

# Black Caucus Dinner, Legislative Weekend Set

By DERRICK HUMPHRIES  
More than 3,000 supporters of the Congressional Black Caucus will participate in the Caucus' 7th Annual Dinner and Legislative Weekend, September 23-24 in Washington, D. C. "The Federal Connection" is the theme of

Friday's workshops on Capitol Hill as Administration and Congressional leaders pinpoint the flow of federal funds in areas of education, health, criminal justice, communications, international affairs, minority enterprise and housing, voter participation and the aged. A special admission by

ticket-Friday night reception will honor Andrew Young, former CBC member, now in the United Nations. The theme of the Saturday, Sept. 24th night dinner is "Economic Justice . . . The Next Chapter" and includes personal greetings by President Carter, a special guest address by Alex Haley, with actor Ossie Davis as master of ceremonies.

Those participating include elected and appointed federal, state and local government officials, labor, business, religious, and civil rights leaders, among others. Press credentials will be issued on acceptable press identification from the White House, the Capitol, the Metropolitan Police, or other local police departments.

The Congressional Black Caucus dinner committee is chaired by Congresswoman Cardiss Collins (D-Ill.) and its members include Representatives Walter E. Fauntroy (D-D. C.), Yvonne B. Burke (D-Calif.) and William L. "Bill" Clay (D-Mo.). For dinner information contact Ms. Beryl W. Bridges, dinner coordinator at (202) 225-1021. Contact Ms. Barbara J. Williams for legislative workshop information and Derrick A. Humphries for press and media arrangements, credentials, etc., both at (202) 225-1691.



**LARGEST GIFT TO UNCF** - The Procter and Gamble Company gift of \$60,000 to the United Negro College Fund is the largest single gift to the State of Ohio's goal of \$1.1 million of a national goal of \$16 million. This is among the largest corporate gifts of the top 20 in the nation. Planning the strategy for the City of Cincinnati's share of the state campaign are (seated, left to right) B. J. Nolan, Supervisor of Community Affairs for Procter and Gamble and UNCF Foundations Chairman; E. Robert Turner, Vice President of Federated Department Stores and General Chairman of the UNCF Campaign; James L. Allen, Associate National Development Director of the UNCF; and (standing) Larry Kellag, Vice President of the Kroger Company and UNCF Corporate Chairman.

## NEW RADIO STATION TAKES THE AIR IN DURHAM

A brand new radio station took to the air Monday morning at 8 a.m. It's radio Durham, WDUR, 1490 on the dial, with an exciting, all new approach to mellow contemporary music, twenty-four hours a day.

Radio Durham's programming format is a culmination of hundreds of hours of research by a consulting firm with listeners in the age bracket of twenty to forty years of age. Operations manager,

# Alpha to Raise \$1,000,000 For NAACP and Other Groups

ATLANTA - A plan to raise \$1,000,000 over the next two years for the NAACP, National Urban League, and the United Negro College Fund was unveiled by James R. Williams, General President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Atlanta Hilton Hotel. Attending the convention was Benjamin L. Hooks, NAACP Executive Director.

Founded at Cornell University in 1906, Alpha Phi Alpha has about 70,000 members. These are college trained men from over 500 college and alumni chapters in 44 states, the West Indies, Africa, and Europe.

Williams said of the campaign: "This is the most broad-based effort of its kind in the nation. Its purpose is both to

raise money and to rally the top black leadership of America to a new level of support for these three organizations which are so vital to the expansion of opportunity for Afro-Americans. Alpha Phi Alpha's long commitment to the development of America for full and equal opportunity for black people will be greatly advanced through this effort."

Dr. Isadore J. Lamothe, of Marshall, Texas, was named national chairman of the campaign.

Scott Cortelyou describes the music of Carly Simon, the Eagles, Stevie Wonder, John Denver and other greats as a new, exciting alternative. WDUR features local news twenty-four hours a day.

Radio Durham, WDUR, is owned by Airways of Durham, Inc., with studios and transmitter located at 1826 Nixon Street in the heart of Durham.

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## MINORITY

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Bill Brewster said that the Small Business Administration would provide 90 per cent bonding to minority firms under the program. Almost before he got the words off his lips businesspeople were challenging the effectiveness of SBA and the bonding provision.

Raleigh businessman Raymond Williams could be heard, along with several others, whispering unquot-

able comments. Williams said after the meeting that he had unsuccessfully attempted to get bonding through SBA on several local projects.

Asked how he would know when projects were approved and for what activities and when the bids were to be in, Goldsboro business person Dan Allen was told that minority businesspeople would, as other business people, be informed through requirements for advertisements in local papers. The OMBE participants were told black business and professional organizations would also be a source of information for the businesses.

Concerning abuses or flat out refusal of local governments to comply with the law, as has been done in the Equal Employment Opportunities guidelines passed in 1968, by Congress, representatives said enforcement would be nearly impossible. Ms. Smith said that OMBE and EDA staffing to monitor the program would not be increased from normal work loads. Lack of staff has been cited as the major problem with enforcement of the Congressional requirements which prohibit

city, state and country governments from discriminating because of race and religion.

To the surprise of many of the participants, nearly all of the cities and counties that will participate in the program have already submitted their applications to the Department of Labor and have already chosen their specific activities. Representatives of the OMBE office will play the role of keeping the minority business informed and provide technical assistance to businesses to take advantage of opportunities that might exist. A recent request of the state OMBE office indicated that state officials did not know grant amounts and activities proposed by many major cities and counties in the state.

But those major cities and counties for which the OMBE office did have information were the following: The City of Durham has applied for \$1,000,000; Wilmington, \$1,242,000; Winston-Salem, \$1,612,000; Fayetteville, \$252,000; Forsyth County, \$567,000 and Asheville, \$855,000.

Nick Gerald, an official of Fuller Oil Company in Fayetteville raised questions about regulations on joint venture which became a boon-dog for white businesses under the SBA 8-A program. Under that program SBA negotiated many non-competitive contracts with federal agencies for supposedly minority businesses which were actually fronts for white businesses. Joint ventures, Bill Brewster said, would be audited by the EDA and controls would be put on the program to prevent abuse.

Gerald is very familiar with the SBA 8-A program. In fact, his firm is one of the first minority firms in the state to get an award of a multi-million dollar contract to provide oil to the Fort Bragg military base.

J. D. Lewis, an official at Capital Broadcasting Company in Raleigh, said that the program was "better than nothing," although "It has a lot of room for improvement." Many of the other businesspeople from Fayetteville, Durham, Cary, Greensboro and other cities left a little confused, trying to figure it all out. One told a reporter that "This might be another '40 acres and a mule' going to try to get the mule even though I don't get the forty acres."

Defining 'minority business' Bill Brewster said the term referred to those of which "at least 40 per cent are minority group members; and, in the case of publicly-owned businesses, at least 51 per cent of the stock must be owned by . . . blacks, Spanish-speaking, Orientals, Indians, Eskimos or Aleuts."

One black contractor, H. T. Barlett of Greensboro, related his experiences under the program's predecessor which began last fall. He said that lack of venture capital limited him from making a profit in a trucking contract, so that \$12,000 of \$28,000 anticipated profit was spent to sub-contract the work that he could not complete to white - or in the lingo of minority businesspeople - 'majority' firms.

One of the problems that many of the businessmen face is knowing when city and county governments are applying for funds and when they are advertising for bids on projects. North Carolina law requires in General Statute Chapt 143-129 that a contract with local government be attained by bids which are secured by bid bonds. A major problem is that although minority businesspeople can get low bids, or, in the case of the LPW program contracts given to them, many cannot get bonding to guarantee that the job will be done.

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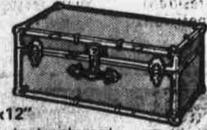


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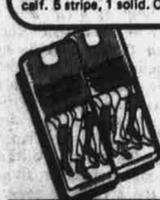


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