

Blacks Migrate From

Depressed Economies

This is the last in a series of six articles on the Caucus of Black Democrats issues for the 1976 presidential election. By Hoyle H. Martin Sr. Post Staff Executive

The Caucus of Black Democrats has noted that, historically, there has been a large migration of black and poor people out of the rural areas and small towns and into larger urban centers. The primary motivating factors for

such moves have been better job and educational opportunities and the overall hope for a better and higher standard of living.

The rural areas and small towns suffer to a large degree from depressed economies, poor living conditions and constant loss of its human resources. Added to and contributing to the problem is the presence of dilapidated housing, little or no water and sewer systems, poor mass

transit if any, and a basic lack of social and community facilities particularly for the needs of young people.

The CBD issues paper then says, "Yet the increasingly burdensome problems which have faced urban dwellers in recent years have brought a new look at opportunities in smaller towns. To improve life in these non-urban areas, it is necessary that certain policies be implemented by the federal government."

The CBD recommends that: 1. The Rural Development Act be amended to require the establishment of quantitative goals for progress under the Act.

2. The federal government must contribute to the economies of rural-small town areas by instituting financial programs to encourage industry to locate plants in such areas and by placing federal facilities at strategic locations.

3. Providing housing subsidies for rural and small town areas on a par with that of the larger urban areas.

4. Institute programs to stop the loss of small black owned farms to agribusiness interests.

5. Establish an independent federal agency for rural and small town affairs or at least the creation of an assistant secretary for rural affairs.

On the issue of energy, the CBD issues paper says in part, "Since the Arab Oil embargo and the ensuing energy crisis, Americans have paid a great deal of attention to the creation of a national energy policy, but scant attention has been paid to the impact of energy policy on the poor and minorities."

The problem of energy cost and availability directly affects the standard of living of the minority population. As the cost of such utilities rises, a larger portion of the income of poor and minority households will be affected than will be with other income groups.

The CBD suggests a number of specific actions and policies that must be adopted by the federal government and the private sector to protect low-income persons or families. These include subsidies in energy cost for the poor; the making of energy conservation a focus of energy policy; partial subsidy for health and welfare agencies, schools etc.; the seeking out of new sources of energy; and the creating of a publicly owned gas, oil and rail system; and have black participation at the energy policy making level.



Mayfield Memorial Attends National Congress

Two 46 passenger Continental Trailways buses left the parking lot of the Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church located at 700 Sugar Creek Road West on Sunday, June 20, enroute to West Palm Beach, Florida to spend a week in study and fellowship with thousands of other Church affiliated messengers from across the nation. The group, headed by Rev. H.S. Diggs who is the pastor of the Church, was filled with holy joy as they were driven most of the journey to their destination and back by Earl Bostic and Hazel Ervin, who are also members of Mayfield. The persons pictured, and riding the buses are: Rev. and Mrs. H.S. Diggs, Trammel Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Tee King, Mrs. Lomer Cotton, Mrs. Elizabeth Kelly, Mrs. Sallie Robinson, Denna Robinson, Mrs. Carol Bridges, Mrs. Sarah Cooper, Mrs. Mary Blackmon, Mrs. Nannie Carson, Mrs. Gracie Boyd, Mrs. Ruth Wallace, Mrs. Geraldine Mingo, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scales, Mrs. Ethel Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Reba Campbell, Miss Barbara Biggers, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis James, Mrs. Isabell Hall, Irsa Gail, Lisa Biggers, Mr. and Mrs. Richard

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St. Michael's To Hear

Dr. Bertha Maxwell

Dr. Bertha Maxwell, Director of Black Studies at University of North Carolina at Charlotte will be Guest Speaker at a noon Luncheon at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church on Sunday, July 4, as part of Bi-Centennial activities sponsored by the church located at the corner of 17th and Caldwell Streets and pastored by Rev. James H.B. Kenyon.



Mrs. Bertha Maxwell...Black studies director to add flavor to the celebration.

The BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE, headed by Mentzie Johnson and composed of Carol Chesnut, Joshua Moore, Maxine Redman, Latrelle Peeler, and Louis Caldwell, will also have on display an Exhibit of Bicentennial Memorabilia and Art Objects

O'Herron Plans To Form

Four New Commissions

Plans for state aid in helping cities and counties in identifying and solving local problems will be a major part of his administration, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Ed O'Herron says.

O'Herron says that if he is elected he will create a Town and Country Commission to work with him in shaping state government.

The Commission, to be composed of local officials from all areas of the state, would identify local problems and find resources for their solutions. The Commission would develop a coordinated program for dealing with the complex problem of North Carolina's towns and rural areas.

O'Herron said that in his travels across the state, local officials have complained to him about the red tape in Raleigh bogging down programs and increasing costs.

"The state is suffering because of the bureaucracy that has been built in Raleigh

during the Holshouser-Hunt administration," O'Herron said.

"Our citizens are fed up and I don't blame them. Some now in high places in state government seem more interested in the system than in the services. I intend to do something about it as soon as I become governor."

O'Herron said there is no shortage of problems. He listed some of them as health, housing, high crimes, traffic congestion, the handling of solid waste and the growing need for clean water.

"The overriding problem for local and state governments is one of public finance," the candidate said. "The question for local government is how to pay for needed services without exorbitant increases in ad valorem taxes."

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