

Local Delegates Attend NUL Meet

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The National Urban League held its 70th Annual Conference August 3-6 at the New York Hilton, in New York City. With more than 15,000 participants from as far away as Hawaii, Minnesota and Florida, this was the League's largest convention ever.

Winston-Salem residents attending the conference were Thomas Elijah, local Urban League director, and his wife Carmen, local Urban League Guild President Ricky Wilson, George Hill, Irene Hairston, Vickie Glenn, Gary Henderson, Ann McLeod, Harvey Kennedy and Carolyn Neal.

The conference began with delegates attending morning worship services on Sunday at famed Abyssinian Baptist Church. In the afternoon a luncheon, sponsored by the Council of Urban League Guilds, was

held at the Hilton. Congresswoman Shirley Chisolm was guest speaker. That evening the keynote address was delivered by John E. Jacob, executive vice president of the National Urban League.

Usually, the keynote address is delivered by Vernon E. Jordan Jr., National Urban League president. However, all conference activities were filmed and rushed to a nearby New York hospital where Jordan is recuperating from an assassin's bullet. Jordan sent a taped message to the conference delegates expressing his regret at being unable to attend the sessions.

Donald F. McHenry, the United States Ambassador to the United Nations, gave a lengthy speech at Monday evening's session on internal affairs. McHenry's speech did not touch on any pressing or controversial issues such as the hostage situation.

The New York City Branch of the Urban League played host to the conference delegates. Monday night the Branch presented "A Night In The Big Apple" at the 52nd Street Shipping Terminal. The gala was highlighted by music, free drinks, entertainment, and a good time for everyone.

On Tuesday night the Amsterdam News and four night club owners on the 7th Avenue "strip" brought the conferees uptown to Harlem to show the out-of-towners what night life is really like in Harlem.

Wednesday afternoon the delegates were taken on a tour of New York City. The tour included all the "must-sees" spots - the Statue of Liberty, the United Nations, the Empire State Building, etc.

The conference ended on Wednesday night with a banquet featuring guest speaker, Dorothy Height, president of the National Council of Negro Women.

Everyone from Winston-Salem agreed that this conference was the best one yet.

Harvey Kennedy said the conference had a "tremendous impact on all the delegates." The outstanding aspects were the appearance of all the presidential candidates and the workshops. "The appearance of the candidates," Kennedy said, "gave all of us the opportunity to assess all positions and platforms. The workshops and seminars were relevant to black communities and were conducted by people who are tops in their field."

With reference to the candidates, Carmen Elijah said "we all knew that the candidates came to woo us and we knew what they would say in their speeches. "The only negative aspect," she said, "was the outburst by the Communist Workers Party." George Hill said the workshops were "very good and meaningful. This was the first time," he said, "that blacks were interested in their political destiny. The candidates offered no new rhetoric." Even though all the candidates geared their speech to black people, with some using gospel song lyrics in their theme, Hill said that "Carter had more to say on issues like

the economy, and made more sense than did some of the other candidates."

T. Willard Fair, who is the brother of Ricky Wilson and executive director of the Urban League in Miami, Florida, said he was "pleased with the convention" and felt it was an "emotional turning point for the agency" due to the absence of Vernon Jordan. The convention, Fair said, "took on an aura of seriousness." "It is significant," Fair said, "for blacks to pay attention to which blacks white politi-

cians turn to seeking advice." Carter, he said, "has sought advice from quality blacks."

Gary Henderson said he is impressed by Senator Kennedy's record and his sensitivity toward blacks. "History has shown that the Kennedy family has been more aware of social concerns," he said. Henderson agreed that Kennedy's speech was based on emotionalism, but believes that "black people are not going to be fooled by that this year and will choose the best candidate."



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Day" on Thursday.

Executive sessions continue on Friday, featuring reports on home missions. The Deacon's Union meets on Saturday, with a banquet planned at 5 p.m. by the Ministers' and Deacons' Wives Guild.

Also on Saturday, prospective ministers will undergo pre-ordination rites before ordained during a big closing service on Sunday, Aug. 24.

Woolfolk said there had been several years of advance planning for the convention to make sure everything goes smoothly.

Delegates will fill the Hyatt House, the Ramada Inn-Downtown, the Hilton Inn, three different Holiday Inns and Howard Johnsons. Shuttle buses will run from the hotels away from the center.

NAACP Plans Massive Voter Sign-up Drive

ATLANTA - The NAACP has targeted 17 Southern congressional districts with more than 30 per cent black populations for sustained voter registration campaigns, according to the association's regional director.

Earl T. Shinhoster said a fund of \$500,000 has been set aside by NAACP executive director Benjamin L. Hooks for campaigns nationwide in districts with large black populations. He added that the regional office would fund any NAACP unit wishing to sponsor a drive.

Support from the national NAACP helped fund a voter registration and education effort in

Winston-Salem which led to a 2-1 black margin against a 1979 bond referendum in favor of a new arena.

"The South has come a long way since the days of slavery, Jim Crowism, segregation and mob violence," said Shinhoster. "But we see all too frequently, reminders of that ugly past: the Ku Klux Klan, police brutality, injustice in the courts, discrimination in employment, no affirmative action, poor housing and health care, inadequate education and no representation of blacks on boards, commissions and other public bodies."

"Voting is a right that must be exercised to be effective," said Shinhoster.

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and various other programs have been developed and expanded over the last 3 1/2 years," he said.

Despite several abrupt outbursts by members of the Communist Workers Party (CWP), the President continued talking about his plans to "renew his permanent pledge for equal rights, opportunity and dignity for everyone in America"; he continued, "300 years of discrimination cannot be undone. We will continue to fight for the goals God has set for us. We cannot end segregation as long as organizations like the Klu Klux Klan and the Nazi Party exists."

Followed by two more interruptions from members of the C.W.P., President Carter ended his speech promising to appoint more blacks, women and Hispanics if re-elected.

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OMB Circular A-102, Attachment 0, Section 9.

"If EDA is not demanding compliance, the issuance of the grant and the contract are not consistent with public policy," said Jack Nadol, assistant for intergovernmental affairs in the Office of Federal Procurement Policy in Washington.

In Atlanta, Hal Gordon, regional civil rights chief with the Economic Development Administration, said he has contacted top officials of the N.C. School of the Arts.

"We're obligated to look into this," said Gordon, who added that EDA regulation 309.28 (f)(3) which states that grantees "shall" use small and minority businesses for services and supplies appears to apply to this particular grant.

"We are involved in discussions with the school and the contractor to see if we can make sure we have significant minority enterprise participation," said Gordon.

He added that apparently no implementing language was included in the grant approval for EDA regulation 309.28 (f)(3).

N.C. School of the Arts spokesperson, Mrs. Esther Mock referred questions regarding their compliance with the regulations to director of development Samuel M. Stone, supposed to return this week from Europe. Calls to Stone's home were not returned Tuesday.

Mock also said that bidding for the project was handled by state officials in Raleigh. N.C. Department of Administration spokesman Mike Davis said Tuesday, "The building is not a state project. It was not handled out of the state construction office."

Nadol said the OMB Circular, issued Aug. 1, 1979 and effective Oct. 1, 1979, has the effect of federal law and applies to all entities receiving grants. "It is effective whether the grantee agency required it or not," said Nadol.

The circular states, "It is national policy to award a fair share of contracts to small and minority business firms. Accordingly, affirmative steps must be taken to assure that small and minority businesses are utilized when possible as sources of supplies, equipment, construction and service."

Steps cited are: 1) including such firms on solicitation lists; 2) assuring that such firms are solicited whenever they are potential sources; 3) when possible, dividing total requirements into smaller jobs 4) establishing delivery schedules which would permit maximum participation and 5) using the services of the Small Business Administration, the Minority Business Development Agency and the Community Services Administration. If subcontracts are let, then the prime contractor has to comply with numbers 1 through 5.



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