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North Carolina blacks, women put heat on Democrats

By The Associated Press

RALEIGH -- Most North Carolina Democrats are either women or blacks, but white men traditionally have controlled the party. Some people say it's time for a change.

"Many black Democrats across the state are very restless," said G.K. Butterfield, a Wilson lawyer and candidate for a Superior Court judgeship. "That is not rhetoric on my part. That is the reality."

Party leaders such as Lt. Gov. Bob Jordan and state Democratic Chairman Jim Van Hecke have voiced concern about the lack of blacks and women at the top and have said they hoped blacks would be elected to high offices soon.

"I think the Democratic Party would be wise to nominate a black person or a woman on the ticket in November for one of those statewide offices," said House Speaker Liston Ramsey, D-Madison.

But although women represent a majority of registered Democrats and blacks represent about 25 percent of the Democratic vote, Democrats might be on the verge of nominating an all-white, all-male Democratic state ticket again in 1988.

That possibility prompted a group of black party activists from across the state to meet recently at N.C. Central University in Durham to discuss ways to get a black on the state ticket.

And next week, representatives of such women's groups as the state chapter of the National Organization for Women and the N.C. Women's Political Caucus plan to meet in Raleigh to discuss ways to get more women on the ballot.

"We are concerned about elective offices and appointive offices," said Robin R. Davis of Raleigh, president of N.C. NOW.

"Women are just underrepresented everywhere," Davis said. "The issues that have the biggest impact on women get ignored or get pushed to the back burner if there are not women there."

Although it is a long-standing question, the issue has surfaced recently because three statewide offices will be vacated in 1988 — lieutenant governor, superintendent of public instruction and secretary of state. The Democratic front-runners for all three positions are white men.

Democratic leaders say they are reluctant to play

kingmaker by interjecting themselves into primaries, fearing such a move would create resentment and divide the party. Even if they did try to influence the outcome, they say there is no guarantee they would be successful.

Black Democrats say that though the Democratic leadership is required by party rules to remain neutral in primaries, leaders can play a behind-the-scenes role in helping nudge candidates in or out of races.

Butterfield said Democratic Party leaders were able to apply subtle pressure to persuade Rep. Billy Watkins, D-Granville, and State Auditor Ed Renfrow not to run against Jordan in the Democratic primary for governor.

"The party can act on behalf of a black Democratic candidate the same way they told Billy Watkins and Ed Renfrow to get off Bob Jordan's case," Butterfield said. "In religious circles, it would be called a prayer meeting."

The party is shrewd enough to persuade people not to run when the stakes are high," he said.

If the Hydes and the Bennetts decided to get behind a black candidate for statewide office, that would be a

signal that the Democratic Party is ready to see this problem resolved," Butterfield said. He was referring to Democratic Party leaders Wallace N. Hyde and Bert L. Bennett.

Pressure to get a black statewide candidate has been growing since 1985, when Virginia Democrats engaged in some state-making and elected a white man as governor, a black man as lieutenant governor and a white woman as attorney general.

But Virginia Democrats could put together a slate more easily because they nominate their candidates in a convention, rather than by voters in a primary.

In fact, Virginia Lt. Gov. Douglas Wilder is the only non-judicial black candidate elected statewide in the South in this century, according to the Joint Center for Political Studies in Washington.

"Black candidates still have a very difficult time attracting white votes," said Linda F. Williams, a senior political analyst with the center. Not enough blacks have actually run for statewide office, perceiving the difficulty in winning."

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Haitians blame U.S. for turmoil

By KIM I. MILLS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON -- Haitian-American leaders and a New York congressman whose district includes the country's largest Haitian community say they failed to convince State Department officials to support the removal of the military junta in that Caribbean island nation.

"They could not give us any assurances," said Janine Anes, head of the Haitian Action Lobby. "We found that their position is to stand by and wait."

"The situation in Haiti grows more grave by the moment," said Rep. Major Owens, a Brooklyn, N.Y., Democrat, who appeared at a news conference Thursday with the Haitian-American leaders to call for the resignation of the provisional junta led by Lt. Col. Henri Namphy.

The junta cannot be trusted to maintain order, Owens said, asking the United States to provide whatever assistance is needed to permit the Electoral Council to provide its own security.

The council was disbanded after violence snuffed out elections Sunday in the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince. Soldiers and thugs killed 34 would-be voters and wounded 75. Council members have gone into hiding.

Owens said he was concerned that the State Department would support the military junta's order that it and representatives of other civic organizations form a new Electoral Council to oversee national elections.

"I'm afraid that the State Department has given some indications that they might negotiate that," Owens said.

He charged that the Namphy junta has "psyched out the State Department. They have outwitted them, deceived them" into believing that they are well-intentioned.

The Haitian-American leaders blamed the blood

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Committee holds closed-door session

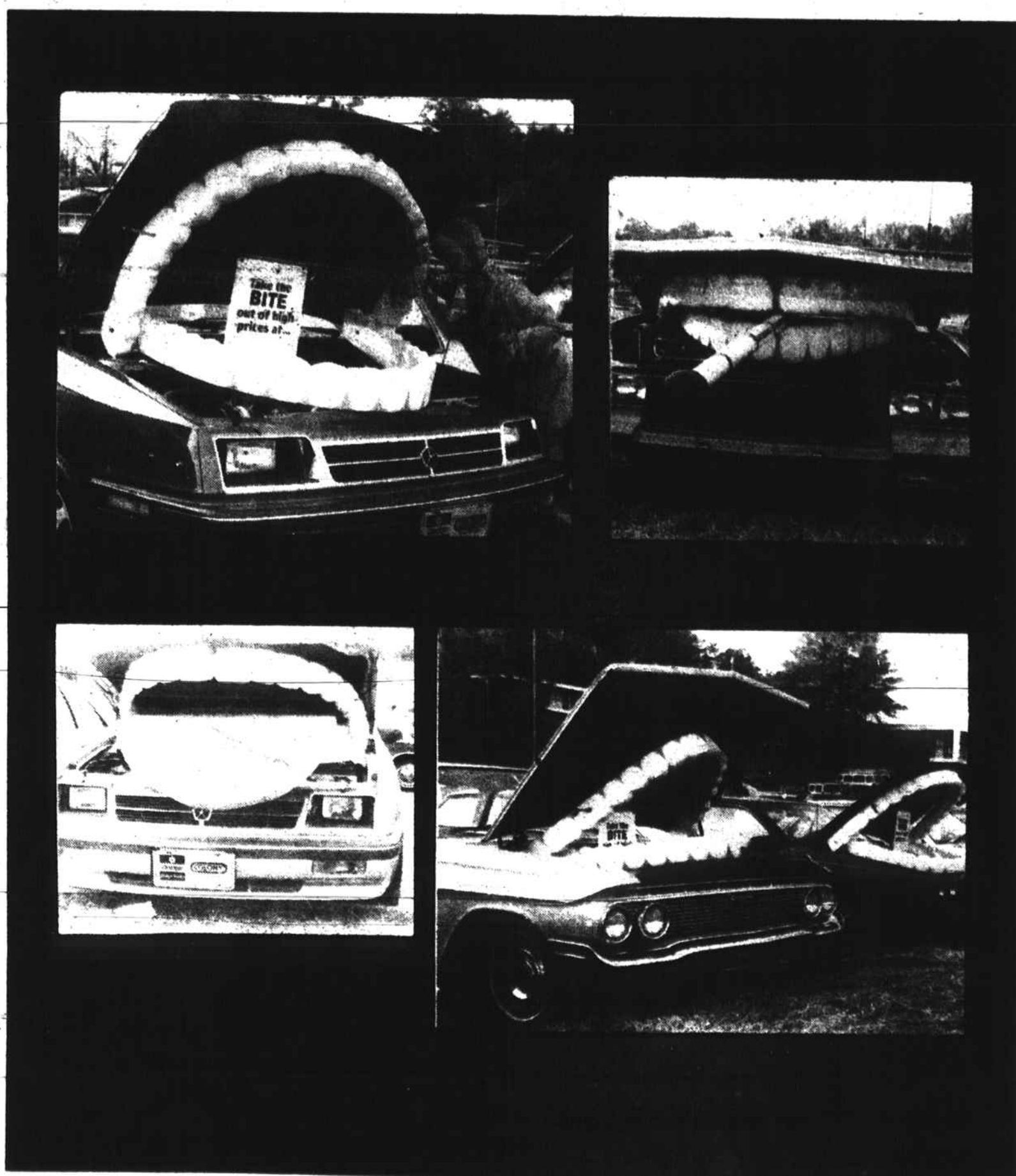
Thomas Elijah retires

From Chronicle Staff Reports

Attempts are being made by the Winston-Salem Urban League board of directors to bring the Thomas J. Elijah, Jr. controversy to a close. The board's personnel committee met in a closed-door session with the former league president on Monday. Sources said efforts were made on both sides to settle the long-lived dispute between Elijah and several members of the board. Elijah called board members Tuesday and announced he would retire immediately; the board accepted his decision. Sources say the terms and conditions surrounding Elijah's retirement are still being negotiated.

Monday's meeting was scheduled prior to Elijah's initiation of a lawsuit against the board and had been planned to give Elijah an opportunity to address board concerns about actions he took as president. However, three of the six defendants named in Elijah's complaint are members of the personnel committee. In a written statement delivered at the personnel committee meeting, Elijah said that he was "appearing under protest" and that he wanted those individuals who were instrumental in his termination on Oct. 7 to excuse themselves from his case. The members of the personnel committee are Marshall Bass, Joseph Dickson, Sterling

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No-cash policy sparks debate

By ROBIN BARKSDALE
Chronicle Staff Writer

Although a new no-cash payment policy at the city's housing units has drawn the ire of some of the city's aldermen, tenants and community leaders, housing authority director David L. Thompkins remains convinced that the policy is the best security method available.

Thompkins said the new policy, which requires that rent payments be made by check, cashier's check or money order, was designed to prevent robbery and injury to the staff at managers' offices. But some disgruntled tenants say the no-cash policy is placing a burden on the units' older and handicapped tenants.

"Low-income people now have to get their checks and go way out somewhere to get a money order and then bring it back," said Walter McClemon, a tenant at Sunrise Towers since 1972. "Plus they still have to pay for the money order. Some people can't get out and get around like I can. Now low-income people have to pay extra to pay their rent. That could be a little extra money they could have for other things rather than spending it on money orders."

Thompkins, however, said that the new policy will place few, if any, additional burdens on the tenants and that the criticism from some community leaders is unwarranted.

"What a lot of people don't understand is that all of our residents are independent and able to help themselves," said Thompkins during a telephone interview from his office. "We house the poor and the poor know how to take care of themselves."

But it is the effect that the new policy will have on lower-income tenants that is concerning many in the community. Southeast Ward Alderman Larry W. Womble said the no-cash payment policy was unnecessarily and unfairly burdening the units' lower-income and poor tenants.

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Jackson: Don't call me a loser

By KEN HERMAN
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AUSTIN -- The Rev. Jesse Jackson said he is perplexed at the loser image that seems to have been planted on him in his bid for the presidency.

"There is a slant or a slander, a media slander, that I've learned to wear on my back. It keeps my muscles toned," Jackson said after a speech Saturday to a Texas Democratic Women's forum.

"The other candidates, no matter how poorly they are doing, it is never said of them that they can't win," Jackson said. "And no matter how well I'm doing it is said, 'But he can't win.'"

Jackson, Tennessee Sen. Al Gore and Massachusetts Gov. Mike

Dukakis brought their campaigns for the Democratic presidential nomination to the Saturday forum that drew a crowd of 650. All three drew warm responses.

Jackson said that even news stories about his strong showing in some polls sometime label him a loser.

"If this were feudalism ... unless my daddy were king and I was prince I could never be head of state. But in a Democracy everybody has royal blood. One person, one vote. Clearly, I can win if I get the most votes," he said.

Dukakis said he wants to bring hope to all parts of the nation.

"As president, I will not settle for a country where some regions and

others are shrugged off as inevitable casualties of change," Dukakis said.

"In the future we want, government will be active where it should be and absent where it should be. We want government to enforce the laws against criminals and pollution and discrimination and monopolies. We want it to invest in our economic future. But we don't want it regulating our private lives and dictating our personal choices," Dukakis said.

Gore said the economic slump in Texas and other energy-producing states must be looked on as more than a regional problem.

"Just look right here in Texas at what has happened in the field of

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QUOTABLE: "... Afro-American leaders, in particular, must give more serious attention to the issue of who will succeed them after they are gone. Too many of our leaders have died without adequately preparing for leadership succession."

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