

# newsline

## Board Questions Plan

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### Blacks, Hispanics Coalesce

WASHINGTON -- Representatives of black and Hispanic organizations have formed a coalition to work together for economic parity, instead of bickering among themselves.

The new group will be known as the Working Committee on Concerns of Hispanics and Blacks. Participating organizations include the NAACP, the National Puerto Rican Coalition, the National Urban League, the League of United Latin American Citizens, the Congressional Black Caucus and the Hispanic Caucus.

Heading the new group will be M. Carl Holman, executive director of the National Urban Coalition, and Bill Young, president of the National Council of La Raza.

"During this particular period, we are deeply concerned that the two largest minorities in the country are likely to become the earliest victims of the attempts to deal with inflation and the erosion of the dollar," said Holman.

### Section 8 Cutback

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is proposing a cut of one-fourth in the number of units nationally supported through the Section 8 rent subsidy program, reports the Action Alert of the League of Women Voters.

In order to meet budget levels set by the Office of Management and Budget, HUD is requesting 290,000 units of Section 8 housing, down from the current level of 400,000, for fiscal year 1980 (beginning October, 1979).

The LMW urged its members to begin sending letters to President Carter, Domestic Council director Stuart E. Eizenstat and HUD Secretary Patricia R. Harris in Washington, in an effort to restore current funding level and increase the number of units funded to 600,000.

### Runaway Project Funded

RALEIGH -- The Governor's Crime Commission has approved a \$17,674 grant for continuation of Forsyth County's Runaway Care project.

In an effort to divert both the runaway and the potential runaway from the juvenile justice system, this project will provide crisis intervention, referral for counseling, and temporary shelter for runaway and potential runaway juveniles.

This program provided temporary shelter care for 70 youths during the year July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978.

Many of these youths would have penetrated the juvenile justice system further or would have been held in secure detention had this program not been available to them, said a Crime Commission spokesperson.

### Failures Caused by Funding

RALEIGH -- "The public will be shocked at the number of North Carolina students failing the competency test, but the failure to adequately fund our schools in the past is now bearing bitter fruit," the North Carolina Association of Educators said today.

President C. Stewart Stafford of NCAE said the group's Board of Directors grappled this past weekend with the competency test-- which NCAE has endorsed -- and with methods of helping those students who fail the test.

"What came through to me most clearly," said Stafford, "was the group's frustration that so many students will fail and that many of these failures could have been avoided had we been willing to pay the price for good schools."

He said the NCAE Board was particularly concerned that the failure rate will be highest in those areas which do not have the local property value to supplement the state school program.

"We know that children in our richer areas will fail the test, but we know also that the failure rate will be highest where the areas are poorest, for that is where students have not been exposed to the broad curriculum they need in order to pass this test," Stafford said.

Stafford said NCAE is pleased that Dr. Craig Phillips has asked that competency test scores not be released until after the Christmas holidays. He said NCAE had feared that many students, confronted with a failure of the test, would not return to school after Christmas.

"If they are back in school and then learn that they have not passed the test, we will at least have an opportunity to do some counseling," Stafford said.

### NAACP Seeks Funds

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in an effort to eliminate or offset a soaring financial deficit (estimated at \$385,000 by 12/31/78) will be conducting a special Christmas appeal campaign, announced Benjamin L. Hooks, executive director.

"Several events, including the Bakke decision and the implications behind Proposition 13, have necessitated an increase in supportive services to our units," said Hooks.

"Despite the steady rise of individual contributions and memberships, these factors, coupled with spiraling inflation, have produced a critical financial situation which gravely threatens our ability to serve the 30 million Black Americans across this nation."

"A group of prominent sports figures (i.e. Hank and Billye Aaron, Larry Brown, Reggie Jackson, Willie Davis, Gary Maddox, etc.) have joined us in making this special holiday appeal, to raise the vitally needed funds to keep this oldest and most revered civil rights organization viable and effective," Hooks added.

The campaign kicked off November 30th with an appearance by Hank and Billye Aaron (National Co-Chairpersons) on the Good Morning America show.

Superintendent James A. Adam's recommendation of a 32-classroom elementary school to be built at Clemmons prompted alternate suggestions from school board members, and a plea from John W. Wood for the return of "neighborhood schools".

The proposal to build a new school at Clemmons is part of Phase V of the Construction Program and is budgeted for \$2,750,000. Adams recommended that the school be built on the same land as the school it will replace, the present Clemmons Elementary School, built in 1925.

New board member John W. Wood asked if it would be possible to build a 16 classroom school at Clemmons, and another 16 classroom school in the neighborhood from which children are bused to Clemmons.

"I believe that most of us will live to see the day when the neighborhood school will return," Wood told the

group. He explained that he favored smaller schools, because he feels that schools would have fewer problems if administrators knew each student.

"When I was a principal, 450 students was all I could carry in my head."

Dr. William F. Sheppard asked if the school could be built on another location.

Replacing the Clemmons School, said Sheppard, "would be tying us into the assignment plan. It would reduce our options considerably."

Board vice-chairman Marvin Calloway noted that the reason for building the new school on the same site was the high cost of acquiring new land.

In other business, board members Robert Childress, John Wood, and Nancy Wooten were named delegates to the National School Boards Convention to be held in Miami, Florida in April.

The board also heard a proposal to study combined use of public and school libraries.



Mr. Hooks, Mrs. Aaron, Mr. Aaron

### A LETTER OF APPEAL FROM THE NAACP

Dear Friend:

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times..." So wrote Charles Dickens in the opening passage of his classic, "A Tale of Two Cities," more than 119 years ago. The same thoughts apply today to America's oldest and most influential civil rights organization, the NAACP. On the one hand, we have initiated several new and exciting programs, while at the same time, we are experiencing one of the worst cash flow crises in recent years.

Several events, including the Bakke decision and the implications behind Proposition 13 have necessitated an increase in supportive services to our units. Despite the steady rise of individual contributions, these factors, coupled with spiraling inflation have produced a critical financial situation which gravely threatens our ability to serve the 30 million Black Americans throughout the Nation. A small gift of \$5.00 or more from the thousands of concerned Americans in this country would put the NAACP on firm financial footing.

A group of outstanding Americans have joined us in making this special Holiday appeal to raise vitally needed funds to keep the Association effective. When your Christmas gift, large or small, is added to the contributions of thousands of others, the NAACP will be able to continue the pursuit of equality and justice.

Please join us in the Campaign to assure the NAACP the merriest Christmas ever. Donations can be made by mail or by calling our toll-free number (800) 223-0616. MASTER CHARGE and VISA credit card pledges are also accepted as well as money orders, checks or cash. Put us at the top of your Christmas list this year, and pledge your gift today!

Wishing you and yours the joy and peace of Christmas—all year long.

Benjamin L. Hooks Billye Aaron Hank Aaron

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