadel Grad In Banking

Ralph Alexander recently assumed the position of Personal Banker at the South Boulevard branch of Wachovia.

Employed with Wachovia for two years, Alexander's first position was that of collector with the Retail Loan Department of the bank. In March 1988, he was promoted to the position of personal banker, serving as a roving banker until he came to the South Boulevard Branch four months ago.

The 25-year-old son of Ralph and Kay Alexander of Charlotte, Alexander attended Our Lady of Consolation and Charlotte Catholic High School.

He received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the Citadel in 1986. Alexander says he's considering attending graduate school to get his MBA.

People who've received new jobs, promotions and/or work-related honors are welcome to submit their names and information to **People On The Move**, P.O. Box 30144, Char., 28230.

Hundreds Gather For Memorial Service

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as "a seven-foot giant in a five-foot case," and declared that although he suffered AIDS, there "was no deficiency in intellect and courage. Max could not adjust."

The large church was jammed to its three-tiered loft with many attendees crowding the halls and entranceways unable to secure seats in the church proper. Automobiles jammed the streets outside, tying up traffic. Many of the cars were stretch limos ferrying celebrities, such as Robinson's former ABC-TV co-anchor Jennings; Sam Donaldson; Ed Bradley of CBS' "60 Minutes"; Dan Rather, CBS anchor, CNN anchor Bernard Shaw, an Afro-American; Charlayne Hunter-Gault of the "McNeill-Lehrer News Hour", ABC's Britt Hume and ABC News President Roone Arledge, Robinson's former boss-- a virtual who's who of network people. Peterson, Robinson's former local co-anchor, was also present.

Born to Richmond, VA. school teachers Doris and Maxie Robinson, Robinson finished high school and attended Oberlin College and Virginia Union University before joining the Air Force. He was fired as a news reader on a TV station in Portsmouth, VA. after viewers discovered he was black. In 1981, he told an audience at Smith College in Northhampton,

Mass., that the news media were "a crooked mirror through which white America views itself, and only by talking about racism, by taking a professional risk, will I take myself out of the mean, racist trap all black Americans find themselves in." The remarks, although not aimed at ABC, according to Robinson, reportedly angered Arledge and ultimately led to Max's leaving the network.

After the memorial services, however, Arledge said, "I thought what Jackson said was right.

History is going to treat (Robinson) very well. He deserves it."

Robinson was cremated. Disposal of his ashes is a family secret. He is survived by his children -- Mark of Washington, DC; Maureen and Michael of Richmond, and Malik of Chicago (Robinson was married three times); by his mother and stepfather, Rev. and Mrs. James Griffin of Norfolk, VA. and by sisters Jewel and Jean Robinson and brother Randall Robinson, executive director of TransAfrica, all of Washington, D.C.

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Richardson Leads Legislators To Capital

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tion, Richardson said, with about \$12 million in state money secured for Mecklenburg. This year, Richardson said, all indications point to bringing in just as much.

"We brought back more money in '88 than ever before," he said. "About 95 percent of what the city and county wanted, we got."

Charlotte city council and the Mecklenburg County commissioners each have wish lists of about 17 projects the they would like the delegation to push through Raleigh, Richardson said. Among them are a couple of hot potatoes--Charlotte's proposed seat tax for entertainment and sports events and the county's proposed fee ordinance--that the legislators won't act on until they get more information. One proposal that died on the wish list is making

the register of deeds an appointed position.

"The members of the delegation felt that it should be an elected position," Richardson said. "We didn't think it would look right for Mecklenburg County to be the only one of 100 counties to have the register of deeds appointed."

One of the county's top priorities, road improvements, will be addressed in the General Assembly, which channels funding through the N.C. Department of Transportation. The \$100 million bond referendum approved by voters last year for street improvements in southeast Charlotte were a start, Richardson said, but more needs to be done. The predominantly black westside, where opposition to the bonds was strongest, has road needs of its own.

"The \$100 million was just for

five arteries," he said. "That doesn't include the outerbelt or other improvements we need. We haven't set an amount of how much we want, and you never get all you want, but we certainly will push for whatever we can."

The delegation, Richardson said, has taken the lead to dispel the notion among legislators that Mecklenburg, with its vast resources, doesn't need as much state money as smaller counties.

The idea of Mecklenburg striking out on its own to secure money doesn't prevail "as much now as in the past," Richardson said. "Small counties have different needs from us and we have different needs from them. We have more of a spirit of cooperation where we vote for their legislation and they vote for ours. We don't have a feeling of a 'great state of Mecklenburg'."

Japanese Firms Learn To Recruit

BY TERRIL JONES
Associated Press Writer

TOKYO (AP) --- Japanese firms are waking up to the need to recruit minority employees in the United States, but only after prodding by U.S. officials and civil rights groups.

Japanese companies came under fire for not hiring enough minorities, particularly blacks, in the United States following a string of remarks by politicians and sales campaigns in Japan that smacked of racism.

Racial awareness in Japan takes on added significance as growing Japanese investment in America --- \$14.7 billion in fiscal 1987 according to Japanese statistics --- puts more American workers in Japanese-owned businesses.

"They don't realize they are obliged, under the Federal Contract Compliance Program, to achieve certain goals and quotas if they do business with the U.S. government," says Colleen O'Connor of the American Civil Liberties Union.

The hiring regulations apply to Japanese firms "whether they sell engines to the Pentagon or cameras to the Forest Service," Ms. O'Connor says.

Remarks by former Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone and ex-Finance Minister Michio Watanabe in the past two years suggested that blacks were intellectually inferior and defaulted on their debts.

Japanese toys resembling black Sambo figures, with huge eyes and distorted red lips, and advertising campaigns using similarly exaggerated mannequins last summer further angered American blacks.

Sanrio, creator of the Sambo-like figures, recalled the products at a loss of \$11.5 million and also apologized, announcing it would donate \$257,000 in toys to poor children in San Francisco.

But black dolls continue to sell in Japan, including a black Sambo Santa Claus this past

Christmas season, and are used in numerous advertisements.

Mervyn Dymally, a black U.S. congressman from California, has complained that Japan was not making progress on racial awareness. "In typical Asian fashion, they have been very polite, but nothing has happened," he said.

More than two dozen black organizations called for a buy-American campaign during Christmas to impress upon Japan the power of American

blacks' \$300 billion annual consumer spending.

Japanese companies argue that they're complying with U.S. regulations. But like some U.S. firms, it may take legal action to force them into action.

In March the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission ordered Honda of America Manufacturing to pay \$6 million to 377 blacks and women for not hiring them sooner.

UNC Desegregation Order

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historically black campuses through increased funding and the addition of new academic programs.

Bill Friday, who was president of the UNC system when the suit was filed, said he was proud of the progress that had been made.

"I think the conditions that needed to be corrected and should have been corrected have now been improved," Friday said. "There are states in the South who are even today struggling to move from where North Carolina began its work decades ago."

Friday also disputed Wilson's claim that North Carolina was reluctant to desegregate its colleges, saying that the state simply wanted control over how the desegregation would be accomplished.

Jordan Graphics Hit By Lawsuit

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nas to officials of Jordan Graphics, Inc. on June 21, 1988, only after Jordan Graphics, Inc. did not cooperate with informal requests for access to the documents and information and testimony. After the subpoenas were issued, Jordan Graphics, Inc. still did not provide access to the documents and did not testify as requested by the EEOC. The EEOC then filed an action in

court to enforce the subpoenas.

If Jordan Graphics, Inc. refuses to comply with the subpoenas, EEOC may then petition the Federal District Court to order the company to comply.

If the Commission prevails in this action, Jordan Graphics, Inc. will be ordered to provide access to the documents and to testify about information and documents in question.

LEADERSHIP AWARDS

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP is seeking nominations for leadership awards to be presented at its Second Annual Awards Banquet to be held on March 17, 1989.

In order to assure the widest possible opportunity for qualified applicants, we are requesting community support and assistance to locate deserving candidates. If you are aware of individuals, groups or organizations that meet the minimum criteria in any of the categories listed below, please mail a resume or biographical sketch to the listed address.

Youth - Up to 18 years of age with demonstrated excellence in some endeavor(s) that have or may inspire other youths to excel.

Religion - A person whose lifestyle characterizes the life of Jesus Christ.

Politics - An individual whose initiative helped to bridge the gap between the service of local government and the specific need(s) of a community.

Education - A person who has demonstrated the use of his/her educational attainment in a continued striving toward excellence.

Arts - A person(s) or organization that seeks to support black art forms through the promotion of community awareness of, appreciation for and involvement with such art.

Personal Achievement - A person who has overcome adversity to create a more abundant life for himself/herself.

Business/Entrepreneur - In business 3 or more years, in the black community, involved in community/business relations through an organization, association or as an individual effort, promoting the BUSINESS EXCELLENCE/BUY BLACK theme and helping to raise the consciousness of blacks in their business affairs.

Community Service - An individual that is aware of the unique problems of the black community and its needs, and has unselfishly volunteered his/her efforts toward finding solutions for those problems and needs.

Media - That segment of our environment having high visibility and influence and the individual(s) involved, desirous of showing blacks in a positive light and informing blacks of the "When to act" instead of "React" news.

Human Services - An individual or organization who, through a chosen profession, seeks to promote the health, education and welfare of mankind in the black communities they serve.

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