

Jobs Scarce For Blacks

a letter expressing the disappointment and requesting that last week's actions not be made a precedent.

Michaux said that black members of the Legislature would meet with Hunt on Tuesday to discuss the matter.

Reports were made concerning the number of blacks hired to nearly all state agencies which up to this time have been minimal and token. Some reports gave very detailed data while others were general.

Charlotte City Councilman Harvey Grant and Raleigh Mayor Clarence Lightner met with Department of Transportation Secretary Tom Bradshaw. Lightner said Bradshaw wanted to make this department an example of equitable hiring for blacks. A **Carolina Community News Service** survey of state departments last week showed that of 27 policy-making positions within the Department of Transportation none are held by blacks.

Leo Hadden, Chairman of the Second Congressional District Black Caucus, reported that he met with Dr. Sarah T. Morrow, Secretary of the Department of Human Resources, and "talked primarily about non-exempt jobs." Hadden stated that Morrow responded to a question of whether blacks would be hired in policy-making jobs with, "she's interested in hiring

blacks in the same way whites are hired." The CCNS survey of DHR disclosed that of 27 policy making positions in the state's largest agency, none are held by blacks. Last week six of those positions were open and unfilled.

Dr. Lavonia Allison, Vice-Chairperson of the Caucus, reported on a meeting with the "oldest rat in the Democratic barn," Secretary of State Thad Eure. She reported eure employs 27 people of whom four are attorneys, with three blacks in the positions of messenger, mail clerk and secretary. Dr. Allison said that Eure responded to question about his intentions to affirmatively hire blacks saying, "for 40 years he has served as Secretary of State and has always had a black." Allison said that Eure's black was always a messenger, and Eure said that he, "started doing what's right before somebody's pushing him." Almeta Armstrong, representing the 8th Congressional District gave a list of several job vacancies within the Agriculture Department. She said that Jim Graham, Secretary of Agriculture promised to inform the caucus of any vacancies.

Ben Ruffin, representing the 4th Congressional District reported for Lawrence Graves who met with the Attorney

General Rufus Edmisten. Of 635 jobs 59 are held by blacks including four black lawyers, three of whom are females. Edmisten's department is the only state department that has begun to implement an affirmative action plan.

A report was not made on the status of black employment within the N.C. Department of Administration, the closest department to the Governor. Joseph Grimley, Hunt's campaign manager, is director of the department which has 41 policy making jobs, the highest of any state agency. The CCNS survey showed that blacks have been appointed to only three of the 41 positions. Harold Webb, John Edwards, and Frank Turner hold the positions. Grimley's personal staff, excluding one receptionist are all white.

Dr. Allison held an impressive computer-print-out of jobs in state government and disclosed glaring discrepancies in previous hiring of blacks at all levels except the lowest in state government.

The chart shows a long-known and existing pattern of racial discrimination of blacks in state government. Whether the N.C. Black Democratic Leadership Caucus will make a dent in the gross discrimination that they research and describe depends in many ways on the longevity of the organization and its grassroots participation. Mayor of Roper, E.V. Wilkins made the point well when he read a letter that was sent to communities in the 1st Congressional District explaining the history of the N.C.B.D.L.C. and urging participation of blacks throughout the District in the next meeting. Wilkins said that much emphasis of the organization is placed in efforts within the piedmont and central North Carolina but that greater effort should be spent in the 'hinterland'. Similar expressions were made by H.B. Seets, President of the Person County Branch of the N.A.A.C.P.

The N.C.B.D.L.C. is not the only organization of its kind operating within North Carolina. It was organized shortly before the November election by Hunt supporters who were called 'keys' in a Chapel Hill meeting. Their primary objective has been to participate in the 'spoils' of the Hunt victory.

NEXT WEEK A SPECIAL REPORT WILL FOLLOW ON THE CAUSES OF DECLINE OF OTHER N.C. BLACK CAUCUSES AND HERE THEY ARE NOW:

Stranded In N.C. Family Finds Home

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fixed then the car's carburetor caught fire.

Temple said he had to use most of the money he had for the trip to get the car fixed.

Temple recognized the seriousness of his family's situation and sought help. He found a Captain White, a member of the Salvation Army in Salisbury who helped him.

Temple said White called Atlas offices in Winston-Salem, Danville, Va., and Atlanta, Ga., concerning Temple's job. Temple said White informed him that there was a job available for him in Winston-Salem.

When Temple got to Winston-Salem, he found 129 Fayette St., address of Atlas Railroad Construction Company.

He was told by a company representative that there were no jobs available because of the bad weather. He was also told that men had been laid off because of the snow, and work may be available in about two weeks. "White said all I had to do was fill out an application."

Temple says he was broke, knew no one in town, and his family was hungry and in the cold.

He says the manager of the Salem Manor Inn let them spend the night there in one of the rentals. He said he then contacted the Reynolds Family Service who put him in touch with the World Community of Islam in the West (the muslim community here) and they fed and sought help for him and his family.

The help effort began to grow for the Temple's as more people and agencies began to get involved in their situation. Patrick Hairston, President of the NAACP local chapter, found them temporary shelter in a boarding house at 421 13th St. It was only one room, with kitchen and bath facilities shared with the other residents.

At the request of the Islam Community and a reporter from the Winston-Salem Chronicle, Temple, whose

main ambition was to get a job, went to to the Experiment in Self Reliance.

Program Director, Mrs. Louise Wilson, listened attentively and then assured he and his wife that they would get food if they needed it and that her organization would be working to find him a job. She assigned Ms. Evelyn Terry to the case.

Temple said, "I left my job with the J.P. Stevens Company in Alabama to come to Virginia to take the trackman's job with Atlas." "We never talked to each other over the phone but I knew I had a job when Captain White gave me that news. When they saw me, the story changed."

Temple however did not have to wait long before his prayers for a job were answered.

He was referred to Letcher Hash, owner of Hash's Body Shop on 2600 N. Liberty St. Because Temple had some experience as body repair man, Hash gave him a chance.

Now after nearly two days on the job, Hash reports that "He is doing the best he can. He really seems to be a hard worker." Hash said "he gave Temple the job because he needed it.

Hash's secretary, Mrs. Vivian Hawkins said that Hash's action in this situation was typical of him. "Mr. Hash gives almost anyone who comes to him for help a chance." She said he lets people come in and see what they can do. "If they can't do what is necessary they usually part friends," she said.

Temple says he plans to stay in Winston-Salem and make a home here. "I'm working now to get us out of that boarding house. It was better than what we had when we got here, but there never was much privacy," he said.

Temple and his 24-year-old wife Shirley have five children, Ronnie Lee age 8; the twins David and Dan Jr., age 5; Dennis age 4; and Andreana age 3.

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