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Words of Wisdom
"All that is human must retrograde if it does not advance."
— Edward Gibbon

"He that will not apply new remedies must expect new evils, for time is the greatest innovator."
— Francis Bacon

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All Roads Should Lead to Richmond, Virginia

by ALFREDA L. MADISON from Capitol Hill

The National Conference on a Black Agenda will convene in Richmond, Virginia from February 28-March 2. Around 3000 blacks from across the country are expected to attend. The purpose of this meeting is to develop a "Black Social, Economic and Political Agenda for the 80's." Conference conveners are: Black Leadership Forum, National Conference of Black Mayors, National Black Caucus of State Legislators and the National Black Leadership Roundtable. These represent the heads of more than 100 national organizations.

Mayor Richard Hatcher of Gary, Ind. and one of the originators of the conference said, "Respectful of our rich diversity, we shall, nevertheless, in unity chart a path through the 1980's that will once and for all move our people from dependence to independence. We shall ask why promises of equal opportunity, full employment, and affirmative action have been deferred by the

courts, universities, and the marketplace." Answers to these questions not excuses, solutions not postponements, and strategies not diversions will be sought at this meeting.

In Richmond, besides the plenary sessions there will be a number of beneficial workshops. Each workshop will be conducted by three panelists. They will be in the following areas: Foreign policy, Economic area, Social area and Political area.

Since blacks and Hispanics make up a large segment of the poor, the poor minorities are being shunted off to the side. Blacks and Hispanics will make up one fourth of this country's population by 1985. This makes it necessary that blacks move from tokenism to parity.

Blacks are not really present in corporations. It is a rarity to find a black in any substantive position.

In Richmond affirmative action will be looked into from the standpoint of those who feel there is no longer

a need for it, to where the real problem lies; that is the lack of parity on the state level.

Certainly the President's budget will be given a hard look and his foreign policy section as it affects blacks.

The conference will deal with the domestic policy and its economic imperatives that work against self-sufficiency. An example is the CETA program which may address black youth unemployment, but it does not lead to economic development for blacks. The same is true of U.S. relationship with Africa, in that the assistance is designed to purchase leadership alliance and not to assist in the development of the African countries.

Black college students will be invited to the conference since the eighties will be their decade to assist decreasing their distance from the types of activities that will take place at these meetings.

The meeting agenda shows that blacks want to know why the rattling of sabres in distant lands command

higher budgets and quicker responses than continuing crises at home, which have left too many of our families without hope. Simply put, it is this, why are so many blacks still poor, still hungry, still illiterate, still sick and still denied admission to America's promised land.

All of the Presidential candidates have been invited to the Sunday session; Republicans in the morning and Democrats in the afternoon. They will be questioned in a "Meet the Press" format by a panel of outstanding black journalists. Then there will be questions from the audience.

In deciding on a meeting place, the planning committee had a problem with Virginia because it has not passed ERA and because of its labor policies. However, problems of this nature will be dealt with at the meeting.

From all indications this promises to be a most important conference which will cause the leaders of this nation to realize that blacks are a very viable part of the country and that they must be dealt with as general equals.

Sullivan Protest to S. African Gov't Regains Jobs of Strikers

PHILADELPHIA—The aftermath of an industrial labor dispute in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, which resulted in the arrest and pending trials of more than twenty black workers for conducting an open meeting without permit, has drawn the protest of Rev. Leon H. Sullivan, author of the anti-apartheid "Sullivan Principles" for equal-opportunity employment practices.

Rev. Sullivan, in his capacity as chairman of the International Council for Equality of Opportunity Principles, Inc. (ICEOP), has sent a telegram to the Government of South Africa protesting the actions of the government in the matter. "I am deeply concerned that persons involved in the orderly pursuit of justice in the work place have been arrested for affirming the basic rights of workers to state their grievances and negotiate fair conditions of employment with management," Rev. Sullivan declared. "Further," he stated,

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"I strongly urge that the South African Government protect the rights of black workers to allow for the orderly redress and resolution of their labor

problems." The workers were arrested for violating provisions of South Africa's Riotous Assembly Act. Their meeting followed weeks of dispute at the automotive plant of Ford Motor Company at Port Elizabeth.

In addition to sending the communication to the Government of South Africa, Rev. Sullivan contacted Henry Ford, head of Ford Motor Company, and urged him to send a senior management team to Port Elizabeth to resolve the problem in the context of the Ford commitment to uphold the "Sullivan Principles" on fair employment practices.

The Ford Motor Company's positive response to the request has resulted in a policy to invite all of the workers to return to their jobs. Rev. Sullivan expressed hope that the South African Government would follow the example of American companies in handling such matters.



First Black Mayor

Mayor Leo E. Jackson of New London, Conn., the first black man elected mayor in New England, likes to set an example for the young in the city known as a great whaling port in the 19th century. UPI photo



What's Happening To Public Education...
In a most informative, candid manner, Dr. Elizabeth Duncan Koontz, Assistant Superintendent for Teacher Education, State Department of Public Instruction, discussed our responsibility for "What's Happening To Public Education: To The Teacher and To The Children." The activity was sponsored by Beta Zeta Chapter of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa.

Housing Authority Concludes Meetings With Council

The special City Council meeting with the Durham Housing Authority on February 12 began with an attempt by citizens to ascertain the purpose of the meeting.

Chairman of the Durham Housing Authority, J.J. Henderson, suggested that "If the council has something specific it wants to throw out, I hope that it will do so; if not, I see no need to continue in this matter."

Mayor Harry Rodenhizer said, "These meetings came as a result of the feeling of members of the council that we sit down and address some of the issues facing the Housing Authority, and we should continue with this dialogue — we really don't know where we are going."

William C. Gordon, interim manager for the DHA, reported some of the problems that he had found since assuming his present responsibility. They are:

- Lack of accountability studies to HEW;
- Poor salaries of some of the staff;
- Incorrect policy for annual leave;
- No standard fee for tenant damage;
- Failure to designate various streets and driveways to the city for proper maintenance;
- Improper manner to allocate the budget;
- Lack of use of the computer system for ledgers;
- Six findings in the

Homebuyer's Agreement Program

- Critical problems with the grounds around buildings;
- Lack of preventive maintenance system;
- Too long a lapse between vacancy and reoccupancy;
- Lack of material management system;
- No annual inventory of equipment and supplies.

Gordon reported that sixty per cent of all problems have now been solved and that the remaining forty per cent will require a longer period of time. Among these are eighty man-years of neglected maintenance problems, according to Gordon.

Several councilmen began what John Hudgins referred to as "nit picking" after Gordon related

Fed'l Reserve Att'y on NUL Program

Hiliary H. Holloway, Vice President and General Counsel for the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is serving as a Visiting Professor at Norfolk State University in Norfolk, Virginia on February 21-22, 1980. Holloway will be lecturing in a Money and Banking class sponsored by the National Urban League's [Continued on Page 2]



ROBERT WOODS

Chain Adds New Staff Member

The Durham Business and Professional Chain has added a new staff member. Robert Woods is the Business Development Specialist for the Durham Office.

Woods a graduate of North Carolina Central University is a licensed Real Estate Broker and former employee for the City of Durham. Having been employed with the budget and management

division for two years, he comes to the chain with a wealth of experience in finance and management. His experience includes that of administrative assistant and accountant.

Woods duties includes providing direct business counseling and management assistance to new and existing minority owned business enterprises.

Soul City Fight To Continue

Residents of Soul City have decided not to take the Government's decision to discontinue support for the new town, lying down.

Kimp P. Talley, Jr., Chairman of the newly formed coalition, "Citizens for Fair Play on Soul City", vowed that, "The struggle to save the investments made by home owners would continue."

Talley stated further that the group has launched a major public awareness campaign in order to discredit HUD's contentions that the project is a failure and the 29 million dollars spent is its development has only benefited thirty-five families. The coalition is made up of property owners who feel that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), New Community Development Corporation (NCDC) has now reneged on its initial commitment to fund the 30 year project. "HUD has shown no desire to make a fair and equitable settlement with anyone," said Talley.

Soul City is located in Warren County, the second poorest of North Carolina's one hundred counties. With the advent of Soul City, the entire economically depressed area has benefitted from much needed federal support. About 70 per cent of the 29 million dollars that [Continued on Page 6]

Durham Citizens Speak Out On Housing

By Trelle L. Jeffers

Twelve citizens lined up at the Council meeting Tuesday night, February 12 to exercise their newly recognized constitutional rights and spoke out on the matter concerning the Durham Housing Authority.

In well-planned, well-formulated speeches, they advised council members that a divided city would be detrimental to a progressive Durham, and many of them urged the Council to develop a cooperative spirit, one which will alleviate the remaining housing problems that are now confronting the city.

Former councilman Clarence Brown was the first of the speakers to express disapproval of Mayor Harry Rodenhizer's request that all present Housing Authority commissioners resign. Brown said, "The request for resignation is not a solution to the problem. Any action to obtain resignation is arbitrary and illegal. The Council should develop a detailed plan to correct Durham Housing problems."

Mrs. Patricia Rogers, following Brown, also denounced the call for resignations and referred

to the problems in the Homebuyer's Agreement Program. She said, "When we came to the Council in the 1960's and asked you not to accept the houses in TurnKey 3, you ignored us. We now wonder what is the rationale for your upset."

Ms. Alice Radcliff, an attorney for Legal Aid, commented, "The problems are not limited to the Housing Authority. There is not an ample supply of decent housing. The city cannot make someone fix his houses, but some of

Husband And Wife Charged

A husband and wife were indicted by a federal grand jury today on charges of conspiring to kidnap two former workers of their migrant labor crew and holding one of the workers as a slave.

Attorney General Benjamin R. Civiletti said a two-count indictment was returned in U.S. District court in Columbia, South Carolina, against Larry and Barbara Wilson.

One count charged the couple with conspiring on June 22, 1979, to kidnap

the members of the Council are in real estate. They can lead the way by beginning a movement to improve the quality of housing in Durham."

Mrs. Carolyn I. Thornton, also a former member of the Council, alluded to a December 6 editorial in the Durham Sun which urged the newly elected members of the City Council to get on with business. Mrs. Thornton said, "The first action was to reverse the vote on the East-West Expressway exit." [Continued on Page 6]

George H. Jackson and Preston Mitchell to hold them as slaves.

The indictment said the Wilsons stopped another labor crew leader's bus, took Jackson and Mitchell from the bus at humpoint and demanded that they return to the Wilsons' migrant labor camp or pay off debts they allegedly owed.

Payment was made for Mitchell, and the Wilsons forcibly returned Jackson to their camp in Johnston, Edgefield County, South Carolina, the indictment said.