

James Hansley

Businessman Meets With Reagan

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James Hansley, president of Vanguard Investment Co. Inc. of Winston-Salem, took part in a presidential briefing held on Nov. 16 at the White House, as a representative of the American Association of Minority Enterprise Small Business Investment Companies (AAMESBIC), the trade organization for the MESBIC industry.

According to Hansley, President Reagan was specifically interested in suggestions on how to help small business in light of his economic recovery plan. Hansley said that one of the major concerns of small businesses is the over-regulation of the industry, which only serves to hurt the small business through higher overhead costs.

Vice President George Bush was appointed by the President to conduct research into the effects of regulation on the small

business and come up with solutions to ease the problem.

"It was primarily a public relations gesture on the part of the White House because MESBIC was supportive of the President's economic programs when they were first introduced," said Hansley, "even though there was substantial disagreement among us about the details of the plan," he was quick to add.

The focus of discussion went to an Enterprise Zones and Urban Jobs Proposal that is currently being drafted at the White House. Hansley explained that the proposal grew out of the supply side economic school, first articulated by Jack Kemp (R-NY), to give tax credits and other incentives to businesses which located themselves in distressed areas (inner cities).

"From my vantage point, the proposal is geared to the wrong thing because it isn't



James Hansley, president of Vanguard Investment Co. Inc. is greeted by President Reagan before the meeting between MESBIC leaders and the administration begins.

going to attract a large number of the kind of industries needed," Hansley said. "Young, innovative firms, firms dealing with new technology are the

kinds of firms needed to go into these areas because these are the firms which generate new jobs. The proposal should be restructured.

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On Church-Going Habits

Local Passerby Surveyed

To see if an increase in attendance was evident among Winston-Salem residents, Chronicle reporters polled several local residents.

When asked if they attended church, some residents had this to say:

Jabear Raheem--"Well, I am of the Muslim faith, but I do worship five times daily, plus attend Mosque. I feel that it is the most important part of my life and without faith and prayer, I would not be able to carry out my other responsibilities.

Thaddus Ward--"No I don't go to church because I think that a lot of it is a joke. Really, I was raised to

believe that faith and God exist within each individual, so you don't need a building to go to for prayer."

Sherrie Richards--"My mother forced me to go to church until I was 18. That really turned me off so I stopped going for a long time. But now I understand what church is for and I do go to keep my faith and inspiration to achieve strong."

Rodney Harris--"I really don't have any particular reason for not going, I just don't think I'm ready for it."

Gary Henderson--"Not regularly, but I do go. I was brought up and taught that

that was the thing to do on Sunday. It's also a good way to escape from problems and bad times.

Carolyn Booker--"Yes, I do go. It gives me spiritual uplifting. I attend regularly."

Cranford Shore--"Yes, I do go to church. I've got to serve God especially now as never before."

Nimrod Weathers--"Yes, indeed, I do go to church. We as God's servants have a lot to do, and I go to church to learn how I may better serve him."

Stephanie Bailey--"Yes I go. I go to worship, and learn how I may better serve God. It's really an uplifting experience."

Ann Waden--"Sure, I go for worship and praise. I love Jesus, and I love serving and living for him. He's the very air I breath."

Thomas Goodson--"Yes, I feel like church is the only place I can go and be me. I had to learn that the hard way, though. At first, I thought everyone in church was putting on a show, but I found out that there are really some for-real people in church."

Larry Thredgild--"Yes I go. At first, it was just something to do on Sunday, but after I accepted Christ as my personal savior, I realized that church is the place for me to go and worship him. I've also gotten many blessings in church."

Bush And Black Mayors

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was also present. Joining Vice President Bush were: James Baker, Chief of Staff; Rich Williamson, Asst. to the

President for Intergovernmental Affairs; Alan Holmer, Deputy Asst. to the President; Carlos Campbell, Asst. Secretary,

Department of Commerce; Melvin Bradley, Senior Policy Advisor to the President; Thad Garrett, Special Asst. to the Vice President

for Domestic Policy, and Thelma Duggin, Deputy Special Asst. to the President.

McGee Reaction

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mean, he admitted to it. I don't think he should have gotten out on bond, either.

It's just not right. If he was guilty, then he should pay the price."

Theresa Edwards--"I don't think it's right for them to let him out under any circumstances. They caught him and he should be punished for the crime he committed."

Carla Johnson--"I was there the day McGee cried...That Toms chick was a real trip. It was a set-up, a dirty set-up."

Carlos Hipps--"It was plain entrapment. McGee was set-up, and that is all it is to it."

Barry Temple--"I think the judge is the only reason McGee was convicted. That trial was another step in the set-up."

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Chruch

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J. Ray Butler, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Chruch, said that he believes church membership is increasing because that is what it is supposed to do.

"A church should be a growing, thriving part of the community, any church whose membership is not growing, is not thriving a church has to grow in order to survive", he said.

Bishop R. K. Hash, pastor of Saint Peter's Church of God Apostolic, said that in his opinion, church membership is increasing because of the amount of biblical teachings that is now available in church.

"We're doing more bible teaching, than hard preaching, there used to be a time when all most preachers could talk about was fire and brimstone, now, preachers are becoming familiar with biblical teaching", he said.

membership is seemingly among the younger generation. One pastor reported that people under the age of 35 seem to be joining chruches in droves.

"Its sort of traditional for young people to join the church at around age 15", Butler commented. "It does seem as though there is a greater amount of young people joining churches these days."

Bishop Hash said that he reason that so many young people are joining the church is because most older people are traditional rather than biblical.

"You find a lot of the older people believe in traditions rather than what the bible says, but if you tell a younger person to do something he wants to know why, thats where biblical teaching comes in."

Father Curry said that the fact that young people are more mobile attributes to

the amount of youth joining chruches.

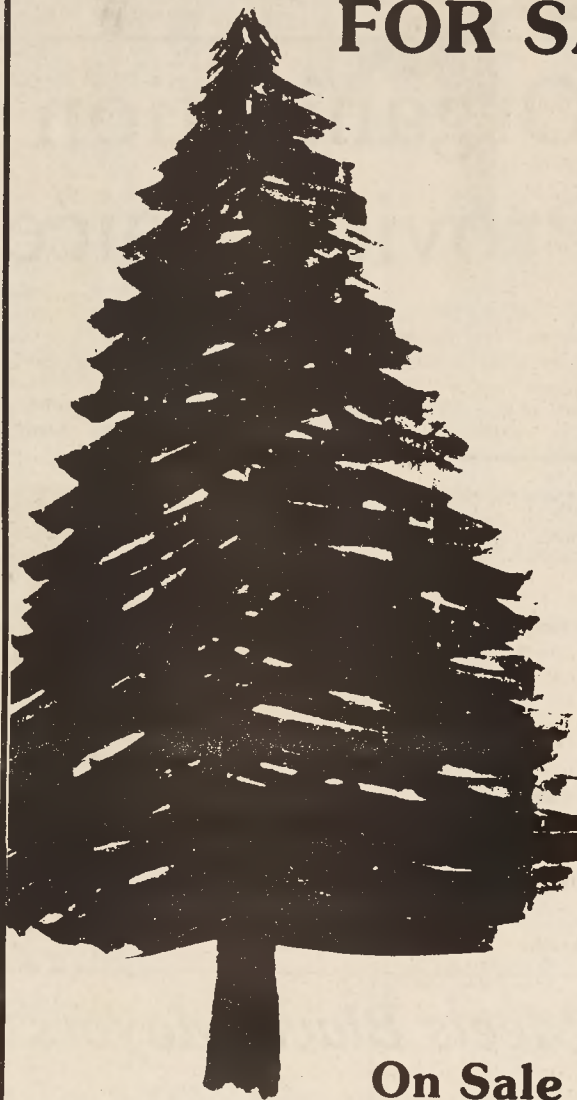
"Most of the older adults have already found church homes and for one reason or another don't want to join another chruuch, a lot of young people today are wondering just where their religious home is."

Surprisingly, none of the pastors questioned gave scriptural reasons for the increase of youth in their church memberships. The Bible tells us in Acts 2:17 that it will be the young men that will be able to see the visions of God, while old men will be dreaming dreams.

Whether it is a mere fulfillment of the scriptures, or very practical reasons for the increase in chruuch membership, the fact that church has always been a very vital part in the lives of blacks has not changed, and it appears as if it never will.

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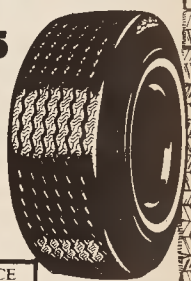


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