

NAACP: City Guilty of Double Standard

Hiring Practices Blasted

By Donna Oldham
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The Winston-Salem branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People told the Board of Aldermen Monday night that blacks should have been hired to fill vacancies of ABC administrator and director of the Memorial Coliseum and Benton Convention Center.

Spokesmen for the NAACP also told the city officials that Winston-Salem "uses a double standard of justice in dealing with its employees."

Warner R. Durnell said, "because of the contribution and love that black citizens of Winston-Salem have exemplified by their loyalty to this city, it only seems right that they be represented in policy making positions in city government at least at a level equal in proportion to the city's black population."

Durnell's prepared statement, along with comments from local chapter president Patrick Hairston were part of a planned demonstration, that included about 20-30 people picketing and a prayer service.

Durnell told the aldermen that the "double standard" that he referred to could best be described by the recent

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Aldermen Approve Budget

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The Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen approved a \$106.7 million budget Monday night for fiscal year 1981, which began July 1.

The aldermen voted 5-3 to approve the budget with Aldermen Robert S. Northington Jr., John J. Cavanaugh and Larry D. Little casting the negative votes.

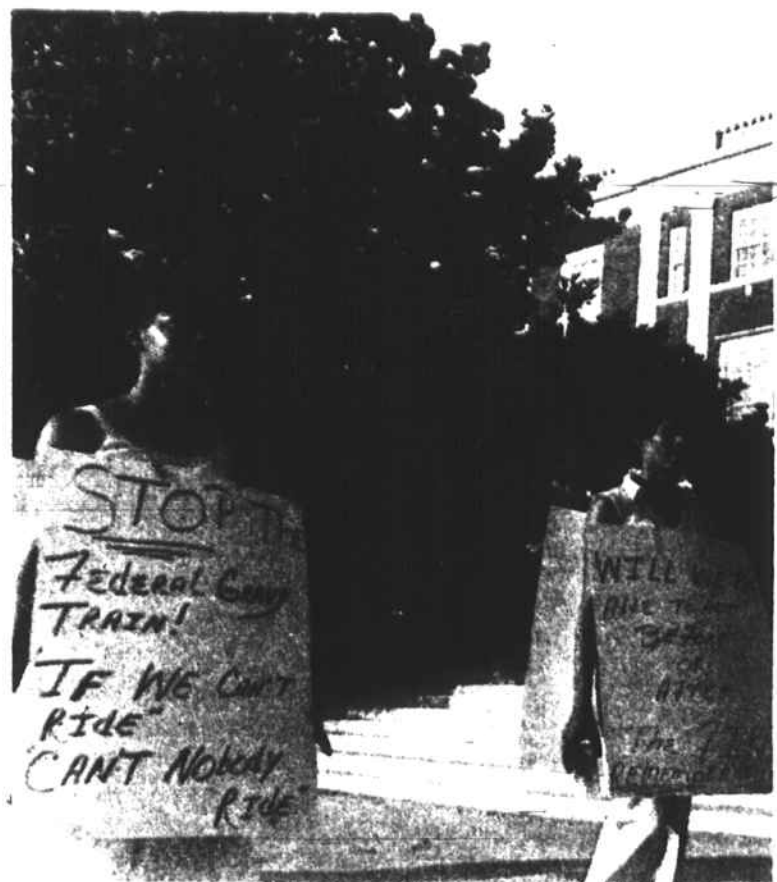
Monday night's vote was the second for the budget, which will not increase the city's property tax rate of 72½ cents per \$100.

The aldermen first voted on the budget on June 30, but did not reach the necessary two-thirds majority required to approve it on the first reading. On the second reading, only a simple majority was needed for the budget's approval.

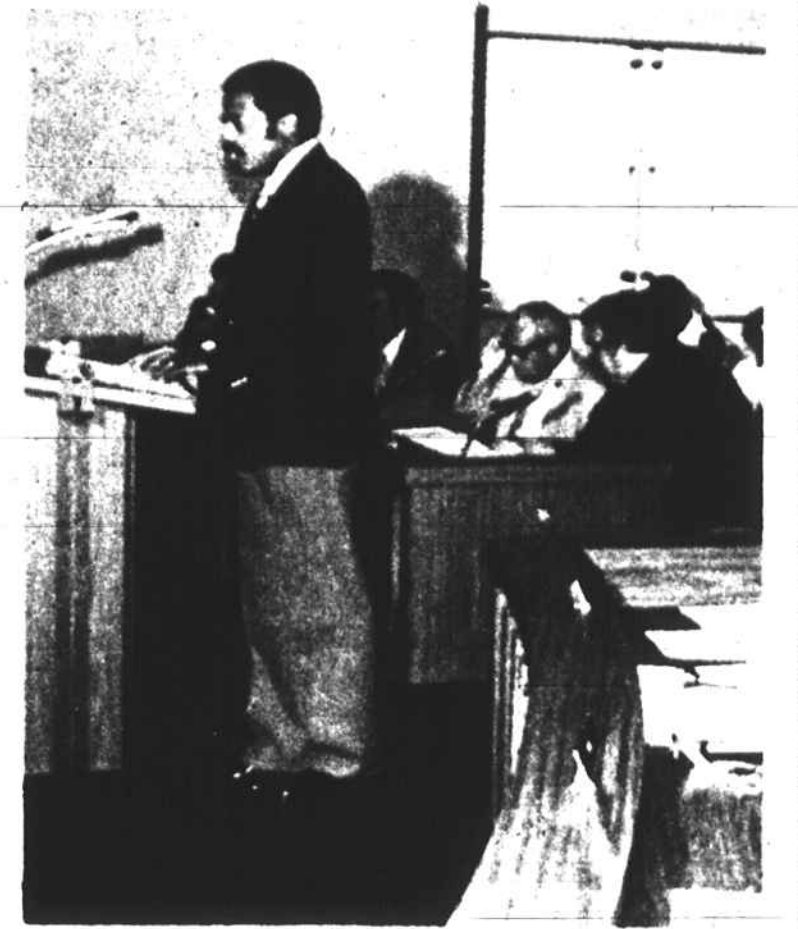
Cavanaugh, who had previously introduced a plan to reduce the city's tax rate by one cent said he voted against the budget because the citizens of Winston-Salem did not benefit from it as much as they should or could.

He noted the salary increase in the new budget that would raise the aldermen's salaries from \$5000 to \$6300.

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Young NAACP pickets march at City Hall. About 30 marchers circled the city's governmental center in orderly fashion Monday, protesting the failure of affirmative actions program within local government.



Warner Durnell, spokesman for the local NAACP chapter, addresses the Board of Aldermen. He declared the city's affirmative actions hiring and promotions policies ineffective. Photo by Puryear

Family Violence

Society OKs Wife Beating

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She thinks she has no choice except to be beaten, again and again. She believes she is trapped alone in a world dominated by a man who alternately gives her love-kisses and lacerations.

That is the typical outlook of a battered woman, according to several local activists in the growing movement to assist the victims of domestic violence. This "victim mentality", in their view, is an attitude which is learned at an early age (often a lesson which is literally beaten into a child's mind), and is an attitude which is passed on to the next generation of children (often by the same abusive means.)

And is an attitude which is condoned by society, according to these observers. No one knows how many women are beaten by their husbands, male housemates or boyfriends. But what statistics are available indicate that fully as many assaults take place in American homes as on American streets, that a center-city alleyway at midnight is at least as safe as the average American living room.

For instance, a 1979 study by the National Institute of Mental Health reported that spouse abuse occurs among 16 percent of American married couples. Another recent study by sociologist Richard Gelles of the University of Rhode Island found 28 percent of American marriages are marred by violent behavior.

In Forsyth County, Battered Women's Services shelter handled 582 reports of physical domestic violence against women between May 1978 and April 1979.

Judith Kauffholz, director of the shelter, notes that the women who come to the shelter usually have three overriding traits: guilt, low self-esteem, and a belief that they

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He Motivates CETA Kids

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To get and hold a job, many young people must learn to think and speak a new language, according to motivation specialist with the Experiment in Self-Reliance's summer youth employment program.

Bobby Moorman, coordinator of ESR's employability skills training, advocates teaching "responsibility language" to students working for the summer under the Comprehensive Education and Training Act (CETA).

"Responsibility language is a process by which a person uses words to enhance his or her employability in a positive manner," said Moorman. "Failure language on the other hand is words that tend to defeat that purpose."

Moorman and his staff of counselors try to instill a positive mental attitude in the minds of the more than 200 young people ages 14 to 21 who were placed this summer in CETA Jobs either through ESR, the Patterson Avenue YMCA or the Glade Street YWCA. He also has year-round responsibility for the employability skills training of a variety of CETA worker-students at Forsyth Technical Institute and Winston-Salem State University.

Moorman said complaints about the products of past CETA efforts had prompted the Labor Department to require "labor market orientation" as a part of all current



Students Visit Capitol

A group from Benson Music Studio visited the nation's capital on a recent trip to Washington, D.C., and met on the steps of the House of Representatives with their congressman, Rep. Steve Neal, third from left.

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RHC Stable After 5 Years

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Reynolds Health Center celebrated its fifth anniversary last week and administrator Dennis P. Magovern says that now people are beginning to realize just what the center is all about.

"Reynolds Health Center was suffering from an identity crisis, people really didn't understand what we were here for or what we had to offer. For a while, the city owned the building, then the county. It was difficult at first," he said.

But, Magovern, who has been administrator for all of the past five years said that the crisis is just about over and it's time to get down to business.

"Even prior to 1975, when we opened our doors, Reynolds was suffering from an identity crisis, but it isn't as great as it used to be. Stability that didn't exist previously is now present. I'm talking about organizational, financial and personnel stability," he said.

Magovern said that the first five years of the primary care facility were a "time for building."

"It's not a question of survival anymore. Our track record is solid and we are building from that. We've successfully made the transition into the Forsyth County personnel system. Our clinical services have been expanded over one-third in the past five years," he continued, "we have stability that did not exist previously."

The changes and transitions that RHC have gone through over the past five years the administrator said did not happen as rapidly as he would have liked, but did happen in a time frame that he expected.

"Change doesn't come about quickly in a large facility like Reynolds Health Center. It hasn't been quick, but sustained over a period of time. It's a more methodical-increment type of progress," he added.

The center, which is the only one of its kind in the state

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Jobless Rate Lower Locally

Forsyth County workers so far have been protected from the steadily rising unemployment rate which appears to be signalling a nationwide economic recession. Forsyth County workers justed unemployment rate rose from 5.5 percent in April to 6.0 percent in May, while the unadjusted national unemployment rate was pegged at 7.0 percent.

According to figures released last week by the local office of the state Employment Security Commission, the unemployment rate in the county actually dropped during the month of May, from 4.6 to 4.5 percent. In Winston-Salem, the number of people out of work remained unchanged during the month at 5,4 percent of the work force.

In contrast, statewide figures showed the unadjusted unemployment rate rose from 5.5 percent in April to 6.0 percent in May, while the unadjusted national unemployment rate was pegged at 7.0 percent. "We simply have not had that many more people laid off," said Grover Teeter, district manager of the state job service, "and we have had a lot of people go to work." The number of people filing claims for unemployment benefits in Forsyth County has been between 2500 and 2700 per week "for the last several weeks," according to Teeter.

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