

Soul City

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As of March, 1975, 27 Federal grants, contracts, and agreements totaling \$19.2 million, had been served or set aside for those six organizations. Of that amount, \$10.2 million had been awarded and \$4.6 million had been spent. In addition, the Soul City project benefitted from Federal grants totaling \$6.9 million that had been awarded to State, County, and local governmental units and to a private contractor.

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The GAO report cites the following either under construction or in the design stages as of August,

1975: an interim water system, an areawide waste water treatment plant, industrial fire protection system, underground utilities and major roads for Village I.

"In addition", the report comments, an industrial building (Soultech I) is almost finished, and Soul City will be a major participant in a regional water system now under construction."

ALLEGATIONS

"Various allegations relating to preferential treatment in providing Federal assistance, interlocking directorships and nepotism, lack of progress, and poor management practices were examined."

GAO concluded that "as of August 1975, the physical development of Soul City was essentially on target. Although the

idea for a new community was conceived in 1969 and the final application was made to HUD in 1971, it was not until early in 1974 that the loan guarantee was finally executed. Therefore the project, for all practical purposes, has been in existence for only about 18 months. Because the project was in its initial stages, most of the accomplishments were not visible in terms of shops and houses but were evidence by more basic amenities, such as roads, utilities, and social services, required for the new community.

"HUD deviated from its established procedures in awarding or administering grants, a loan, and a loan guarantee in that it made awards after the programs were terminated, it relaxed certain conditions which are normally imposed on the awardee, and in one instance it imposed more restrictive requirements on the awardee." "CSA deviated from its established

procedures in that it made awards before the normal review and approval process was completed.

"Although interlocking directorships and the hiring of family by management officials did exist within and among the Soul City organizations, these relationships were not prohibited by the rules, regulations, or contract provisions governing the awards made by the Federal agencies. Furthermore the agencies were aware of these relationships."

"Many expenditure transactions by WRPC, HealthCo, and the Soul City Foundation were not in accordance with grant or contract provisions or lacked adequate supporting documentation."

In view of questions raised concerning expenditure transactions, GAO recommended determining allowability and adequate controls over future expenditures - normalizing accounting procedures.

"There have been three audits of the loan guarantee since the date of the project agreement." The reports notes "Two of the audits pertained to examination of financial statements by a CPA and the other was a management type audit by HUD's management audit disclosed that there had been inadequate communication and coordination between the New Communities Administration (NCA) staff and their counterparts in HUD's headquarters and area offices. In response to the audit report, the NCA staff agreed with the finding and promised to take corrective action. In May, 1975, NCA established an organizational component, the Program Support and Field Liaison Division, to correct any lack of coordination and communication with other HUD offices."

A number of allegations deal with interlocking directorships among organizations at Soul City and with nepotistic practices of hiring family members in management positions.

The GAO report states clearly that it "found that the allegations related to interlocking directorships and the hiring of family members by management officials were correct. However, nothing in the rules, regulations, or grant and contract provisions governing the awards made by Federal agencies prohibited interlocking directorships. Some grants did prohibit hiring family members to work within the same department of an organization. NONE of the family members hired worked in the same department. The family members hired had the education and experience to qualify them for their jobs."

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(Continued From Page One) to recognize the avenues to genocide in the black race. Among these, he said, are sexual permissiveness, sterilization, trial marriages, drug abuse, a breakdown of family life, and other negative deviations that could lead to the extinction of the race.

The pastor of Greensboro's Trinity A. M. E. Zion Church told his listeners that full and proper use of the franchise "is the best way we can bring our united forces to bear in the arena of policy and decision making."

Rev. Finch pointed out that these are at least two kinds of fighting. One is destructive; the other is creative and non-violent, and "it's most potent

weapon is confrontation with love."

The speaker was introduced by the Rev. M. L. Tate, pastor of Southern City A. M. E. Zion Church, East Spencer, Presiding at the King Day observance was Dr. S. R. Johnson, pastor of Mt. Zion.

Others participating on the program included the Rev. E. N. Young, pastor of Gethsemane Baptist Church, who offered prayer; Elder W. E. Howell of the United House of Prayer For All People, who read the scripture; Mrs. Cindy S. Dalton, welcome address; Mrs. Doris P. Jones, response to the welcome; Attorney Gerald Rush, who read the Emancipation Proclamation; Attorney Donald Graham of Frankfort, Germany, who responded to Rev. French's address; and Rev. Theodore D. Walker of First Calvary Baptist Church, who gave the offertory prayer.

Music for the occasion was furnished by the Mt. Zion Choir under direction of Waverly Camp; the Gospel Harmonizers; and Miss Phyllis Partee, who rendered a solo accompanied by Haywood Redfern.

Some \$262.50 was collected for the NAACP, and the SCLC, according to Wiley Lash who led in the lifting of the offering.

Last Rites Held For Mrs. McAdams



MRS. DOROTHY H. MCADAMS

Funeral services were held Thursday at St. Joseph's A.M.E. Church for Mrs. Dorothy Hammonds McAdams of Apex Highway. Mrs. McAdams died Monday in Watts Hospital following a lengthy illness.

She was a native of Tarboro, a member of St. Joseph's A.M.E. Church, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and president of Silhouettes of the Durham Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi. Mrs. McAdams was employed in the Durham County Schools system.

Surviving are her husband, Robert L. McAdams; four sisters, Mrs. Lillian Matthewson and Mrs. Julia Clark, both of Norfolk, Va.; Miss Laura Hammonds of Tarboro and Mrs. Susie Yeoman of Portsmouth, Va.; two brothers, William Hammonds of New York City and Wiley Hammonds of Durham.

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