

Lawyer's Group Backs Chambers For Judgeship

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Staff Writer

The North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers has sent letters to the president and the U.S. attorney general protesting the omission of Julius Chambers for a list of nominees for a vacancy in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit.

The letter is asking the attorney general to hold the list and not submit it to the president," said Michael Lee, president of the law-

yers group. "They have taken a position that they will not 'rubber-stamp' the recommendations sent by these committees. We're saying: Put up or shut up."

A presidential commission, which interviewed Chambers and other candidates for the position, submitted a 5-name list for consideration. All the nominees were white males.

They were Judge Ward of Winston-Salem; James B. McMillan, a federal judge in Charlotte; Sam J. Ervin III, a superior

court judge in Morganton; Justice James Exum of the state Supreme Court in Raleigh; and former state senator McNeill Smith.

"They recommended Julius Chambers last time there was a vacancy, but they didn't nominate him this time," Lee commented.

Chambers' nomination was for an earlier vacancy

on the U.S. Court of Appeals; that seat was filled by Dickson Phillips, a former dean of the University of North Carolina Law

School.

"I have the most respect for those nominated," said Lee, "but I don't think any of them is more qualified than Julius Chambers."

In a 1977 executive order, President Carter established the nominating commissions, instructing them to consider blacks and women for the vacancies.

Rowe Motley, chairman

of the Democratic National Committee's Black Caucus announced last week that his group will also protest the nominations.

For Media Confab

ABC Newsman To Visit A&T

GREENSBORO - Max Robinson, the first Black anchorman on a weekday network news show, will be keynote speaker for the second annual A&T State University Mass Media Conference Saturday, March 24.

Robinson, who joined ABC News last year after serving as local anchorman in Washington, D.C. will speak at the conference luncheon at 12:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Union ballroom. Also speaking will be Ragan Henry, president of the largest black-owned broadcast company in the U.S.

Henry's Broadcast Enterprises Network of Philadelphia owns six radio stations, and has agreements to buy two more stations.

The company also has a tentative agreement to buy two more stations.

The company also has a tentative agreement to purchase WHEC-TV in Rochester, N.Y. If the sale is approved, the CBS television station will become the first black-owned network affiliate in the continental United States.

Henry, a Harvard-trained lawyer, will address the opening session of the A&T conference on "Minority Ownership and Management." His talk will be at 9 a.m. in the Memorial Union.

More than 150 professional journalists and college and high school students are expected to participate in the conference.

The conference will get underway at 8 a.m. with registration and a coffee hour, followed by the opening session at 9 a.m., and a series of workshops from 10 a.m. to noon.

The workshops will be concerned with newswriting and editing, the Black Press, radio and television careers, public relations and advertising, and minority media ownership.

The conference is being sponsored by the A&T Mass Communications Program, under a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

During the conference, the university's top student journalists will be honored.

Other participants in the conference will include Mae Israel, Greensboro Daily News; Ernie Pitt, publisher of the Winston-Salem Chronicle; Rita Little, WGHP-TV; Janice Smith, the Charlotte News; Cassandra Wynn, the Richmond Afro-American; Sandra Hughes, WFMV-TV; Paul Vandergrift, radio manager at Shaw University; Stanley Davis, general manager of the Carolina Peacemaker; and Elinor Williams, Western Electric.

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Black Women To Meet

DURHAM - The North Carolina Black Women's Political Caucus will hold its annual state meeting at Shaw University Saturday, March 17, according to organizers of the meeting.

Attorney Shirley D. Dean of Durham, member of the steering committee for the caucus, said, "Black women from all across the state will be attending this meeting to put forth ideas for courses of action to be taken by the caucus in addressing the problems of black women in this state and to receive information on areas of interest to black women."

She added, "Black women receive the most degrading treatment of any ethnic or minority group in the state; our income is 37 percent lower than any other race, sex or ethnic group."

Dean asked persons interested in joining the group or attending the meeting to contact Anne Gaines-Swygert, P.O. Box 21994 in Greensboro.

NHL Attacks HUD Report

NEW YORK - The National Urban League has called misleading a federal report that describes the displacement of low income households by more affluent home buyers as "minimal."

The report was released by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"Despite the HUD report, which was based on the skimpiest of data, displacement is a significant problem for hundreds of thousands of families and not one to be so lightly dismissed," said Thomas Gale, NUL housing director.

Gale noted that HUD tallied 500,000 displacements for each of the three years studied, 1974-76. He said, in those same years, the average number of HUD-assisted housing units made available to low-income persons was under 100,000.

"Since HUD itself acknowledges that most displaced tend to be lower-income, minority and elderly persons, it is reasonable to conclude that large numbers of them are victims of displacement, and not the few hundred that HUD so glibly talks about."

Fire Safety Text I sued

WASHINGTON - The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has issued a new fire safety manual

safety problems of low-income and minority consumers.

The manual, entitled "Strategy Manual for Conducting Fire Prevention and Safety Education Programs for Low-income Minorities," focuses on activities and experiences of a pilot program sponsored by CPSC and administered in several low-income urban and rural areas.

Blacks

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right."

"Today we are going back, it's just like the time right after reconstruction," Glover continued. "During reconstruction we made progress, then slowly the progress was taken away."

It's a crisis period for blacks and it's hard to see what's happening," Glover continued.

Alderman Larry Little said that he thinks there has been some progress but he doesn't see the civil rights movement as being over.

"Times are probably better to the extent that we don't segregate anymore," Little said. "There's a more dangerous trend, with the rights of blacks slowly being taken away."

"The black community is not as active as they once were and discrimination is not as we think, it is not overt, we now have sophisticated racism."

Little also commented on the recent incident involving the Ku Klux Klan.

"I don't see any threat from the klan," Little said. "We're (blacks) not timid and easily frightened by white hoods, and we're not falling for that stuff anymore."

Dr. J. Ray Butler, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church and president of the Baptist Ministers Conference, said that progress has been made but that no total goal has been reached.

"We have made what we call social progress, where we are able to go into public places," Butler said. "However some personalities..."

has been made in terms of race relations.

"I think there's been progress, but not enough," Scott said. "We still have quotas, I think people should be hired, based on their qualifications and not their race."

Nellie Jones, director of human services, said that race relationships in the city are improving from what she can observe.

"Relationships have improved but the klan incident may stir up some old feelings," Jones said.

"It's a surface issue, there are a lot of things we use to see or experience overtly, now it is subtle."

"Blacks have been able to communicate a little bit better with whites," said C.P. Booker, chairman of the Reynolds Health Center Advisory Board. "We have been able to go in and make appointments and they've listened to what we had to say."

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Although we have not made record strides in race relations, it should be known that blacks are here to stay," Butler continued.

Hazel Scott, coordinator of the sickle cell program, said that a little progress

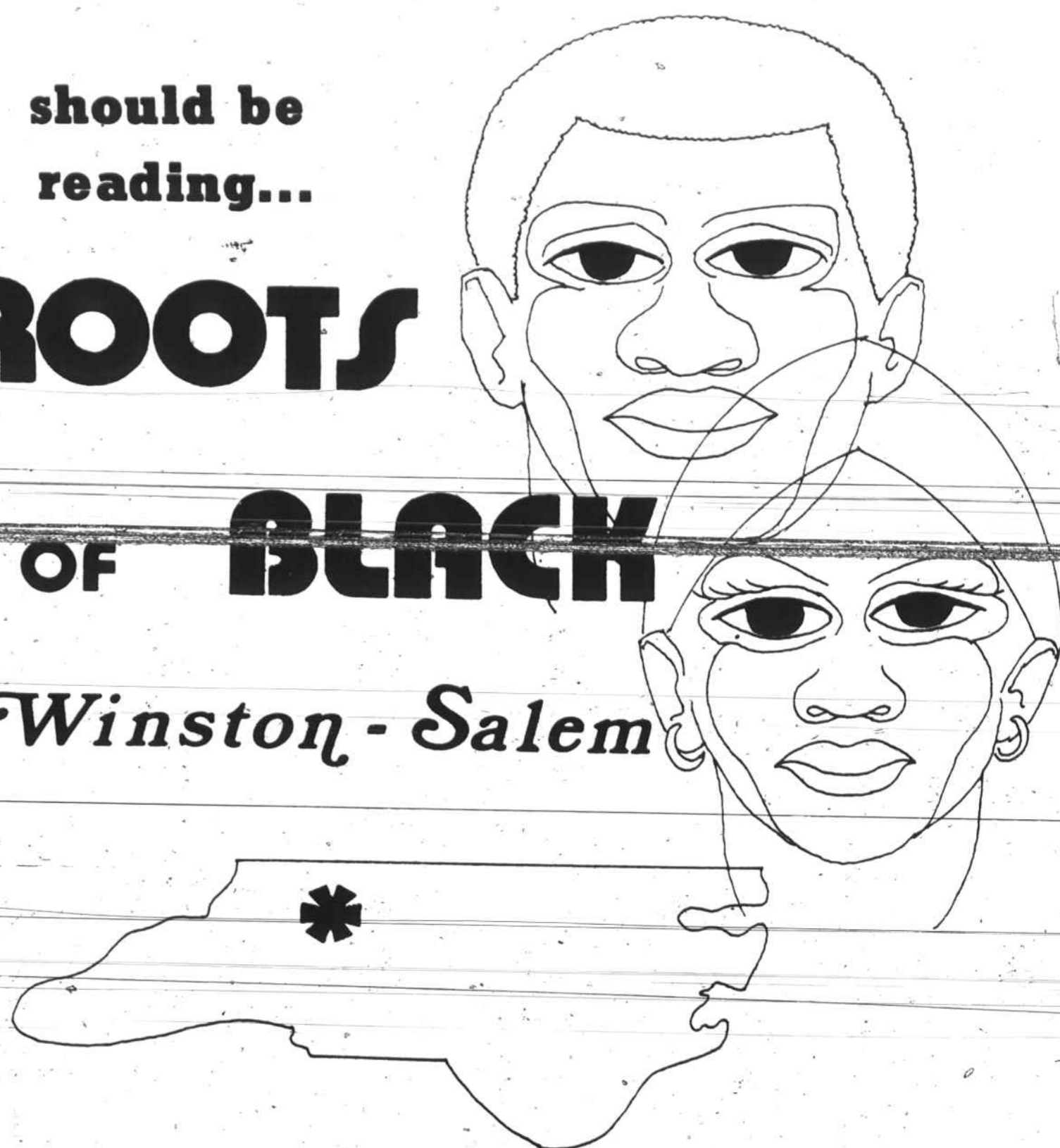
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