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The lazier a man is, the more he intends to do tomorrow.

Indecision becomes a disease and procrastination is its forerunner.

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Secretary Chats With Recipient

WITH THE OLD GUARD AT ATTENTION in the background, Secretary of the Army Alexander chats with Mrs. Flaxie Pinkett after presenting her the Army's Distinguished Civilian Service Award.

Ms. Flaxie Pinkett Receives Distinguished Service Award

Ms. Flaxie M. Pinkett received the Army's Distinguished Civilian Service Award at a military review on the Fort McNair Parade Field, Friday, April 25.

Secretary of the Army, the Honorable Clifford L. Alexander, Jr., presented the award to her for service as his Civilian Aide for the District of Columbia for the past two years.

As civilian aide, she demonstrated a keen interest in the role of the Army in its relations with the civilian community. Helping organize the Military District of Washington's Small Business Conference, she

enabled many minority and small business persons to learn about the Army's acquisition and procurement process. Additionally, she has played a key role in increasing the community's understanding and appreciation of the Army's presence and mission in the District of Columbia.

The host for the ceremony was Major General Robert Arter, Commanding General, Military District of Washington. Units participating were elements of the Third U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard) and the U.S. Army Band (Pershing's Own).

Voters Say "NO" To "Matchbox Five"

By Trelle L. Jeffers

A conservative white group known to Durham as the Committee for Positive Government lost its battle to place five white males on the County Commission in Tuesday's Primary Election when voters rejected Dewey Scarborough and Al Hight, two members of their slate.

Mrs. Elna Spaulding, the only female and an incumbent, grabbed an early lead and held steadily to it

through the final tabulation of the election returns.

Enthusiasts, including Mayor Harry Rodenhizer, began crowding the small terminal displaying the election results early as city precinct results trickled in. It was only when the delayed Lakewood report came in after 10 p.m., that the tenacious optimists conceded victory or defeat.

Mrs. Spaulding, who

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"We Must Focus On Domestic Hostages"

THOUSANDS TO MARCH FOR "JOBS, PEACE, JUSTICE"

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Twenty-five

thousand unemployed youth and allies are expected to converge here May 17 — the 26th anniversary of the 1954 *Brown* decision [U.S. Supreme Court decision outlawing racial segregation in public schools] — for a National Youth Pilgrimage for Jobs, Peace and Justice march from the White House to Capitol Hill. The event will be preceded by two days of meetings with legislators.

Charging that "another conspiracy is operative," — twelve years after the "conspiracy to kill the dreamer," Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., — Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, national president of the pilgrimage, declares "a conspiracy by the White House, the Congress and both political parties to kill the dream. . . . is taking place in the name of 'fiscal responsibility,' 'fighting inflation,' and 'balancing the budget.'"

"We must march for jobs," Jackson declares. "We are not opposed to balancing the budget. We are only opposed to balancing the budget on the backs of the young, the poor, the elderly, the minorities, the unorganized and the American worker, which is jeopardizing the national interest; while the special in-

terests — the giant corporations and the banks — are asked to sacrifice nothing."

"We support an alternative budget that is geared to human needs, is labor intensive, fights inflation and balances the budget at the same time," Jackson contends. "The present 'anti-inflation budget' asks that we delay an already weakened Humphrey-Hawkins Full Employment Bill until 1983; scuttles any meaningful comprehensive national health insurance plan; does something on energy, but not enough, through mass transit; says to our cities, decay a little longer; does nothing to stop the flight of capital abroad (with over one of every four dollars going abroad and taking American jobs with them); delays further, welfare reform; and jeopardizes small businesspersons and farmers."

"We must march to balance the budget by doing the following: (1) stop the waste in the military — we don't need a gold plated military; (2) take steps to make U.S. steel, auto and electronics industries competitive in the U.S. and world markets; and (3) stop the flight of capital, or America's economic hemorrhaging."

Jackson's appeal further contends that "We must march for justice. There is only one item that has a direct positive correla-

tion between increased police brutality, increased crime and increased incarceration, and that is unemployment. When unemployment goes up, crime goes up, police brutality goes up, and the jail population goes up. The crime control industry is now spending \$25 billion annually, has 550,000 Americans incarcerated, and will build an estimated 1,000 new prisons adding another 300,000 to our caged population in the next five years. The annual cost of housing a federal offender in a newly constructed prison is now \$17,305 a year.

"At the same time that we are vastly expanding the jail population, the government is cutting back on aid to black colleges. We are marching for \$100 million in aid to black colleges for research. Our young people and their allies must march to dramatize their displeasure, educate the American people to their plight, protest the current policies of neglect, and pressure the government to alter its course, for such action is in the national interest."

"They must match their direct action with political action. The 3.1 million high school seniors must come across the stage this Spring with a diploma in one hand and a voter registration card in the other."

In the Fall, the 11.2 million students in institutions of higher learning must register to vote at the same time that they register for classes.

"We are faced with an economic and moral crisis. The American citizenry, especially its youth, cannot sit idly by and watch their present and future being destroyed. . . . Thus, we are appealing to the church, labor, youth, students, those concerned about energy, the environment, peace, the elderly and those concerned with educational issues to march with us on May 17."

"We are appealing to these various elements to send telegrams of support, to sponsor buses from across the nation and to contribute funds in support of this effort."

The Washington mobilization office is located at 75 Rhode Island, N.W., phone 202/462-5418. The national mobilization headquarters is located in Chicago at 930 East 50th Street, phone 312/373-3366.

The American Friends Service Committee announced last Friday that it is endorsing the National Youth Pilgrimage for Jobs, Peace and Justice. "The plan is to make unemployed people visible to the President, the Congress and the nation at [Continued on Page 3]

NAACP Freedom Day Celebration Slated For May 18

PROGRAM FOCUS: THE BLACK CHURCH

CHARLOTTE—Rev. M. William Howard, Jr., will deliver the main address at the Annual NAACP Freedom Day Celebration and "Mother Of The Year" Program, Sunday, May 18, at 3 p.m., in the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium.

Rev. Howard was elected president of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA in November, 1978, at age 32. He is the youngest person ever to hold that position and is the second black president of the Council. He is an ordained minister of the American Baptist Churches, USA, and was executive director of the Black Council, Reformed Church in America, before being elected president of the NCCC.

As president of the NCCC, Rev. Howard is interested in "bringing to the Council a greater appreciation of the biblical imperative for the unity of the churches, and hopes that, as a result of continuing Bible study, the Council will approach social and theological issues from a better grounding."

Rev. Howard is of the

opinion that "there is a vacuum in the ministry of American Christianity to a significant proportion of the American population

on such issues as morality, human values and the new society that must be created."

Rev. Howard has been a

member of the NCCC's governing board since 1974. Among other responsibilities, he held the post of vice president

for the Commission on Justice, Liberation and Human Fulfillment, and has participated in the NCCC's Special Commis-

sion on First Amendment Rights and the first post-revolution delegation of the NCCC to Cuba.

He is also active in the work of the World Council of Churches, currently as advisor to the Central Committee and member of the Executive Group for the Unit on Justice and Service. He was formerly moderator for its Commission for the Programme to Combat Racism and, in 1975, was an advisor to the Fifth Assembly of the World Council, which met in Nairobi, Kenya.

The North Carolina NAACP is engaged in a program of honoring the Black Church and the contribution it has made in the field of human rights. It is endeavoring to strengthen its relationship with the church, according to State President Kelly M. Alexander, Sr.

Freedom Day activities will begin Saturday, May 17, with a special Youth Division program at Shaw University. On Sunday, May 18, at 2 p.m., there will be a Religious Freedom March from the State Capitol to the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium.

Rep. Chisholm Challenges Blacks:

Use Your Brains

By Trelle L. Jeffers

Addressing the mass meeting of the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, U.S. Representative Shirley Chisholm challenged the packed house at Union Baptist Church, Sunday night, May 4, "To use your brains and do not be misled by advice to support candidates from those who have received favors from the candidates that they represent."

Said Rep. Chisholm, "If I were a member of a certain team, I'd do the same thing; I would have to do it if I wanted my job."

She said that before blacks decide to support a candidate, they should ask themselves two questions: Has life improved for the

masses during the candidate's administration? and are there members of my family who are now unemployed? She alluded to the statistics that cite unemployment among blacks to be a staggering 38%, and she said that senior citizens who have given their lives to the development of this country had to choose last winter between heating and eating.

Speaking of President Carter, Rep. Chisholm said, "I like the President very much; he is a fine and decent man, but he can't cope."

She said that Senator Edward Kennedy, during her sixteen years' association with him, has shown sensitivity to the poor and the elderly. "He has always

been in the forefront with legislation that shows compassion and concern for poor people, black people and the elderly," said Rep. Chisholm.

Rep. Chisholm predicted that the black middle class people are in for hard times. She said that they have been prosperous because of the civil rights movement; but because the black middle class has been the last to be hired, it will be the first to be fired.

She also condemned the black middle class for forgetting from "whence it came."

Rep. Chisholm represents aBorough of New York City in the U.S. House of Representatives; she has received 39 honor-

ary degrees and has written two books. Often referred to as the most powerful black woman in America, she serves on the House Rules Committee in the U.S. Congress and she is Secretary of the Democratic Caucus in the House of Representatives.

Former Deputy Director of the Democratic National Committee, Ben Brown, speaking at the same meeting in favor of President Carter, said that a coalition of black people, the white working class and the small business man had succeeded in electing the President.

He said we have an investment in place and we are moving along. The team's (Carter-Mondale) [Continued on Page 8]

Plans to Save Black Colleges Aired In Washington

By Lawrence A. Still
(Capital News Service)

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Dramatic step by step proposals to maintain and expand predominantly black colleges and universities were outlined by speakers at the recent conference of the National Association For Equal Opportunity in Higher Education here in the nation's capital. The Association (NAFEO) is composed of some 107 presidents of institutions of higher learning.

Although Dr. Shirley Hufstader, Secretary of Education, and a host of government officials attended the three day sessions of the presidents and their staffs at the Washington Hilton, the majority of the 1000 delegates vigorously criticized Carter Ad-

ministration measures to reduce education funds for programs designed to help black institutions.

Speaking at a session on alumni activity, author Samuel F. Yette and college presidents, Dr. Frederick Humphries and Dr. Prezell Robinson warned graduates to support the institutions they attended or "they will be eliminated." Yette also urged the presidents to stop depending upon the Government and the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations for continued support, but, instead, to emphasize "the self-reliance and moral values which made them unique" in service to the black population throughout their history.

Calling for the establishment of Athletes for Higher Education, Businessmen for Higher Education, Entertainers

for Higher Education, et cetera, Yette declared "our true black power is our moral courage and self reliance. . . ." He urged black colleges to develop independent financial and political sup-

port for themselves and not to imitate white institutions in establishing "campus cohabitation, wholesale dispensing of birth control pills . . . and all other such evils. . . ."

"We have not taught

our people how to do what others have done to convert our natural (cultural) assets or talents into comprehensive power. . . ."

"Indeed, unless we are willing and able to master the moral courage to

fashion our institutions to help our young people to make more sense of their lives, we have little to argue for their continued existence, and even less to argue their superiority in comparison to the

historically white universities. . . ." Yette continued.

At one point Dr. Humphries, president of Tennessee State University in Nashville, agreed with Yette that it may be necessary to merge some black colleges with junior colleges to develop joint programs for survival. He and Dr. Robinson, President of St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, also

agreed that both public and private institutions of higher learning must continue to exist to serve the needs of poor black and disadvantaged students while reaching out for children of middle class alumni and serving increasing numbers of white urban students in some areas.

"I can tell you if it had not been for some of these black schools, many of us would not be here today,

because the Harvards and the Yales and the Princetons were not reaching out for us many years ago. . . ." declared Dr. Robinson.

Pointing out that 85 per cent of all black doctors and dentists and over fifty per cent of all black professionals today are the products of black colleges, Dr. Robinson asked "where are our leaders of tomorrow coming from?" if black colleges are closed or merged with predominantly white institutions. He also noted the low percentage of black graduates from major white colleges and universities.

Robinson urged black college alumni to make personal commitments by "deeds and money." He asked the graduates to send their children to their alma maters instead of [Continued on Page 14]

Durham College Plans Reopening

In a recent meeting, the Board of Trustees of Durham College formally instructed President James W. Hill to develop and implement a plan for the resumption of classes at Durham College for the fall of 1980. Following these instructions, President Hill has proceeded to contact the guidance counselors of the various high schools throughout the state, as well as applicants who had inquired

about the college during the fall semester of '79. There will be some new programs offered that will be unique to the Durham area. The details of these programs will be announced within the next several weeks. Durham College suspended classes for the second semester on January 17. Since that time the College has filed a petition in the court under "Chapter XI," a

relatively new legal status known as a "Debtor in Possession." All legal action against the College has therefore been suspended by the court. The College must provide the court with an acceptable financing plan in order for the College to continue under Chapter XI. Durham College's financing plan is due in early July.

The beginning date for

the fall semester for the college has been scheduled for September 8. Staffing for the fall semester will get underway during the early part of June.

Durham College is a Junior College and awards the Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree.

Persons interested in programs or staffing may write: Durham College, 3128 Fayetteville Street, Durham, NC 27707.