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Blacks Boycott Center

by Rudy Anderson
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Blacks, angered over the prospect of losing the only black operated business in Northside Shopping Center, implemented Tuesday morning a boycott of the center.

The boycott was called for by leaders of a group calling itself the Black Concerned Citizens Committee in a meeting at Shiloh Baptist Church last Thursday to discuss the plight of black citizens in the community whom they felt had been treated unjustly.

More than 150 blacks attended that meeting and heard the stories of black citizens who said they weren't given a fair deal by the press, the justice system, or the business community.

Nathaniel Wiseman proprietor of Staley's Northside Restaurant since 1973, told his story to the group.

Wiseman has been refused a new lease and told to vacate by the end of January by Mrs. Gail Citron, president of the Nybor Corporation which runs the shopping center.

Her reason for not giving

Wiseman a new lease was that he could not pay the \$1,000.00 a month rent. She said he owed several thousand dollars in back rent, at least \$6,000.

Wiseman contends that he had the money and the reason for her not giving him a lease was because he was black and about to do a very profitable business particularly when the new corporate headquarters for Reynolds opens up later in the year.

Pickers were out early Tuesday morning asking

perspective customers, particularly blacks, not to patronize any of the stores in Northside except the restaurant until Wiseman is given a lease.

Most store managers said that it was too early to tell whether the boycott would have any real effect. They said the cold weather and the fact that it was a slow time of the year accounted for sparse crowds at the center. Few ventured to make any statements however on what

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Pickers bare the frigid weather at entrance of Northside near restaurant. Their signs tell the story.

Black Businessman Calls For Unity

by Rudy Anderson
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The president of the Black Business Action League here said Tuesday that recent events happening in the black community and to aspiring black leaders "have clear racial overtones."

Johnny X Williamson, president of the league, said that in light of these events the black community, especially the black business community should now more than ever before be prepared to stand behind its leaders and support its black businesses.

He pointed out some areas that his organization is trying to emphasize to secure what he called "power" in Winston-Salem. They were politics, economics, improving the black self-image, the development of black leadership and the mobilization of the black consumer.

Of the boycott at Northside, he said the business community will try to close down Northside "until we get justice" in this matter. "The only blacks in the shopping center will be those that work there," he said.

Williamson said he was sure the boycott would keep Wiseman in the shopping center. His optimistic view however was not shared by some employees at various stores in the center who said that they believed the position

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To Replace Coleman Freeman

Urban Arts Administrator Named

The Arts Council announced today the appointment of Dorothy C. Graham as the new Urban Arts Administrator Ms. Graham, a native of Winston-Salem, comes to the Arts Council with outstanding credentials. She has been very active in Arts Council activities, having served as a Trustee and Secretary of the Board of Trustees. Ms. Graham, therefore, is familiar with all components of the Arts Council programs and member groups.

Educated at A&T State University and Winston-Salem State, Ms. Graham has also received certificates of training from Emory, Brown University and the Babcock



Dorothy Graham

School of Management.

Ms. Graham has had a great deal of career training in Urban agencies. She has served in the past as an Associate Director with the Forsyth County Anti-Poverty Agency, Urban Coalition, and Citizens Coalition. Most

recently, she has served as Executive Director for the Forsyth County Early Childhood Development Planning Association.

Ms. Graham's business and civic activities have been many and varied. She has participated in the North Carolina Association for Education of Young Children, Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Bicentennial Commission, Manpower Council, and Council for Status of Women. In addition, Ms. Graham has served as an officer in the Forsyth County Mental Health Association, National Council of Negro Women, Business and Professional Women's

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would have to approve Sikes' reappointment as chairman of the Appropriations Committee subcommittee.

Last year, the House of Representatives voted to reprimand Sikes for violating the House ethics code. He was accused of failing to disclose personal financial information, as required by House rules, and of sponsoring legislation to enhance the value of his property in Florida.

Neal said he thinks Sikes should be denied the subcommittee chairmanship "because the subcommittee has great power and prestige. Congressman Sikes has abused that power, in my opinion, and in order to maintain public confidence, I believe we should not entrust the chairmanship to him."

Specifically, Neal and the others were critical of Sikes for using his official position to establish a bank at the Pensacola Naval Air Station in Sikes' congressional district. After the bank was established, Sikes became its third largest shareholder, owning 2,500 shares. He also failed to report ownership of 1,000 shares of stock in Fairchild Industries, a major defense contractor affected by House appropriations legislation.

Neal Urges Unseating And Probe Of Sikes

Washington -- Fifth District Rep. Steve Neal and 12 other members of Congress are urging House Democrats not to permit Rep. Robert L.F. Sikes, D-Fla., to keep his chairmanship of a military construction subcommittee because of financial misconduct.

Neal and the others criticized Sikes in a letter being circulated in advance of a Democratic caucus, which