

Scenes From Black Democrat Caucus In Charlotte



Caucus

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Most of the Caucus members were rather satisfied with the outcome of the convention and especially with the forum, not half so much because of how the responded to the questions as with the fact that they showed up. They felt that it was an historic occasion.

Former Chapel Hill mayor, Howard Lee, felt that the convention was a tremendous success. Lee said "it allowed us to address the most important issues, to interact with each other and to make plans for the next few years," but added "I don't think that the convention was completely what we thought it would be." He did, however, feel that, of all the Caucus conventions that he's attended since 1968, this was the most constructive.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, the head of Operation PUSH, felt that the meeting proved that no presidential candidate could win without the black vote. Jackson was talking about massive registration campaigns which were discussed during one of the workshops held during the three day conference.

"You get 60- to 80,000 Black people coming into those stadiums where we decide we have a resister and have registrations at that mass meeting," said Jackson.

"We decide that we're going to support the forces that we do have and broaden the base to get the ones that we don't have," he said. "Unless we take that kind of initiative, it will not happen." Jackson further added, ".... but we ourselves must be mass leaders to conceptualize at that level."

Basil A. Paterson, who headed the steering agreed with Jackson, that no candidate could win without the black vote. In his closing statement to the Paterson said, "Charlotte represents the most mature and authentic statement of black political development to date. Twelve years ago, blacks gathered in Charlotte to integrate lunch counters. Today we gather to negotiate with the next president of the United States."

Perhaps the hottest single item of the conference was over the forum with the presidential candidates. Was any repore crystalized or did the forum cause further alienation? Many observers

felt that nothing new was drawn from the candidates. There was much talk about Jimmy Carter's responses which many felt was quite shallow and evasive. Rep. John Conyers shared that view. Some felt that Carter already knows that he's got the nomination in the bag with or without the black vote. Whether or not this may be true, Carter is clearly demonstrating that he is commanding quite a lot of power during this campaign which can be shown by his wide winning margins in the most recent primaries.

Still unanswered is whether anything at all was accomplished over the three days. As of this writing, the steering committee has not produced it's report on it's findings and recommendations. If accomplishment is to be seen in the fact that the Presidential candidates showed up, then something was achieved. But if the goal was to extract anything previously unknown to the public, then that goal was not reached. It was stated by Basil Paterson beforehand that the purpose of the forum was to crystalize the candidates on the various issues that pertain to blacks, however, as some

observers pointed out, it appeared to be little more than a good campaign "free-bee" for the candidates to deliver some more campaign speeches to susceptible ears. The questions were asked and the responses were campaign speeches in all cases.

But, Lt. Governor George Brown, who moderated the panel, the session as the oral part of a several part examination. He also felt that all of the candidates passed this "examination", but admitted that some had higher scores than others. But most importantly, according to Brown, the candidates are on record with some important

issues that pertain to the Black Community. He added that none had a high evaluation score yet to pass the remainder of the exam. Their evaluation will be carried out by the Caucus' constituency up until the Democratic National Convention which will be held in Madison Square Garden in July.

Even though it seems that Jimmy Carter is the most likely candidate to receive heavy black endorsement, one major question is: if the Caucus decides, in future against Carter, is it powerful enough to stop him. In such a case they may have to compromise rather than to lose face.



I LOOKED AND I SAW

By Rev. C. R. Stone

"THE FORWARD THRUST"

There are many reasons why the peoples of God fail to make reasonable gains in varying fields of endeavors. One of the key drawbacks among all races has been the lack of will-power on the part of some individuals. Many persons have almost lost the necessary will to breathe properly. The idea of our breathing is a prerequisite to good health because only those who continue to live can bring about the necessary changes. The world needs changes for better because we have experienced too many bad matters too long already.

Men could do far better with regard to success if they would only learn to exercise sound reasoning according to the small group concept. Clans of old times sought to get involved according to the idea as used here. No individual nor group can make a dent in the world for change by reaching for the moon so to speak. Because of the concept used here, small groups can make progress by thrusting their ideas together and moving forward in varying degrees. Progress, which is to last for a while, being sound, has always been accomplished on a slow basis.

The small group concept for going forward allows for the recognition of every person. Because an individual receives recognition, he is most likely induced into the dynamic stream of self-help. Self-help on the part of a person causes him to make a worthwhile contribution to the group to which he belongs. After all, there is no sound group who wants to accept an individual as a total liability. The individual who would depend on others for all things has already lost his place in the forward movement.

He who hath ears to hear — let him hear.



J. A. CARTER

J. A. Carter, Mortician Is Keynoter Fri.

J. A. Carter, asst. mgr. at Scarborough and Hargett Funeral Home and Memorial Gardens, will speak to the A. S. Hunter Masonic Lodge No. 825 Banquet Friday May 7 at the Downtowner Motor Inn. Carter is past Commander in Chief of Durham Consistory 218, Past Worthy Patron of Prospect Chapter 379 O. E. S. at present he is Associate Grand Worthy, Patron, O. E. S. Asst. State Grand Lecturer, of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Past Potentate of Zafa Temple 176 A. E. A. O. N. M. S., Inc., chairman of Masonic Research and a Grand Inspector General of the 33 and last degree. He is a member of the Morehead Avenue Baptist Church.

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