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When all around you are being too, too
clever, then it's smart to be plain.
—Arnold Gingrich

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Republic Policy Committee Supports Amendment to Balance Federal Budget, Limit Federal Spending

The Republican Policy Committee today overwhelmingly endorsed a Constitutional Amendment to balance the budget and impose a limit on federal spending except in an emergency.

GOP Policy Chairman Bud Shuster (R.-Pa.) said: "There can no longer be any

question about where the great majority of Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives stand on this issue. The imprimatur of the Republican Policy Committee now officially supports the actions of more than 74 percent of the Republicans in the House who have co-

sponsored a Constitutional Amendment to limit spending. The American people have a right to know that it is the Republicans who support a Constitutional limit on federal spending. By contrast, only 29 percent of the Democrats in the House have sponsored such legislation,

and the Carter White House had created a task force to lobby against the nationwide sentiment for this amendment." Shuster continued: "While Republicans support the American people in trying to gain more control over big government, the Democrats support big

government in trying to gain more control over the American people." Shuster also charged that the Congress "will be guilty of benign neglect if it continues to ignore the message from the taxpayers that is sweeping the land. The American people have had enough. They are fed up

with decades of reckless spending by the Democrats and the Democrat legacy of enormous debt being handed down to generation after generation. They want it stopped and stopped quickly." The Policy Committee, in its statement, said: "If the Democrat

majority in Congress had been responsive to the true interests of the American people, there would be no need for a Constitutional Amendment to balance the budget and limit federal spending. Instead, the Democrat big spenders in Congress have increased federal spending

as a per cent of GNP from approximately 17.5% in 1955 to 22.1% in 1979. The four balanced budgets in 1956, 1957, 1960 and 1969 all occurred in Republican Administrations simply because of the long-standing Republican commitment of the principle

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ADDICT'S BABY RECOVERS — Dr. Lovetta P. Finnagan, head of one of three centers in the country that treat pregnant addicts, holds Rashedah Anderson as the infant girl's mother, Toni, a former addict, looks on. The baby underwent narcotic withdrawal and has recovered. Other centers are in Detroit and New York. UPI

Churchmen Are Urged To Become Politically Active

Church leaders across the South met in Durham last week to develop a network of socially oriented black churches that cross denominational lines. The network is called Partners in Ecumenism or PIE. Regional meetings like the Durham convention are being staged around the nation in preparation for PIE's first national convention in Washington, D.C., in June, 1980. There, planners say, an agenda will be developed to impact upon the major political parties. Several well known politi-

cians endorsed the network, and urged the ministers to political activism. Rev. W. W. Easley was elected to chair PIE's southern regional organization. Atlanta's Mayor Maynard Jackson showered the ministers with statistics which destroyed the myth that conditions are better than they used to be for black people. The percentage of blacks in the nation's workforce and many other indices of urban crisis bore out his contention. The idea that blacks are doing better is part of a "major self delusion", claimed Jackson, who continued to say he has never seen a period of greater apathy in black political life.



PRESIDENT GREETSS MISS BLACK TEENAGE WORLD — President Jimmy Carter greets Miss Black Teenage World for 1978-79, Deborah Jones, of Altadena, Calif., during her visit to the White House recently. The 16-year-old Miss Jones, along with two other contestants, was in Washington to meet with presidential aide Louis Martin before meeting Carter. Miss Jones is a senior at Glendale Academy in Altadena and plans to enter Hampton Institute this fall on a \$13,000 scholarship she received from the Miss Black Teenage World Pageant.

Cross Burned In Durham County

BY PAT BRYANT
Sheriff and Court officials say they have not discovered the culprits who burned a cross in the lawn of Mrs. Ida Mae Bagley of 11 Michaels Drive during the early morning hours of Friday March 30. Mrs. Bagley's family is one of two black families in the neighborhood located off Cheek Road east of Merrick-Moore School. The burning was the first of its type in several years in Durham.

The three by four foot cross was discovered by Mrs. Bagley's son as he was on his way to school Friday morning. The cross burning was not the first incident suffered by the family since moving into the house last December. First a bicycle was stolen. Then one morning the Bagley's discovered cotton had been strewn across a garden they had started in the back yard. Clothes were taken off the clothes line and scattered on the ground. While the Sheriff's De-

partment is continuing its investigation, the Sheriff's Department said it would soon announce appointments of blacks to the Interstate Commerce Commission, International Trade Commission, Federal Reserve System and the Civil Aeronautics Board. Recalling his election, Carter said, "I would not be President today, if it had been for the Voting Rights Act, the Civil Rights Act, and the decisions of the Supreme Court in giving equality of opportunity to black citizens."

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Education Association has filed a formal request under the Freedom of Information Act this week to secure the underlying factual data behind a yet unreleased report by the Federal Trade Commission which has serious implications for the rights of millions of this nation's students and adults at the turning points of their lives. "The NEA has learned through reliable sources," reports NEA Executive Director Terry Herndon, "that an FTC staff report

contains data which will prove that students who attend costly private coaching schools achieve higher tests scores on standardized tests — tests which the test makers claim are 'coach proof.' The skill of test taking them becomes more important than the skills the test allegedly measure. People who can afford the cost of such schools thus have an unfair advantage at important transition points — from high school to college, from college to graduate law, or business school, from school to job, and in some instances from one job to another job." "The public has a right to know not only the results

of the report — which probably being watered down at this moment — but also the underlying data so that students and adults are protected from arbitrary decisions based upon unfair test scores and ability to pay." The executive of the nation's largest professional organization representing 1.8 million teachers also called for a "thorough governmental and media investigation of the entire powerful but unchecked testing industry, a substantial portion of which is exempt from federal taxes and any type of government regulation and whose former trustees are in high levels of government and academia.

State and federal attempts at regulation have thus far failed — thwarted primarily by the slick lobbying and PR efforts of Educational Testing Service (ETS) which runs the government's clearing house on testing." Herndon likens this effort to that of the "fox minding the hen house." NEA's attorney on the freedom of information request is Arthur E. Levine, a former FTC staff member from Boston who worked on the original FTC staff report on the coaching industry. Levine's previous Freedom of Information Act request to FTC for the report's underlying data on behalf of two Harvard Medical School researchers has been denied and is being appealed at the agency level. A number of other Freedom of Information Act requests for this report or the data, according to Levine, have also been denied by the governmental agency. "The NEA," states Herndon, "will pursue this matter in federal court if our request for the underlying data is denied by the FTC. The public should have an opportunity to make its own judgement about the justice of standardized test scores based upon evidence gathered through their taxpayer agency. FTC findings should confirm that the NEA and other knowledgeable groups have known for some time — that test results are less consistent in their ability to predict potential than has been purported by the testing industry, school system evaluators, and college admissions personnel. The NEA has been a public critic of the excessive use of standardized test

Urges Carter Hold Camp David Confab on Jobs

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — The Black Press called on President Carter during a White House meeting last week to hold a Camp David conference to deal with unemployment and other problems confronting blacks. The meeting with the President highlighted Black Press Week, marking the 152nd anniversary of the founding of first black newspaper in the United States — Freedom's Journal — established in New York City by Rev. Samuel E. Cornish and John B. Russwurm in 1827.

"We have a long way to go in our country to overcome the historic discrimination that exists against our black citizens," said President Carter, in answer to criticisms regarding high unemployment among black youth and adults made by William O. Walker, editor-publisher of the Cleveland Call & Post, and spokesman for the group. Carter locked and unlocked his fingers for a moment, looking first and Walker and across the Cabinet table and then at National Newspaper Publishers Association President John H. Sengstacke at his side. Then he continued, "I hope I can be a part of the alleviation of your burden that is born by people who are least able to bear it."

Further, Carter added: "I think I can assure you without any fear of failure that in spite of the difficulty in dealing with some of the Senators in the appointment of federal judges, we will meet any commitment for black district and circuit court judges." Also the President said that he would soon announce appointments of blacks to the Interstate Commerce Commission, International Trade Commission, Federal Reserve System and the Civil Aeronautics Board.

Two Promotions Made At Local Post Office

John R. Moore, a Raleigh native, has been assigned as Manager, Customer Services, in the Durham Post Office. Moore began his career with the U.S. Postal Service in 1958 as a substitute carrier. In 1974, he was promoted to Delivery Supervisor and has since served in various managerial positions in the Raleigh area, including Acting Manager of the North Hill Station, Manager of the King Charles Station and General Foreman of the delivery unit of the main office. Moore is a graduate of Washington High School in Raleigh, and has also studied at A&T State and Shaw Universities. Moore is married to the former Miss Emma J. Sanders and they have two children, Rosalind, a Junior at North Carolina Central University, and Stanley, who attends Wake Techni-



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MRS. BAGLEY STANDS WITH CROSS

Maynard Jackson To Host Black Mayors April 19-21

ATLANTA, GEORGIA. Mayor Maynard Jackson and the city of Atlanta will host the Fifth Annual Convention of the National Conference of Black Mayors (NCBM), April 19 through 21, at the Sheraton — Atlanta Hotel. The convention theme, "Municipal Development: A Priority for 1980," sets the stage for a wealth of information convention workshops with many top-level business and political leaders. NCBM's President, Richard Hatcher (Mayor of Gary, Indiana), will open the convention at the General Session at 9 a.m. on Friday, April 20, and welcome William Peacock, Director of International Relations — United States Department of Energy, who is the guest speaker for the occasion.

The Fannie Lou Hamer Freedom Award is scheduled for presentation to the Honorable A.J. Cooper, Mayor of Prichard, Alabama, at the Award's Luncheon on the same day. James R. Schlesinger, Secretary of the United States Department of Energy, has been invited to speak for the luncheon. Saturday, April 21, is another day of significant workshops featuring speakers for the United Nations; the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and the Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce. The highlight of the day will be the "Tribute to A Black American" Dinner Award which will be presented posthumously to Berry "Pop" Gordy, Sr. and accepted by his son, Berry Gordy, Jr.

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