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"The liberty of the individual must be thus far limited: he must not make himself a nuisance to other people."
John Stuart Mill

"It is not the man who has too little but the man who craves more that is poor."
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President Carter

Reaffirms Federal Aid To Minority Business



J. J. Henderson (left) and F. V. Allison (right) pose with W. J. Kennedy, Jr., who retired as chairman of the Board of Directors of Mutual Savings & Loan Association.

The Annual Shareholders Meeting of the Mutual Savings and Loan Association was held Tuesday, January 8 in the lobby of the association building. Mutual Savings and Loan Association loaned over 1.5 million dollars to local borrowers last year, which was another good year in the association history. "The majority of those loans were residential loans," F. V. Allison, Jr., managing officer said. Allison pointed out that, "Despite the increase in cost of money from month to month, last year was a profitable year for the savings and loan industry and Mutual Savings and Loan showed a

very productive year profit-wise. The growth was not as much as we would have desired, and recognizing the slow down in savings growth, we hope to overcome the odds in the coming year." He added, "The association savings deposits totaled \$14,221,500.05 last year. We are proud of our role as a specialized mortgage lending institution," Allison said. "Savings associations were created nearly 150 years ago to serve the thrift and home ownership needs of the American people, and we at Mutual Savings and Loan Association take that responsibility very seriously. Our savers had a good

year," stated Allison, "Mutual Savings and Loan Association paid its savers \$942,515.84 in dividends during 1979. The total dividend distributed amounted to \$112,273.00 or 13.52 percent over the previous year." Allison predicted for 1980 very high interest rates and very tight credit. He further added, "Savings probably will continue to fall below previous years growth and with the savings shortage and the inability for the consumer to meet their mortgage interest rates, it will put a damper on mortgage demands." "The industry is strong and our savings and loan association is strong."

WASHINGTON — President Jimmy Carter, in a memorandum to heads of government departments and agencies, outlined specific actions that need to be taken to ensure the President's goal of tripling the amount of business the Federal government does with minority businesses.

The President said in the memo that when he announced his urban policy in March, 1978, he had pledged to increase federal procurement with minority businesses from the \$1.1 billion level of 1977 to \$3.3 billion by the end of fiscal year 1979. He also said he had signed an executive order to increase substantially the amount of federal procurement in areas of high unemployment (labor surplus areas).

"In both instances, although the government's performance improved significantly over previous years, the goals I set were not achieved," he said. The President stated the White House is in the process of establishing higher goals in minority and labor surplus area procurement for 1980, "which I am confident we can achieve."

He outlined the following specific actions in the memo to ensure each agency is "doing its best to meet those goals:"

—Familiarize yourself with your agency goals and ensure that adequate plans have been developed to reach those goals.
—Instruct each of your procurement officials that these goals are a high priority with me that I expect each of them to take every necessary and appropriate step to reach these goals.

—Public Law 95-507 requires that each agency establish an Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) with a full-time director who reports to the agency head or deputy. It also requires subcontracting plans for utilization of small and minority firms for most federal contracts over \$500,000. Please take the following actions regarding P. L. 95-507: review your OSDBU to see that it has the necessary resources and full-time staff to carry out the responsibilities mandated by this law; and review the performance of your agency with regard to the subcontracting provision of the law, and take every action required to ensure that, henceforth, no contract covered by the provisions of this law is let by your agency which does not have a subcontracting plan.

—You should already have established with the Department of Commerce your annual minority contracting goals and with SBA your subcontracting goals under P. L. 95-507; if no, do so immediately.

—Cooperate fully with GSA in establishing labor surplus area goals.

—Personally review the 1979 performance of your agency in the minority and labor surplus area procurement areas, and if you did not meet your goals, develop a plan by January 30 to meet 1980 goals.

The President, in the memo, set a January 30th date for agency heads to report to him (through Jack Watson, secretary to the Cabinet and assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs) on specific steps they are taking in this area.

Feb. 2 Mobilization Committee Announces All Systems "Go"

The February 2nd Mobilization Committee announced that all systems are "go" for the demonstration in Greensboro and cited a growing list of endorsements.

According to a prepared statement read by Pat Bryant, a spokesman for the Committee, at a press conference Thursday morning, January 24, at St. Joseph's AME Church, "Despite news reports to the contrary, the February 2nd Mobilization is not only alive and well, but has growing nationwide support from organizations such as the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, National Lawyers Guild, Operation PUSH, Americans for Democratic Action, National Newspaper Publishers Association, the National Council of Churches, Division of Church and Society and the Inter-religious Foundation for

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Community Organization. "North Carolina supporting groups include the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers, the North Carolina State Association of Black Social Workers, North Carolina Lawyers Guild, Carolina Peacemaker,

NAACP of Greensboro and Warren County, Assembly of Vance, Assembly of Gates, First Congressional District Black Caucus, Halifax County Coalition for Progress and the state chapter of the Student National Dental Association." A mass meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 27, 3 p.m., at Russell Memorial CME Church on Alston Avenue in Durham.

Golden Frinks, whose Southern Christian Leadership Conference is one of the originators of the march, said "We are going into the streets of Greensboro with a non-violent, peaceful march with or without a parade permit."

He added, however, that he was certain "the organizers would obtain a permit by February 2." The prepared statement said, "While making plans to move forward into a new decade, we are

also looking back into the rich history of the movement for social justice in America. "Greensboro, North Carolina is a symbolic place.

"Twenty years ago, on February 1, 1960, four black students staged a sit-in at Woolworth's segregated lunch counter, thus defying local law and tradition. Their courage sparked a generation of struggle for people's rights.

But the Nixon years and the period that followed wore away the gains won in these struggles." Rev. Z.D. Harris, pastor of Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, and a member of the February 2nd Committee, reiterated this point Thursday morning as being one of the main reasons for the march.

The march, billed as a revival of the civil rights movement and "a new movement for justice" [Continued on Page 8]

Feb. 2 Mobilization Committee Says Greensboro Officials Seek To Block Use of Coliseum In Suit

GREENSBORO—The February 2nd Mobilization Committee filed a law suit here Wednesday requesting the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina to declare "null and void" a contract between the City of Greensboro and concert promoter Lawrence Toler.

The \$600,000 suit alleges that three city officials, Mayor James Melvin, City Manager Tom Osborne, and Coliseum Manager James Oshust conspired and manipulated black concert promoter Toler through a \$6,800 debt to the City to engage the Greensboro Coliseum on February 2nd, a date previously requested by the February 2nd Committee.

The alleged conspiracy, the suit asserts, was for the purpose of "preventing the plaintiffs from having a peaceful protest against the Ku Klux Klan, to commemorate the February 1,

1960 Greensboro sit-ins, and kick off a new civil rights movement.

February Mobilization Committee Director Dr. Lucius Walker, Jr., said on the steps of the courthouse, "Tom Osborne, James Oshust, and Mayor Jim Melvin have grievously squandered the tax payers money to underwrite a concert which the black community will not support and have knowingly and willfully misled the citizens of Greensboro."

The cost to Greensboro residents, Oshust said last week, would exceed \$16,000.

The contract which the February Committee seeks to void in the federal court provides that promoter Toler, doing business as ANEW Productions, will be sheltered from financial loss. It has been reported that acts for the concert have already been paid sums much larger than they normally receive.

Walker said the moral and legal questions raised by the officials' actions "are exacerbated by efforts to cover up the facts.

Walker mentioned that on several occasions, Tom Osborne has been quoted in the news media as having said that the February 2nd Mobilization Committee failed to respond to his offer of the War Memorial Stadium for the rally.

"In fact, on January 11, Dr. C.T. Vivian, co-chairman of the February 2nd Committee, and I requested a meeting with Osborne to interpret the Committee's purpose and commitment," Walker said. "In the course of the meeting, Osborne orally offered two alternate rally sites — a black church and the stadium."

Speaking from his Atlanta office, Dr. C.T. Vivian said he responded to Osborne saying that "neither the black church nor the stadium could

match the security and seating capacity of the Coliseum." Vivian and Walker are not sure which black church Osborne was offering.

Both maintain that Osborne's efforts, so far, have been designed to show the march organizers as unreasonable people.

Walker and Vivian say, and the suit alleges, that march organizers had inquired of coliseum officials if other Saturdays in February were available for use of the coliseum, but found that all were taken.

Osborne has reportedly contended that other dates, equally suitable to the February Committee, were offered.

Dr. Vivian explained that Saturday was important "since thousands of the marchers are working people who need travel time which Fridays and Sundays — other dates offered by Osborne — do not allow."

12,000 Eligible In North Carolina Last Minute Effort Underway To Get Big Refunds To Tenants

RALEIGH—Legal Services of North Carolina (LSNC) announced this week that its offices around the state have begun last-minute efforts to urge former residents of federally subsidized Section 236 housing projects to file for rent refunds of up to \$500.

"Less than two weeks remain before

the January 31 filing deadline," said LSNC Community Education Coordinator Ms. Trina Gentry at a news conference Monday. "North Carolina has an estimated 12,000 families eligible for refunds, yet only about 340 claim forms from our state, had been filed as of the first week in

January."

Ms. Gentry said North Carolina was 47th in the nation in terms of the number of claim forms filed. She added that the number of claims filed nationally has also been disappointingly low.

"Of the 500,000 eligible tenants across the country, only 175,000 persons have filed refund claims," Ms. Gentry said. "That accounts for a total refund nationwide of only \$35 million, or, little more

than half of the \$60 million the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has been ordered to refund."

The refunds are part of a \$60 million settlement between HUD and Legal Services lawyers who filed class action lawsuits in 1975 charging that HUD had allowed 236-tenants to be overcharged for rent during a 32-month period between February 1, 1973 [Continued on Page 8]

Statement by Commissioner Spaulding

I have enjoyed serving the citizens of Durham County as one of their County Commissioners for three terms, during which I have tried to do so with empathy, compassion, understanding, and fiscal responsibility. I am, therefore, seeking re-election on my record. As other issues develop, I shall address myself to them with equal fervor and dedication in the public interest. Not only are these crucial times through which we are passing in our economy, there are also many still unmet needs. And the burdens are heavy on both those of low income as well as with fixed incomes. Hence, the

problems facing your County Commissioners are many and difficult. To cope with them with

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any reasonable degree of satisfaction will require all the knowledge, experience, wisdom, and sound judgment possible. I have grown in all these areas during my tenure in office. I am, therefore, seeking the opportunity to continue to serve the best interests of the total community, and ask for your continued support in the forthcoming Democratic Primary. Some of the accomplishments of the Board of County Commissioners during my tenure of service thereon have been:

1. New facilities for the

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Bell Files For Re-Election To County Commissioners

William V. Bell, thirty-nine year old Durham County Commissioner, filed for re-election for a fifth term on the Durham Board of County Commissioners as a democratic candidate.

Bell, an electrical engineering manager at IBM Corporation's System Communications Division in the Research Triangle Park was first elected to the Board of Commissioners in 1972 and has been re-elected each term thereafter. He will be making more detailed announcements concerning his campaign organization and comments on those topics which he feels will be issues in the upcoming elections. Aside from his commissioners responsibilities, he



W. V. BELL

is also involved quite actively in some of the following organizations:

- President of UDI/CDC Board of Directors
- Board Chairman of Custom Molders Inc. - A minority owned plastic injection molding company.
- Board of Trustees - N. C. School of Science and Mathematics and its Executive Committee
- Board Chairman of Operation Breakthrough
- Durham Committee of the Affairs of Black People
- President Durham-Orange Howard University Alumni Chapter
- N. C. Museum of Life and Science Board of Directors
- Bell and his wife, Gwendolyn, a teacher in Durham city school system, have two children, Billy and Tiffany.