'Sons of Bakke' Attacked

NAACP Opposes Webber, Sears Suits

By John W. Templeton Staff Writer

The national NAACP has launched a head-on attack against what some are calling the "Sons of Bakke," two suits which have the potential of upsetting the concept of affirmative aciton as a remedy for past discrimination.

The legal actions are the Webber vs. Kaiser suit, to be argued before the U.S. Supreme Court this week, and a class action suit by Sears, Roebuck and Company against the entire federal anti-discrimination apparatus.

Paul Brock, NAACP spokesman in New York, said the Webber case "could leave affirmative action in rags." He termed the Sears suit "the wrong case at the wrong time for the work face and the

Webber is a white man who has charged he was discriminated against by Kaiser Aluminum Company when he was refused admittance to a special training program for minorities. The NAACP and other civil rights groups have filed friend of the court briefs in defense of affirmative action in this case.

Sears, the nation's largest retailer, has filed a class action suit on behalf of all retailers with more than 15 employees. The firm charges the federal government with "restricting the employment opportunities of American citizens" through past government preferences for veterans and uncoordinated and contradictory civil rights enforcement.

Plaintiffs in the suit include the Attorney General, Secretary of Labor, Chair of the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission, Secretary of Commerce and six other federal officials or agencies with civil rights enforcement responsibilities.

Sears alleges that the government created an unbalanced work force by giving educational preferences and other benefits to veterans who were predominantly white and male, and is now attempting to hold employers responsible for discrimination.

The suit came after an EEOC finding that Sears had restricted blacks and Hispanics to lower paying jobs, and had failed to hire minorities in certain stores in proportion to their rate of application.

while the sears suit is couched in an appealing factual manner, we are not misled," said Brock. "This is an unwarranted frontal attack on the entire apparatus for dealing with discrimination."

Brock said the lack of coordination complained of by Sears had been addressed by the Civil Rights Reorganization Act of 1978, which clarified authority for civil rights enforcement.

The NAACP spokesman dismissed the suit as a public relations ploy," but said that the NAACP would likely join the case if the federal government is not able to have the suit dismissed.



By Harry Amana Special to the Chronicle

CHAPEL HILL - Robert Williams, 53-year-old North Carolina activist of the 1950s whose call for armed self defense led to attacks which forced him into exile to Cuba and China, called on the Black press this weekend to "fire up its courage" and lead the fight against "Bakkeism" and the "tip toe journalism" that characterizes too much of the writing of today's Black journalists.

Williams, former editor

to their constituents."

sewer systems in rural towns.

newsline

U.S. Regulations Knocked

TUSKEGEE, Ala. -- State and federal regulations are

hampering the development of water and sewer systems

in predominately black localities in the South, said

participants in the Water and Sewer Policy Board

J. Stanley Alexander, coordinator of the conference's

National Demonstration Water Project, said "State and

federal regulations and requirements should be simpli-

fied to help towns provide basic water and sewer services

"The unhealthy conditions which exist in many

communities could be eliminated with more cooperation

between federal and state officials on funding criteria for

water and sewer systems in rural towns," Alexander

Grambling, La. Mayor, Andrew K. Mansfield, said,

"Blacks are experiencing serious problems in obtaining

public financing of water and/or sewer systems. Many

predominately black towns don't have an adequate water

Mansfield, elected chairman of the board at its

February meeting, said the group will study those

regulations which impede the development of water and

The National Conference of Black Mayors represents

supply to sustain a healthy community environment."

171 mayors, mostly from small Southern towns.

Plan Shows Growth

North Carolina's population during 1978.

meeting of the National Conference of Black Mayors.

Saturday to a group of wash our at the Governor's Inn in the Research Triangle as the keynote speaker at a Black press workshop sponsored

Williams said the Black press has been considered 'subversive and provocative by the white power structure. Blacks sub- blame, he said. "I, for one, scribed to it at the peril of live and limb."

versity of North Carolina.

Black journalists must

of the Crusader, spoke "re-educate and unbrain- menacing clouds of Bakke- the apartheid system. people," journalism students, educa- Williams said. "Time is forces of reaction to rally tors and Black newspeople running out. We cannot for an all-out assault on the wait for a Savior. leadership collective.

by the Southeastern Black now suffers from a dearth lesson from the Chinese. Press Institute of the Uni- of quality Black leadership. At the entrance to a park in can expect."

> plead guilty that my generation has failed to pass on the mantle of our recent history and struggle to the present generation.

"There are young girls who live within blocks of Mrs. Rosa Parks and they think she lived in the days of Harriet Tubman."

Williams, who fled the country in 1961 after organizing self defense militia units in Monroe County to turn to this country until 1969 after living for two years in Cuba and six years in China. Things are too different in the U.S. today,

, "After a few too meager civil rights gains were made, just like some jews thought they had it made in Hitler's Germany," said Williams who then turned his attention to the topic of Black press defeat the S.O. B. - the Sons of Bakke?"

The Black press is especially needed today, he said, because Blacks find themselves under "the itching

ism...which call for the Black Man's survival."

Williams said the country Americans could learn a which has "cast its lot with China, Williams said, a (Jimmy Carter) the peanut weather-beaten sign still called for public disclosure man and peanuts is all we stands which says "no dogs of any information relating or Chinese allowed," the to the allegations made by We must take all the British had put it there.

> served it for their young South Africa Information generation to see and to Ministry's secret projects know what their past had which were approved by been. When the Jim Crow former Prime Minister signs came down in this John Vorster in 1974. country, we did not preserve a single one for our posterity," Williams said. "Now the same ill wind blows our way again and

Williams concluded that protect residents against the "alternative to vio-KKK attacks, did not re- lence" in America is "fast narrowing...It is one minute to zero. Our Black journals can again become our voice and thunder our demands and aspirations to the whole world."

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Mitchell has written the Chairman of the International Relations Committee in the U.S. House of Repre-Williams said Black sentatives, and the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee in the Senate. In both letters, the Maryland Congressman Eschel M. Rhoodie to the effect that the bribery 'The Chinese had pre- scheme was a part of the

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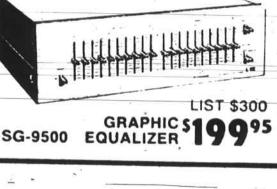
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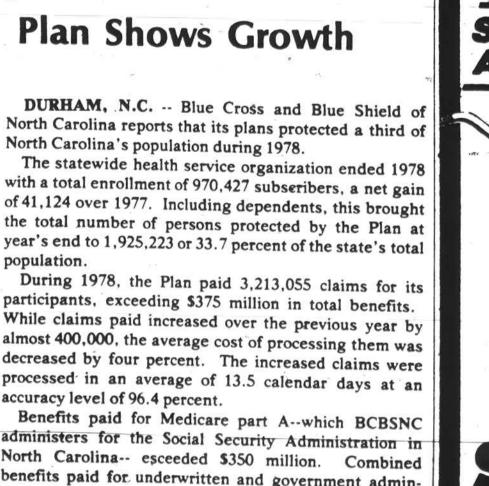
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