

## T. Bristow Promoted To Supervisor

PITTSBURGH — Tony Bristow, formerly news representative, has been promoted to supervisor - Public Education Programs in the Public Relations Department of Gulf Oil Corporation.

Bristow, a native of Newport News, Va., received his B. A. degree in mass communications from Hampton Institute in 1970 and a M. A. degree in Journalism from the University of Wisconsin in 1972.

Before joining Gulf in January, 1975, Bristow was assistant national editor in



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charge of news programming production for the National Black Network in New York.

## A Bicentennial Forum

CHARLOTTE — On Friday evening, February 20, at 7:30 p.m. Johnson C. Smith University will sponsor a Bicentennial Forum in Rooms "B" and "C" of the Student Memorial Union. The main speaker will be C. G. Newsome of Duke University in Durham, emphasizing the roles of the Black Church in America's Bicentennial Celebration. Newsome will discuss the topic: "The Rise of the Black Church: In the Spirit of the American Revolution."

Our speaker a native of Ahooskie hold both undergraduate and graduate degrees from Duke University, having graduated Magna Cum Laude. He is presently a

Rockefeller Doctoral Fellow in the School of Divinity at Duke University in the following positions; Student Assistant to the President; member of the Advisory Committee to the Duke University Chapel; Assistant Provost and Acting Dean, office of Black Affairs, 1973-74; Director, Duke University Summer Transitional Program. Newsome is married to Lynne DaNeen Platt, formerly of Charlotte.

Professor DeGrandval Burke is our second forum speaker. Professor Burke is a teacher in the Humanities Department at Johnson C. Smith University

## MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN OF NAACP SPARKS 5000 DRIVE

James T. Hawkins, chairman, special drive to recruit 5000 new members for the Durham Branch, NAACP, arrived Monday, from his Florida home, to take full command of the drive.

He reported Thursday that he was well pleased with the progress being made. He was delighted that the Durham Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, subscribed to a \$500.00 Life Membership, as the result of a resolve to cut back on frivolous social activities in order to aid worthwhile agencies, with an eye toward education, equality and freedom.

The resolution also carried a contribution to the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, Central Orphanage, Religious Emphasis, United Negro College Fund, John Avery Boys Club and the Harriet Tubman YWCA.

Hawkins is a member of the

and Coordinator of Campus Christian Life.

Student Program Coordinators are Malcolm Barksdale, President of the Student body, Miss Patricia Jessup and Miss Jennifer Weston. Dr. C. DuPont Rippey is in charge of the program. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### How Come?

Ever wonder why the ghost walks at midnight? It's easy — the last bus usually leaves at midnight.

Greek Letter organization, would swing into full stride by February 21, with a program being made at the monthly meeting, which will be held at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 4 p.m., Feb. 22.

He reported that the drive

Hawkins has dubbed the drive as the "Bicentennial Push for Full Freedom". He is organizing to the extent that businesses, youth fraternities, sororities, secret orders and civic clubs are

being drafted. freedom. Alexander Barnes, The white community will be president, and Samuel Road, canvassed through the pastors of well known community and churches, labor leaders and other labor leader, are forming a team white organizations that have to work in the white show an interest in full community.

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## BLACK POLITICAL DYNAMICS

by Eddie N. Williams

It is now approaching eight years since an assassin's bullet on April 4, 1968, narrowly missed killing Dr. Martin Luther King's dream, Dr. King, the man, died. But his dream survives in the form of his political legacy: affect the "moral self-interest of the nation" through old fashioned American politics.

Few remember King as political activist and advocate of political power for blacks and the poor. He was so much more. Yet, in many ways he was godfather to many of today's crop of 4,000 black elected officials nearly 200 percent more than were in office in 1968.

At least a year before his death, Dr. King's concern about the response to the civil rights movement and about what he termed "the paralysis of analysis" led him to search for new ideas, and new tactics, and more direct political involvement than voter registration. The Vietnam War and student protest - combined with continuing poverty, racism and discrimination - gave him the political opening he sought.

Historian David L. Matthews, author of KING: A CRITICAL BIOGRAPHY, captured the King political legacy in these lines: "The new approach was to be powerful enough, dramatic enough, morally appealing enough, so that people of good will, the churches, labor liberals, in intellectuals, students, poor people themselves began to put pressure on congressmen!"

It was to be much more than a coalition of the dispossessed

and disadvantaged... This new approach was to be a popular front, a militant amalgam of the racially abused, the economically deprived, and the politically outraged, cutting across race and class... the formula for success depended upon arousing what King called the "moral self-interest of the nation... Racial compassion had to be reinforced by old fashioned American political quid pro quo".

King's reassessment, according to Matthews, took place in 1967: a watershed year in the history of Dr. King's movement, the year in which Carl Stokes was elected mayor of Cleveland and Richard Hatcher mayor of Gary - the first black chief executives of major American cities. This also was the year of the first national meeting of black elected officials who numbered only around 400 at the time. How ironic that that meeting was held in Chicago where just a year earlier King's campaign for housing, jobs and education had been labeled by some as "premature, strident, and counter-productive."

It is of equal historical note that the third national meeting of black elected officials was held last December - almost a month to the day of the 47th anniversary of the birth of Dr. King. It was held in nation's capital. Nearly a thousand black officials attended, including some of King's chief lieutenants: Congressman Andrew Young and Congressman Walter Fauntroy.

In case anyone missed the

connection between the King era and today's black political thrust, the presence of Mrs. Coretta Scott King at the Institute was a dynamic and stirring conjuncture. But the purpose of the Third National Institute was not to commemorate the past. Rather, it was, as Dr. King would have had it to be to fulfill the dream for black and poor America.

Like King in 1967, they pursued an agonizing appraisal. Political assets must yield economic benefits. They recognized that budding black political power will not be credible until there are higher registration and turnout rates, sophisticated voter behavior, visible evidence of electing friends and defeating foes in the political arena. Nor will it be credible until it results in a better life for the forgotten America.

These black elected officials, recognized the role Dr. King played in their political lives, pledged:

1. To identify consensus issues which facilitate organization and coalition building;
2. To organize state and local political power bases;
3. To develop a national coordinating council to orchestrate state, local and other political efforts where national action is required;
4. To work within both political parties when possible and outside of them when necessary; and
5. To be honest, informed and disciplined leaders. The dream is neither dead nor deferred. (NNPA).

percent from its average monthly gain of 11 percent inflation rate in 1974. In December, it was only at a seasonally adjusted six percent annual rate, down 28.5 percent from the two previous months. These two lowered inflation and interest rate figures have caused near convulsions in the common stock market.

Primarily because they predicted an end to an enemy called inflation and forced high interest seeking funds to find a new home.

The stampede into the stock market does not mean that unemployment will be scared away. True corporate profits will make a pretty picture this year, but not rehiring extra workers. Continued inflation-deflation is dependent on a decent crop year in California and elsewhere. Drought could drown out any hope for future falling commodities' prices. More people may be praying for rain than farmers and politicians. Russia can still run our food prices up with her expected additional 2.3 million metric tons of grain purchases, if a drought does its thing at the same time. It is an election year and as expected there is a lot of bull around. (NNPA)

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## Business in the Black

By Charles E. Belle



### THE BULLS AND A BAR

Stock market investors are currently enjoying a bull market. This is to say that the trend of most stocks is thought to be going upward. Indeed the initial thrust would seem to be driving every security in sight to a higher price.

The reason cited mostly by the bulls is that interest rates, inflation rates and unemployment rates have come down or are likely to come down this year. There is plenty of evidence that the first two have taken place. The bulls have not waited for the whole hog, but have run with the bones.

Sharp reductions in the Federal Reserve Bank discount rate has put downward pressure on the prime rate. The prime rate, of course, is the lowest lending rate banks will charge their best customers, mainly big national name corporations. The Federal

Reserve Bank, the nation's banker, charges the discount rate to banks when they need to borrow.

By lowering the discount rate, hence the prime rate, it is hoped that businessmen will bust down the bank doors to borrow and expand business. It has been said that no businessman in his right mind would ignore money at a cost of only 3 percent. Thus the sophisticated sorcerers of Wall Street see a six percent prime rate as possible. This is three percent actual cost of money to big borrowers because half of the cost of interest payments are absorbed by Uncle Sam in tax write-offs, as interest expenses when paid by corporations. The second bite for the investor is that consumer prices are declining almost daily.

Last year the consumer price index came down 17.2