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## NAACP Freedom Banquet A Success



F. Willard Air, Director of the Greater Miami Urban League highlights the annual affair.

The NAACP held its annual Freedom Fund Banquet last week but instead of hearing the usual words of praise the more than 2,000 attendants were told of the lack of progress the black community has made.

T. Willard Fair, Director of the greater Miami Urban League, used no uncertain terms in describing the process by which "niggers" have moved through "the colored" era, the Negro era, to the black era. "We have not progressed...we have retrogressed," Fair said.

"The black community of Winston-Salem has not made any substantial progress in the last 40 years," Fair charged. He cited the police force as one example. "When 20 percent of the police force is black and 80 percent of the people going

to jail are black; that ain't progress."

"Until we change the flow of money," Fair warned, "we ain't about nothing." In addition, he said there are some blacks here who have made it. But, "There are no new niggers with new money in this town. Progress will occur when some more people get some of the money."

"The only way you can measure race progress is to compare present self with former self. We still have more unemployed niggers in the town than ever. Progress has not been for black folks but for individual blacks."

Fair warned that blacks will have to penetrate two areas in order to make progress. These areas being politics and economics. He urged blacks to take control of local politics and vote. Not just out of anger and hate, he said, but because and awareness of the political

process is essential.

"Money is needed in the community to build schools and roads and that's done through the county commissioners." In addition, "We must create an economic base in the black community. We must become employers, instead of employees." Creating an economic base in the community would mean that money would stay in the community a little longer.

The annual selection of the Mother of the Year was also held. Mrs. Donnie Young was named for 1977. Runnerup in the contest was Mrs. Sally Savage, Mrs. Bertha Parks, Mrs. Ida Pauling, Ms. Ricky Wilson and Ms. Delores Wall.

Patrick Hairston, President of the NAACP, presented Mrs. Laura B. Smalls, Dr. J.T. McMillan, George Reddy, Dr. Kenneth R. Williams, Mrs. Helen Falls and Charles McLean with awards.



Goler Tenants Committee, headed by Melinda Pace [2nd from left] begins their motorcade to Greensboro's HUD Office to protest conditions at their apartment complex.

### Motorcade Goes To Greensboro

## Goler Tenants Complain To HUD

A committee representing the tenants of Goler Metropolitan Apartments organized a motorcade, Wednesday to the HUD office in Greensboro to

complain of housing conditions at Goler.

A statement released by Ms. Melinda Pace, president of the Tenants' Organization, lists the residents'

grievances as: 1) Conditions of Apartments; 2) Unfair Lease Provisions -- The tenants want a one year lease instead of the thirty

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Mrs. Jones Goes to Washington -- as delegate to the first White House Conference on Handicapped.

### Mary Sloan Jones

## Goes To Washington

Mrs. Mary Sloan Jones of Winston-Salem will be a delegate at the first White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals May 23-27 in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Jones, whom former

mayor M.C. Benton used to call the "Ninth Alderman", is well-known for her civic work on behalf of the handicapped and the elderly.

She is an organizer and

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