

WORDS OF WISDOM

Most illnesses are caused by improper thoughts; we call it "emotionally induced illness."
—John Schindler, M.D.
The most tragic thing in the world is a man of genius who is not also a man of honor.
—George Bernard Shaw

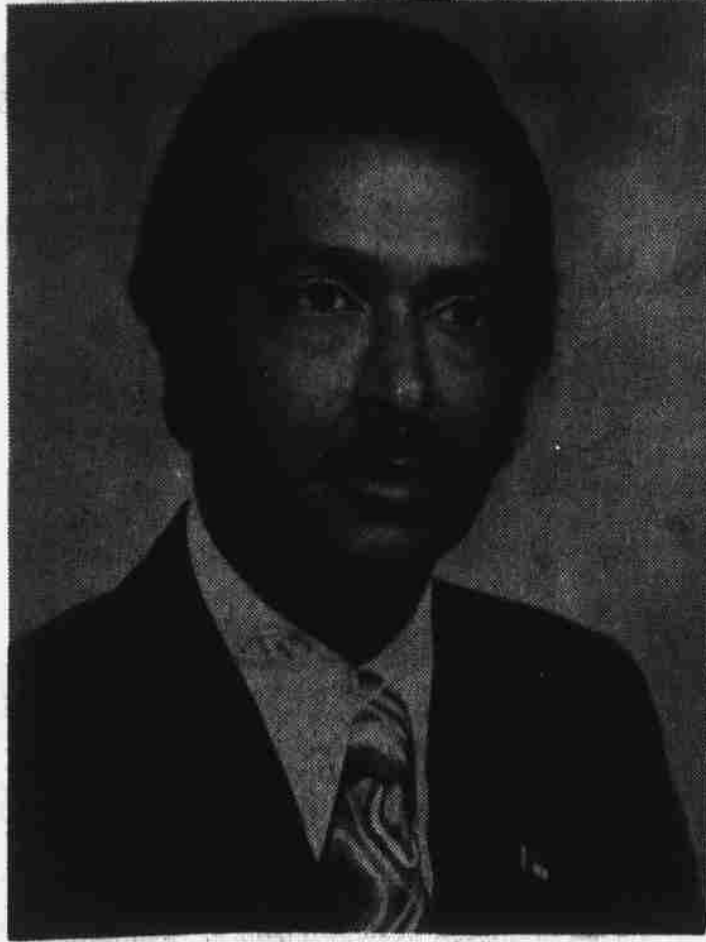
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Democrats To Name Attorney General Candidate



MICHAUX

Months of confusion in the ranks of the State Democratic Party should come to an end Saturday when the party's executive committee meets in a special session to name the party's attorney general nominee for the November general election.

All 247 members of the executive committee, or their proxies, and officers of the state party are expected to attend the meeting in Raleigh's Sir Walter Hotel. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

"Should come to an end" is a key phrase here. The party has been in a state of tizzy-turvy ever since the present attorney general, Robert Morgan, won the Democratic senatorial primary in May. Morgan refused to resign and has since campaigned for the senate seat of the retiring Sam Ervin while holding the attorney general post. Morgan has said he will resign Aug. 26.

Eight Democratic candidates announced for the attorney general race and have criss-crossed the state in a series of public forums to acquaint the voters with their views. Two others quit the race and one attorney, Nick Galifianakis of Durham, has said he is not a candidate.

But more confusion seems to be in store for those attending the executive committee meeting. No strong front runner has emerged and party officials believe it will take four, five or more ballots to elect the nominee.

But, that's the second priority of the day. The first order of business will be the establishment of rules that the committee will follow in electing the candidate.

Michaux, however, expressed the optimism of a boxer before a tough fight.

We view the prospects of our candidacy as pretty good," he said earlier this week.

The party definitely can't come up with a front runner and our chances are better than average. My only hope is that people will see us as a qualified candidate.

If selected as the party's nominee, and if victorious in the November election, Michaux said he plans to beef up consumer protection in the state and work to keep organized crime at its present low level, "or reduce it even lower," he said.

Michaux expressed satisfaction with the response he has received at the public forums he's attended with the other candidates.

"They (the forums) have been going well. We've picked up a few votes. These forums give people an opportunity to see the candidates and decide for themselves. But, we have an unusual situation, in that the executive committee will do the picking."

"As far as I see," Clement said, "the whole process is geared toward electing a person of a conservative, reactionary philosophy, like (Rep.) Kitchin Josey (of Scotland Neck)."

State Sen. McNeill Smith warrants serious consideration, in Clement's view. "His record and past performance is favorable in many of the areas we seek," Clement said.

Clement said he planned to question each candidate before the meeting to determine their stance on matters he considers important, such as capital punishment, consumer matters, tax reform and the candidates' attitudes toward public utility rate increases.

Former congressman Nick Galifianakis maintains at this late hour that he is still not a candidate for the nomination.

Although he has been endorsed by former White House aide Henry Hall Wilson, Galifianakis said he would accept the nomination only as a compromise candidate.

In a prepared statement that he issued last Friday, Galifianakis said:

"My contesting the nomination at this point and trying to take votes away from candidates who have worked hard to elect and persuade delegates would be a blow to party unity."

"Just as I would be doing my party a disservice by going after the nomination, so would I be deserting my party were I to make myself unavailable as a unity candidate for a deadlocked convention."



CLEMENT

Governor Announces Affirmative Action

Telling a news conference at the State Capitol that "Minority employment mean more than just hiring janitors and maids," Gov. James E. Holshouser last Thursday announced he was submitting a proposed affirmative action policy to the State Personnel Board.

The Policy is aimed at increasing minority employment and promotion in state government. The governor specifically said that black, Indians and women would benefit the most from the equal opportunity proposal.

The affirmative action proposal was drawn up by an equal employment opportunity task force, which included members of the governor's cabinet, the Council of State and some top university system officials. Dr. Larnie G. Horton, the governor's special assistant for minority affairs, was chairman of the task force. "This state recognizes that its citizenry includes a substantial number of minority group members, women and physically handicapped persons who are not adequately represented in state employment," the affirmative action policy statement said.

"It is a policy of this state to provide all applicants for state employment with equal employment opportunities and to

provide current employees with training, compensation, promotion and other attributes of employment without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age or physical handicap except where sex, age or physical handicap are essential occupational qualifications," the statement continued.

The governor said the proposal contains no percentage quotas for minority hiring and he emphasized that there would be no "reverse discrimination" against other qualified persons. Calling the plan, "effective," and "workable," Holshouser said, "We don't want to establish a policy that sacrifices quality. We want to make sure, however, that equal opportunity exists for all. We believe we can build a very firm and lasting policy that will succeed."

The governor said the policy would require the personnel divisions of the separate state government departments to carry out the affirmative action program by emphasizing recruitment and training.

A permanent task force on equal employment opportunity, that would insure the implementation and administration of the program, was one of the policy statement's recommendations. Horton also will chair the task force.

S. Parks Alexander Dies

S. Parks Alexander, the 80 year-old founder and Chairman of the Board of Alexander Motor, Co., died Monday afternoon in Watts Hospital following a short

illness. Alexander has served the Durham Community in many capacities since his move from Charlotte nearly 60 years ago. He has served on the Durham City Council, as president of the Durham Rotary Club and the Durham Chamber of Commerce, as director of the YMCA, director and member of the executive and trust committees of Central Carolina Bank, and as coordinator of the United Fund campaign in Durham in 1957.

At the time of his death, Alexander was also president of Lucky City Motors in Reidsville.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Josephines Thompson Alexander, his daughter, Mrs. Samuel Andrews, his son, Stewart P. Alexander, Jr., seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

"Plan A Major Step" - - - Horton

Black citizens in North Carolina stand to make greater stride toward total participation in the economic mainstream now than at any other time in history, because of the Holshouser Administration's new Affirmative Action Policy. That is the opinion of Dr. Larnie G. Horton, Special Assistant to the Governor for Minority Affairs and Chairman of the Governor's Task Force on Equal Employment Opportunity.

Horton was commenting on the announcement made last week by Governor Jim Holshouser that his administration was sending its new Affirmative Action plan to the State Personnel Board for action during their August 2 meeting.

"In fact," says Dr. Horton, "this plan will open up the processes of state government to everyone in our society, including Blacks, Indians, women and the handicapped, and these are the ones who have not had that opportunity until now."

"The plan represents another shingle on the roof of Holshouser's campaign vows to assure minorities in general and Blacks in particular that they would have total, across the board involvement in the affairs of state government," Horton said.

The document establishes the policy of North Carolina to provide all applicants for state government jobs with equal employment opportunities. It further provides that all employees are to be given equal opportunities for promotions, training or pay, except in cases where sex, age or physical requirements may be essential qualifications for particular jobs.

A key feature of the plan is the establishments of the Governor's Task Force on Equal Employment Opportunity as a permanent body with representatives from each of the major state departments.

Horton, who was a key factor in the formulation of the plan, said the Task Force has six, specific, continuing objectives.

One, to involve representatives from each department and high education in the development and implementation of equal employment opportunities.

Two, to review personnel policies and procedures relative to the hiring and promotion of women, minorities and the handicapped in state government.

Three, to recommend appropriate personnel policies and procedural changes where necessary, relevant to recruitment, hiring and promotion of minorities, women, and the handicapped in state government.

Four, to develop comprehensive programs in each department to establish an atmosphere of acceptance and goodwill among all people in state government.

Five, to assemble and disseminate data relative to minorities, women and the handicapped in North Carolina State Government.

Six, to identify and isolate barriers that exclude women, minorities, and handicapped persons from employment in state government and recommend ways and means that the barriers may be overcome.

"This is an historic and major commitment of the part of state government to alleviate the conditions imposed on minorities, women and the handicapped which denied them full employment opportunities," Horton said. "The plan is a major step in the Holshouser administration's efforts to guarantee full partnership for all North Carolinians."



HORTON

USDA Increases Rates Of Payment For School Lunch And Breakfast Programs

Rising food prices will not affect the students in the Durham City School System, according to Mrs. Annable Seth, Director of Food Services for Schools. The only change may be in the price of milk for adults," she said.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, which has increased its rates of payment to state educational agencies to assist schools taking part in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs, will provide reimbursement rates of 10 1/2 cents for paid lunches, 45 1/2 cents for reduced price lunches, and 55 1/2 cents for free meals, Mrs. Seth said.

The increases, effective July 1 through December 31, are designed to implement the provisions of a passed last November that called for adjustments in the payment rates for school lunches and breakfast twice each year, which would be in line with changes in the "food away from home" series of the U.S. Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index. This is the second such adjustment and, as provided by law, it reflects changes in the CPI for the period, December 1973-May 1974. During that period, the series increased 4.94 per cent and the new lunch and breakfast rates approximate that amount of increase.

In the National School Lunch Program, the national average payment to states to use in assisting local school authorities help defray food costs will be increased a half cent, from 10.50 cents to 11 cents. Within that average, states are authorized to vary the rate of reimbursement to individual schools, subject to certain conditions, up to a maximum of 17 cents a lunch. Previously the ceiling was 16.50 cents.

The additional guaranteed average payment to states to assist local schools in the service of lunches to needy children will be boosted 2.25 cents to 39.50 cents for each reduced-price lunch and to 40.50 cents for each free lunch.

The maximum reimbursement which states can pay to individual schools on free lunches is increased 2.75 cents. It can range as high as 65.5 cents for a reduced price lunch and as high as 75.5 cents for each lunch served free. These maximum rates are arrived at by combining "general cash assistance," paid on all lunches served and "special cash assistance," paid on free or reduced price lunches served to needy children.

Durham, Orange Counties and City Join Consortium To Get Federal Manpower Grant

Durham County, Orange County and the City of Durham joining together to form a consortium, have qualified for a federal manpower grant of \$1,343,880, provided by the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973. Contracts were expected to be signed on Tuesday.

According to L. G. Holleman, Director of the Durham-Orange Manpower Office, the proposed budget for the grant will include funding of a program designed for young people 14 to 21 years of age who are considered potential school dropouts. These young people will be given counseling support and part-time jobs. Another aspect of this program will involve getting those who

are already dropouts back into school or into some training program. The budget also provides for an adult services program and an institutional type training program.

An important part of the comprehensive manpower plan developed through the Durham-Orange Manpower Office includes the coordination of area-wide manpower service organizations and making recommendations to the Durham-Orange Manpower Advisory Council.

To do this, the Durham-Orange Manpower Services Coordinating Council has been formed. According to the CETA Title I Grant

Application, the duties of the council "will focus upon planned coordination of

resources and the establishments of interagency manpower service task groups to meet the specific

employment and training needs of a shared clientele.

"It has been proposed that all agencies directly or indirectly related be brought into the council," Holleman said. This is the first time a major effort with staff support has been recommended.

Holleman added that the council will hopefully eliminate a duplication of services, and insure more effective delivery of manpower, to the area's economically disadvantaged.

Jewish Congress Supports Haitian Refugees

The American Jewish Congress today (Sunday, July 21) called on the State Department to grant political asylum to some 800 Haitians who have fled the Duvalier regime to Florida, warning that their physical safety would be "gravely jeopardized" if they were forced to return to Haiti.

The Jewish human rights group also said that "racial overtones" had been raised by the Department's "denial of sanctuary to black Haitians while white Cubans are given haven."

In a letter to Assistant Secretary of State Francis L. Kellogg, in charge of refugee and migration affairs, Howard M. Squadron, chairman of the American Jewish Congress'

national Governing Council, said that charges of "racial bias" were "no doubt unjust but inescapable. During the very period in which this relative handful of Haitians has been excluded, thousands of Cuban refugees have been liberally admitted into the United States under virtual, identical circumstances, Mr. Squadron said, adding:

"It imperative that our country not only actually be free from racial discrimination in determining whether to grant political asylum but also that it be perceived as free from that taint." Citing the "long-standing practice of this country to extend generous welcome and hospitality to legitimate refugees fleeing from dictatorial regimes,"

the American Jewish Congress leader declared: "Whether the regime be of the left, as in Cuba, or of the right as in Haiti, our traditions mandate a more compassionate and sympathetic treatment of refugees who reach our shores than has thus far been accorded this group of Haitians."

On July 2 the Haitians asked the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit to remand the case back to the District Court to consider new evidence. At the same time, they received assurances that the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the State Department Office of Refugees and Migration Affairs would consider also new affidavits and other testimony from persons familiar with the Duvalier regime.