Wilbur Hobby

more a part of the economic clout in our state. He has helped women enter non-traditional jobs such as heavy equipment, engineering, etc. When you begin to do just a little bit too much good for those in need in our state, you are bound to be under attack. I don't think that he has done anything that folk in the political system have not done for hundreds of years. I think it's a political move against labor, and against women."

Leonard Dunston is president of the N.C. Association of Black Social Workers, an affiliate of the National Association of Black Social Workers. He too thinks Hobby is under political attack:

"I am not familiar with the charges against Hobby, but knowing as I do how individuals are opposed to the right to organize in this state, I am very skeptical about the extent to which he's guilty or that anyone with his background would be guilty. I think that the forces who are adamantly opposed to any effort to unionize exploited workers will continue to trump up charges to try to silence people like him."

Jennifer Henderson is executive director of the North Carolina Hunger Coalition, Fayetteville. She also believes Hobby is innocent of the charges and that his "crime" is social activism:

"Wilbur Hobby is guilty of being a labor organizer in the 80s in the rural South. That's what I think his crime is. It's as simple as that. I think that given the right set of circumstances, we all could be indicted for our social activism. He's being indicted for his trying to creatively use federal money to help black folks and poor folks. All of us share a part of that indictment."

Dr. Early Thorpe is professor of history at North Carolina Central University and national president of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History. He also believes that the charges against Hobby are politically motivated:

"He is on trial, fundamentally, because he is a liberal white in the racist South, in racist America. Wilbur has indentified with poor people, oppressed people, exploited people, those who are the most up against the wall. He's tried to help them. That is his fundamental sin in the eyes of those who are able to bring charges and make them stick even when they shouldn't. CETA work through the nation has been under attack by Jesse Helms, the right wing and the whole conservative crowd. That is a part of the general attack on poor people."

Mrs. Virginia Newell is chairperson of the Mathematics and Computer Department of Winston-Salem State University and is a Winston-Salem Alderwoman. She is not sure of Hobby's guilt or innocence:

"I really don't know whether he is guilty or innocent. All I know is what I've read in the papers. You don't know that what the papers say is the truth. One version that I have heard is when the feds send money down, you're already late getting it, and then you have got to get into operation or you loose all of it."

Gordon Dillahunt, a postal worker, is an organizer of the Black United Front in Raleigh. He too thinks Hobby is innocent and the victim of political attacks:

"He is innocent. I haven't had access to all of the legal papers, but just from what is generally available, it is clear that this is an attempt to discredit Wilbur and perhaps put him in jail for a while with the aim of beating organized labor to the ground so that it cannot rise up. This is an important time for the enemy to do that because the conditions are calling for more activity. The Black community is coming to life again. So here is the opportunity to quash that in the bud.

"People in this state have some feelings that organized labor is corrupt, and unfortunately, that has a lot of truth in it, especially nationally. A lot of the large national labor unions are guilty of corruption, and have links to organized crime, or at least operate in an undemocratic way that puts them more in line with the bosses than the workers. That is one attitude that is underlying the campaign against Hobby: try to color him as being corrupt. In general, anti-union sentiments are whipped up which has been the case for many years. People pay a lot of money to keep it that way - that is, to keep people misinformed about the importance of labor organizations fighting for their rights. So that is why they are coming at Wilbur at this particular time.

"The reason that it is important right now is that some trade union activists and some union officials are going out to get Wilbur's job. There is clear evidence that the trade union movement in this state has probably been on the wrong track for the past ten years or so. The labor movement in this state and in any other state has to come out of the rank and file movement which emanates from the shop, and the mills. Had that kind of organizing activity been the practice of Wilbur and his administration, clearly at this time, we would have a lot of support from rank and file workers. Clearly at this time, we do not have a lot of support from the rank and file. Wilbur's success in beating the charges is the task of organized labor in the state."

Reader reaction to the opinions expressed in this column are encouraged. Please indicate your willingness to have your views published. They should be sent to Pat Bryant, editor, Southern Exposure Magazine, P.O. Box 531. Durham, N.C. 27702.



MAYOR WAYNE A. CORPENING

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