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OIC Meeting Focuses On Jobs Rev. Sullivan Speaks To Group



The Rev. Leon H. Sullivan

"America is a problem solving nation," declared the Rev. Leon H. Sullivan founder of Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC). The Rev. Sullivan spoke recently in Raleigh during an OIC business and industry luncheon at the Royal Villa Hotel. More than 500 people representing business and industry attended.

The purpose of OIC is to train the poor and the disadvantages for productive and healthy work and to take them off the welfare list. The Rev. Sullivan listed the aims of OIC as to provide skill training to the underemployed; to provide motivational and attitudinal service to the individual and community; to provide job placement service to industry; and to bring the

nation together through a creative human resources program that will mean a better life...

Today in North Carolina there are OIC centers in the following places: Raleigh-Wake, Rocky Mount, Wilson, Roper and Charlotte. In the rewarding venture of productive work, OIC has established centers in over one hundred cities in the U.S. and ten abroad.

In 1964, after leading boycotts to industry to hire blacks in Philadelphia, Rev. Sullivan found that there were not enough qualified blacks to hire. So he set up his Opportunities Industrialization Center in an abandoned police station in North Philadelphia's black ghetto. OIC has received more than 120 million dollars in federal

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Post Office Urges Christmas Mailing

Postmaster Charles R. Isgett has urged immediate mailing of all domestic Christmas cards and parcels.

"Although most of the suggested mailing dates for domestic holiday mail have passed," he said, "all cards, gifts and other holiday mail deposited in accordance with our local standards will be delivered by Christmas Eve.

"In view of the excellent cooperation received from early mailers so far this year, we are confident that holiday

mail deposited immediately will be delivered in time for Christmas," Isgett said.

Earlier this year, the Postal Service urged the public to mail as early as possible and announced a series of recommended mailing dates to ensure delivery in time for Christmas.

The last of the suggested mailing dates was Sunday, December 15, for mailing domestic greeting cards with-

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Community Group Formed For Ambulance Service

A group of community persons have formed an organization called "The Committee to Save the People's Free Ambulance Service."

The organization was formed on October 16, 1974. According to the organization's news release, the organization is composed entirely of community people.

The committee says that it supports the continued operation and maintenance of the People's Free Ambulance Services.

"We support the People's Free Ambulance Service because it is a program that is meeting community needs and is providing a valuable and vital service to the community," says the organization.

The committee could not limit its concern to the survival of the People's Free Ambulance Service. "We saw the necessity to structure an organization that could and would continually concern

itself with the many needs that exist in the black communities.

"We define our role in the community as a supportive role that is concerned with meeting the basic needs of the people.

"Although we are not a political organization and do not adhere to any particular political philosophy, our understanding is that the nature of our social and economic needs are politically determined.

"For this reason, it is our feeling that in order for community leadership to serve and represent the community, it must be responsible to, and accountable to, the people of the community," Howard Willy, chairperson of the Committee to Save the People's Free Ambulance Service, said.

Sunrise Tower Host Class

The Winston-Salem Dept. of Rec. in conjunction with Forsyth Technical Institute, sponsored a 33-hour crocheting class at Sunrise Tower on East 9th Street.

The instructor was Mrs. Rickie Wilson. Thirteen of the participants were awarded certificates on Tuesday Dec. 17 in a graduation exercise.

Mrs. Alfred Sudler, Patterson Avenue YWCA Recreation Director, was guest speaker.

Mrs. Louise Jones received special recognition for completing a full length crocheted bed spread.

Mrs. Loise Davis, recreation coordinator at Sunrise Tower, was Mistress of Ceremonies.



Patrick Hairston, who recently lost a bid for NAACP President, says selective buying would force employers to give blacks more meaningful jobs. See Story on Page 7.

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