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## Welfare Organization Seeks To Provide Voice

By Allen H. Johnson, III  
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With "Welfare with Dignity" as its watchwords, a newly formed Winston-Salem organization plans to protect the rights and needs of welfare recipients. Leaders of the People's Organization for Welfare and Equal Rights (POWER), in a press conference at the Old Courthouse last Friday, said they feel a need to counter the negative images given to the welfare system and those it serves by conservative politicians. "Jesse Helms seems to be the one who got the ball rolling," said Reggie Warren, advocate counselor for the organization. Helms and other conservatives, Warren said, "have

been successful in manipulating facts that only demonstrate fraud by a couple of people. They saw fit to penalize a nation of people."

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--Maggie Shores

Warren said that POWER, barely a month old, has had "a lot of favorable response".

The group plans to accomplish its goals by establishing coalitions with other existing groups in the area, including the Winston-Salem Improvement Association.

"We also plan to enlist the aid of tenant organizations,

churches and hopefully we can develop a link with some white organizations, to let them know that they're being affected by the same enemies."

Toward that end, POWER will hold its third meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 9, in Roots I at 975 Liberty St.

"We're trying to get numbers now," Warren said, "and get people aware of the things we can do to counter racist and class attacks on poor folks, be they black or white."

Warren added that

POWER, and other groups like it, intend to serve notice on "the Reagan administration and Helms fatcats that we won't stand idly by while decisions which affect our lives are being made."

Maggie Shores, president of POWER, said she is optimistic that the organization will succeed.

"I feel that it will be successful because I've got the determination," she said.

Miss Shores said that that determination will reap the support she needs.

"I'm unemployed, but I'm out to better myself," she said. "Black people, unwed mothers, poor families--I want to see them better themselves. The doors ain't gonna stay closed."

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ATLANTA: Accused child killer Wayne Williams is hustled away from an Atlanta courtroom by deputies on Nov. 20. A judge refused to throw out evidence taken during a June search of his home. Williams is scheduled to stand trial in late December in the killings of two of the 28 black youths. UPI

## Vice President Meets Black Mayors

WASHINGTON--Several prominent black mayors met recently with Vice President Bush to discuss the plight of cities under the Administration's new economic plan. The mayors, under the auspices of the National Conference of Black Mayors Inc. (NCBM), whose collective constituency represents an estimated 10 million U. S. citizens, focused on three highly controversial issues and presented policy recommendations. The Voting Rights Act, Civil Rights, as well as block grants and revenue

sharing, dominated the discussion according to Gary, Indiana Mayor Richard Hatcher, president of NCBM and leader of the delegation.

Hatcher expressed 'satisfaction' with the meeting saying, "I believe the Reagan Administration now understands that the success of their efforts at revitalizing this nation depends to a rather significant measure on input from leaders at the local and municipal level in the formulation of federal policies."

Scheduled as an oppor-

tunity to relay NCBM's position on issues facing municipalities, representatives of the 201-member organization encouraged the Administration to focus attention on short range problems while pursuing long-range objectives.

According to Hatcher, "We want to emphasize that no sector of our society should bear the full weight of policy changes--that no segment of our national population is expendable in the process."

The delegation included: Carborro, N.C. Mayor Robert Drakeford,

NCBM's 1st V.P.; Tuskegee, Ala. Mayor Johnny Ford, 2nd V.P.; Shelby, Miss. Mayor Robert Gray, 3rd V.P.; Centreville, Ill. Mayor Riley Owens III, NCBM Secretary; Vandalia, Mich. Mayor John B. Cooper, NCBM Treasurer; D. C. Mayor Marion Barry; Compton, Ca. Mayor Dr. Walter Tucker; Hayti Heights, Mo. Mayor David R. Humes; and Richwood, La. Mayor Verdiacee Hampton-Goston. Stanley Alexander, director of NCBM's Washington office See Page 2

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## Winston Residents React To McGee Sentencing

By Beverly McCarthy  
Staff Writer

Residents from all over Winston-Salem followed the trial of former Benton Convention Center Director William McGee last week. Chronicle reporters gave some of those residents the chance to voice opinions about the outcome of that case.

Darryl Jones--"I think Bill McGee is in trouble, but I think he'll get out of it because he's rich. I really

think he's guilty." Michael Gray--"If he was guilty, I think he should pay

for what he did. Something should have been done about the way the trial went,

though." Vincent Caldwell--You shouldn't make a man pay

seven years of his life for something like traffic in cocaine. We're going to wish

him luck, though, because he is a brother.

Walter Chambers --"He had a good job, so I don't think he needed to get involved in selling drugs."

William Johnson--"A man with his ability and knowledge should have stayed clear from any drug dealings."

Bettie Bennett--"To a certain extent, he was set up. It's obvious that justice

didn't prevail and I don't think everything was done that could have been in his defense. I wish Smith could get out on bond too."

Lillie Holcomb--"I didn't like it. I didn't like the way the whole thing was handled."

Lewis Perry--"Some people think that he's not guilty, but there is really no way he couldn't have been. I



Lewis Perry



Darryl Jones (McGee)



Theresa Edwards



Michael Gary

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## Membership On Rise Among Black Churches

By Beverly McCarthy  
Staff Writer

Jesus said, "If I be lifted up from the earth, I'll draw

all men unto me." Obviously, somebody, somewhere is lifting up the name of Jesus. People all over the world are turning to churches to find spiritual

homes. According to several local pastors, church membership is increasing at a steady pace.

Even though the reasons for this increase seems to be more practical than spiritual, Father Michael Curry, pastor of Saint Stephens

Episcopal Church, church membership is increasing for a combination of reasons.

"It really depends on what

people are looking for in a church, the major reason for the membership at St. Stephens increasing is our ability to make new people

feel welcomed and at home", he said.

Curry also said that the desire for people to become a part of some vital force in

the community is also a contributing factor for the increase in church membership.

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NEW YORK: At the first rehearsal on Aug. 27 for the new Jackie Robinson musical "The First," Rachel Robinson (R), Jackie's widow compared notes with Lonetta McKee, who plays Mrs. Robinson in the show. UPI Photo

## Employment Outlook Not A Rosy One

Unemployment and its relationship to the black population in Forsyth County was the topic of discussion at the regular meeting of the Greater Winston-Salem Kiwanis Club

Grover Teeter, manager at the Employment Security Commission painted a topsy-turvy employment picture with a

hopeful outlook for the skilled and professional levels but a bleak one for the unskilled.

"It is unfortunate that we don't develop the extensive kind of information to really tell how the economic status is affecting the black labor force," Teeter said, "but we don't, yet it is consistent that whatever

the unemployment rate is, the black rate will be twice that much."

Teeter said that the racial aspect of the job market isn't a significant factor because employers are looking for skilled competitive people.

"In the past we have had CETA (Comprehensive

Employment and Training act) to build a trained force, but now that there is a slow down in training social programs it is obviously going to have an effect on the population," said Teeter.

According to Teeter, the prospect for blue collar jobs in Winston-Salem is excel-

lent because the industries here have't been affected by the economy. Teeter said that the professional level jobs will be harder to get because employers are looking for the most qualified applicant they can find.

"My advice to young black people is to get training, experience and an See Page 10