

LBDO Adds Five To Board, Staff

By Hoyle H. Martin Sr.
Post Executive Editor

The Charlotte Local Business Development Organization (LBDO) has added three new board members and two new staff members to its agency in a continuing effort to improve its service capability to the minority business community.

Thomas Staton, LBDO's executive director said that Leslie H. Green, an industrial relations supervisor with J.A. Jones Construction Company, Carl Wells Hall III, an attorney with Thigpen and Hines Professional Association and Clifton H. McClenney, an assistant vice-president with NCNB were elected to the board at the December meeting to fill three vacancies and "because of their commitment to and interest in the needs and concerns of minority business development."

Staton added that "these men also bring special skills to the board by expanding the base of resource talent available to LBDO."

Green is a native of Binghamton, New York, and an experienced trouble shooter in minority affairs and industrial relations. He is a member of J.A. Jones' corporate industrial relations staff and responsible for various labor relations and equal employment opportunity functions.

Hall is a young talented attorney affiliated with Thigpen and Hines, Professional



Coye F. McAllister
...Development specialists

Association. He is a native of Rowan County and a graduate of N.C. State University and the Duke University Law School.

McClenney is one among the "new breed" of young and talented officials of the North Carolina National Bank. He is a graduate of St. Paul College and has also earned the MBA degree from Columbia University.

LBDO's new staff members are Samuel Young Jr., and Coye Frank McAllister. Young, who joined LBDO in late November as a financial analyst, was formerly in charge of the Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Branch Office of Business Ser-



Carl W. Hall III
...Talented young attorney

vice and Economic Developers, Incorporated. A graduate of Morehouse College, Young has also served with the Birmingham Urban League and the Atlanta Model Cities Program.

Coye Frank McAllister, a native North Carolinian and a graduate of Kittrell College and the American Institute, joined LBDO as a business development specialist. McAllister was formerly employed by the Department of Finance and Revenue in Washington, D.C.

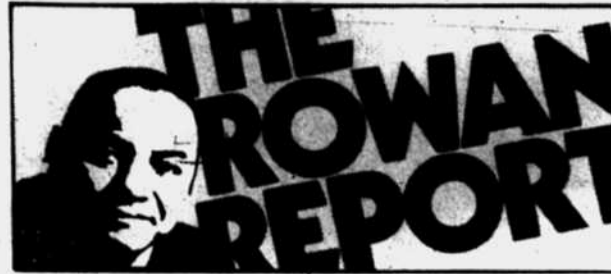
Staton said Young and McAllister have "added significantly to the effectiveness of LBDO's minority assistance efforts."



Samuel Young Jr.
...Financial analyst



Leslie H. Green
...Labor relations expert



BY CARL T. ROWAN

Carter's Cabinet

Well, Jimmy Carter has filled out his cabinet. You may be disappointed that the only black member is Mrs. Patricia Roberts Harris, who will be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Then, of course, Rep. Andrew Young will have cabinet status as Ambassador to the United Nations.

The major question now is not why Barbara Jordan or some other black wasn't included in the Cabinet; it is: what can we expect from the people Carter named?

Here is my personal assessment.

Cyrus Vance, who will be Secretary of State, is one of the most decent men I ever worked with — and I got to know him well during the Kennedy-Johnson years. Vance is intelligent and secure enough that he does not wallow in arrogance. I shall be sorely disappointed if Vance does not recommend blacks for at least two sub-cabinet posts at State. I'll be even more disappointed if he does not bust up the recent pattern of giving blacks ambassadorships only in Africa and the Caribbean areas.

I also expect Vance to give genuine attention to the needs and problems of Latin America and Africa — right from the outset, whereas Henry Kissinger didn't discover until near the end of his tenure.

Rep. Brock Adams, who will be Secretary of Transportation, is a longtime tennis foe and personal friend. He has been a staunch supporter of home rule for the District of Columbia. And I know that he has a sensitive understanding of this nation's problems and needs, especially our troubled cities.

Adams will be a vocal friend of black America in cabinet sessions.

Mrs. Harris will quickly disabuse the cynics of any notion that Carter chose her because he got both a woman and a black in one move. She succeeds a woman, Carla Hills, who silenced early critics by performing excellently in a nightmarish job, and Mrs. Harris will quickly squelch her few critics.

The lady is not only intelligent; she is tough. This Washington attorney also is acutely aware of what needs to be done to revitalize our cities. And she'll not bite her tongue when the time comes to tell Carter what she thinks federal policy ought to be.

Dr. Ray Marshall, the choice for Secretary of Labor, is a new face to me, but I like the direct, honest style he has shown in answering newsmen's questions. He wants to encourage the private sector to hire and train people, but to the extent that this doesn't work he favors public employment for people who want to work. He hasn't been snowed by all the "reverse discrimination" malarkey, so he supports affirmative action to help victims of racial, sexual and religious bigotry.

Harold Brown, the nuclear physicist who will head the Defense Department, is a riddle. He is viewed by some as a hawk, by others as a dove; by some as a sensitive liberal, by others as arrogant and indifferent. Let us see if he is aware that throughout history blacks have been denied any input into Pentagon affairs — and whether he tries to do anything about it. Since blacks go to the front lines of our wars in disproportionate numbers, isn't it time some black helped decide whom we fight, and for what reason?

A black man, Clifford Alexander, Jr., is slated to become Secretary of the Army.

Joe Califano is a good choice for Health, Education and Welfare. He is the architect of many of the Great Society programs of the Johnson era which were closing the gap between white family and black incomes — till Richard Nixon reversed the trend. Look for Califano to try to prove that the failures of the last eight years resulted from the fact that Republicans wanted the Great Society to fail.

Carter's selection of Judge Griffin Bell to be Attorney General is his most disturbing appointment. Unless something more serious is turned up than Bell's membership in clubs that bar blacks and Jews, I expect the Georgian to be confirmed. Hell, 99 per cent of U.S. cabinet members have belonged to bigoted clubs. Bell is the first I know of to resign from such clubs as a condition of gaining office.

Look for Carter to ease the pain by naming a black as Deputy Attorney General or to the number 3 post of Solicitor General.

My hunch is that Bell is going to try harder to prove that he is not a racist and that the Justice Department will be more responsive to the cries for justice in black America than ever before.

In fact, I still expect a lot from the Carter Cabinet. You can be sure that I'll be watching it — and writing and talking about it.

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What Can We Expect From

Carter's Administration?

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
By Kenyon C. Burke

What can we expect from the Presidential Administration of Jimmy Carter? Will this change in the White House tenance make a difference? How will it effect the lives of the disadvantaged, minorities, the poor and women who have been systematically denied an equal share in the goodies of our rich and bountiful country? And what ever happened to the "Urban Crisis" that was so vividly articulated in the 1968 report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorder?

These questions continue to emerge and hopefully nag at the conscience of members of the new Administration charged with determining social policy, designing legislation and implementing change that will improve the quality of life for all citizens alike.

Discussions in Washington, D.C. with Health, Education and Welfare transition team members, legislators, professional politicians and lobbyists reflected most clearly that there is change in the air. One gets the feeling that spring is just around the corner for all those interested in improving the human condition of all Americans via a new federal initiative.

It's not surprising that this feeling of hope and anticipation of a new day abound considering the fact that the Nixon Administration in 1969 removed civil rights, poverty and welfare reform off the national agenda, a policy that was continued under President Gerald Ford.

Seven years later these social ills identified in the 1960's continue to fester and poison our society. In fact the problems are in some ways even more difficult today not simply because they have been simmering during a long peri-

od of inattention but also because many of the quickie, instant success and underfunded programs of the 1960's failed to produce radical change.

Our addiction to quick fix programs not only mislead us but provided the enemies of social reform with endless ammunition. Granted, the Administration of President Lyndon B. Johnson launched the most ambitious set of federal programs designed to uplift folks out of misery and disadvantaged status in the history of the United States.

However, when one looks at the amount of money spent and the limited time allotted these programs efforts, it becomes quite clear what really happened. In retrospect, many of us who were caught up in the rhetoric of a "War on Poverty" feel that it would have been more accurate to describe that uplift effort as, at best, a skirmish.

The word coming out of Washington these days indicates that more money will be available for human services in the area of mental health, services to the handicapped, family planning along with programs designed to produce more jobs for disadvantaged unemployed young people.

Indeed this is good news, but we cannot again afford to be taken in romantically by impressive titles of programs that go nowhere and the pitfalls of putting just enough money into a program and limiting its life span to insure it will fail.

Unfortunately, we have seen the effects of "benign neglect" and what it has done to our cities, our youth, the disadvantaged and the poor. We can look to President-elect Carter's term of "competent managers" to approach the problems of social pathology with

a realism that there are no simple solutions to complex problems.

Considering the fact that we just lost seven crucial years via "benign neglect" brings to mind the folk wisdom of professional gamblers that says, "Catch up and win is a hard game to play."

We hope that this new Administration will afford us an opportunity to catch-up and win in our fight against racism, bigotry and inequality in the richest and strongest country in the world (NNPA)

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