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Clement concluded his speech at the Banker's Convention by advising us to be ambassadors for black business. "Different ships may have brought us here, but we're all in the same boat," he commented. "We ain't where we should be, we aren't where we're going to be, but thank God we ain't where we use to be," he stated.

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ed because Reagan has no intention of focusing on Fair Housing for anyone and unless Rep. Pegg receives some letters and phone calls, she's not going to change her stand on the issue."

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bereaved parents. If the FBI has such evidence, arrest should be made immediately. If there is no substantiating evidence, immediate steps should be taken to remove the offending official from any position of delicate and critical responsibility. The Atlanta community has every right to expect full and complete cooperation between all levels of government in such a crisis; but public disclosures about evidentiary matters without the collaboration of Atlanta police, raise serious questions about the motives and bias of some officials. Lowery feels that the Atlanta crisis is one of utmost and unprecedented dimensions and the gross impropriety by key officials is a cost that the community cannot afford. The SCLC urges a high level consultation between government officials at all levels to assure the community of full and sure cooperation in efforts to put an end to these heinous crimes, and apprehend the killers.

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Authority - Home Buyers Working Together

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Mrs. Dorothy Ross

"I don't like to talk about myself, I just don't like it when people refer to themselves," said Dorothy Ross, coordinator for the Housing Authority. Accompanying her job are the pressures and conflicts that go with any job where one acts as intermediary between any two groups. Despite this, Ross keeps her head down to earth. "I was born here, went to Atkins High School, then I went to Chicago," said Ross of her background. "After a while, I just wanted to come home, so I came." She returned in 1969 and worked with the Experiment in Self Reliance. Ross went to the Housing Authority (HA) in 1971 as an Assistant Community Service Officer. "That's a long title but it doesn't mean anything," Ross said with a smile. Being an intermediary between the (HA) and the Home Buyers Association (HBA) is not an easy job, as Ross is quick to point out. Last year she and her superiors were involved in a tense

conflict over the recognition of the Home Buyers Associations of the seven Turnkey III communities. "That agreement was the key that opened the door to a working relationship between them and us," explained Ross. "Out of that, the association was given the authority to represent their

communities; out of that came my present position." Ross feels that a lot has been accomplished within the program declines credit for making the accomplishments work. "Whatever has been accomplished in the program wasn't accomplished myself," she said. Maggie Martin, president of the Hampton community, said, "Ross is a terrific person, we work together." Beside her job, Ross is active in the Urbanite Social Club as the president. She attends Our Lady of the Catholic Church and edits the Turnkey news letter, a quarterly publication. Ross said, "It's a means for me to collect and disperse information between the (HA) and residents and among residents themselves." Ross sees the future of the program as good. "I see changes being made but I don't see where the program will be phased out," she said. "It's a good of a program and it's been a long, hard struggle, interesting and challenging."

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for "UDAG" Grants for the current grant period. The center is to be built on a 7.5 acre city owned site bounded by Fifth and Ninth Streets and Cleveland and Claremont Avenues. The center is to be owned and operated by East Winston residents. The East Winston Local Development Corporation, a non-profit group, is headed by Attorney R. Lewis Ray. It is spearheading the movement to develop the center. It plans to form a for-profit corporation and to sell stock to area residents to assist with the financing of the center. The city is working closely with the corporation. Although full particulars have not been worked out at this time, it is felt that plans are sufficiently developed to submit the application for the grant. Other tenants to be sought for the center are a variety hardware store, a beauty shop, a barber shop, a music/record store, an apparel store, a shoe store, a gift/book/stationary store, and a sports shop. The project will contain 45,400 square feet. It will generate approximately 60 permanent jobs and 100 temporary construction jobs. The annual payroll is estimated to be around \$550,000. The project will be built at a cost of \$2 million, and it will be financed as follows: - \$1.1 million loan from a private lender - \$340,000 UDAG Loan. - \$300,000 equity investment by area residents. - \$148,000 CD loan. - \$85,000 City. The proposal to build the 130 unit low and moderate income housing project was presented by the Low Income Housing Development Corporation of Durham. The corporation has operated in North Carolina since 1967 and it has built over 1400 multiple and 300 single family housing units in the state. The housing proposal had the endorsement of the East Winston Restoration Association, the Black Aldermen, and the City-Wide Neighborhood Housing Coalition. The need for the project was well documented.

Turnkey III

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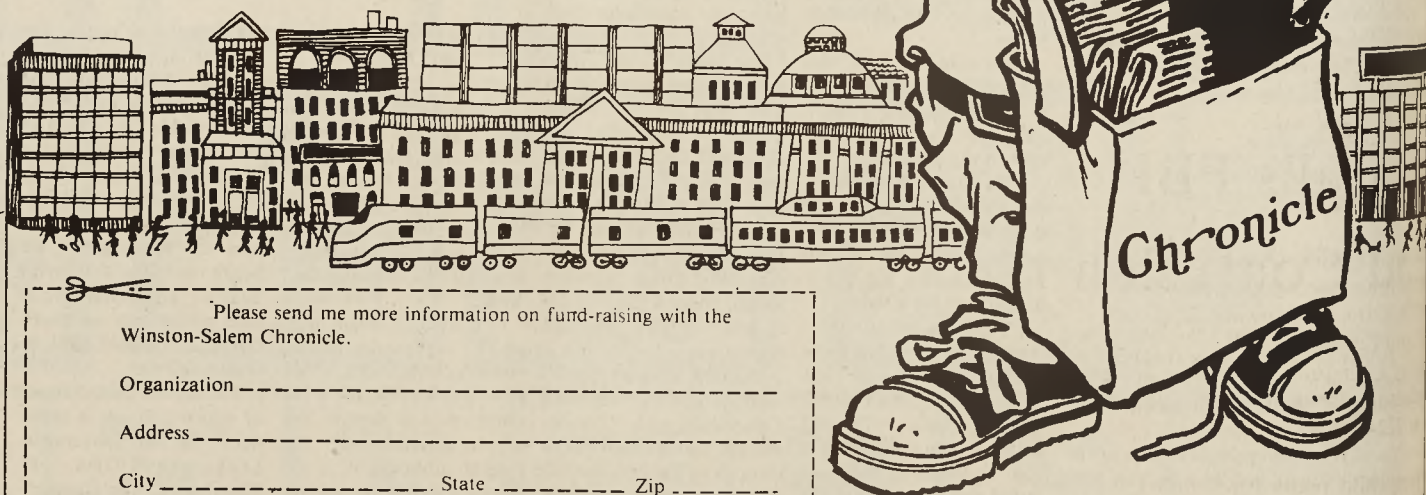
Development have guidelines which mandate the existence of such an association. Norma Wright, president of the Broadway Community Association, said, "When you get together and talk, one gets more things done." However, president of Kingston Greens, Jimmy Pettigrew is not satisfied. "We want them (HA) to give us retro-active funds, because they owe it to us," said Pettigrew. "We were supposed to receive a budget for the ten years that the program has been in operation and they are just getting around to it now." Pettigrew said that his development held back their agreement with the HA to settle disagreements among themselves. He also said that they were having problems dealing with the bureaucracy (Housing Authority). "We had to get ourselves an attorney to get that agreement and to get an understanding on the legal side of things," said Pettigrew. North Hills president, Verdell Hayes, said, "I've only been president six months, but I haven't had any problems. It's a warm relationship between our development and the Housing people." "Our center has been painted and repairs have been made on our request," Hayes added. In the late 1960s, through the efforts of the National Council on Negro Women, a home ownership rental program was established entitled Turnkey, by Joseph Burnstein. Its purpose is to enable local low-to-moderate income families an opportunity to own a home. Today 160 of the 967 Turnkey III homes have been bought by their owners. The success of the program is demonstrated by the fact that 100 homes were bought as a result of residents having the time to learn how to financially manage the home before they assumed mortgage responsibilities. James Haley, executive director of the Housing Authority, said, "It is an excellent program that enables people to buy a home who wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity. It's the best housing program we've got."

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