

# FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Hoyle H. Martin Sr

In being promoted to manager of the Charlotte Office of the Employment Security Commission, Claudie Lewis Jr. heads the largest public employment office in the state and is only one of two blacks to hold such a position. See story on page

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"Black leadership in the United States "is stronger than ever" considering the progress made into the structures of the corporate and political community," says Urban League director Vernon Jordan.

Jordan adds that the quality of black leadership has improved since the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968 "We have to understand that the 1970s are different than the 1960s, and that a new kind of leadership is required. Because of changes in the civil rights movement," Jordan continued, "five new leadership classes have emerged. These are elected officials, appointees in government and foundations, corporate executives, 'the new black entrepreneurs,' and community leaders."

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Olympic gold medalist of the 1960 Games and "the world's fastest human" in the mid 60s Bob Hayes was in Charlotte on Friday as a spokesman for the 1977 National Youth Track and Field Program. The track program is sponsored by Hershey Food, Inc., and about 75 percent of its participating youth are black.

Hayes, a 10-year veteran of the National Football League, is now a Dallas, Texas corporate vice-president and computer salesman.

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Speaking to the 4,000 delegates of the National Urban League's 67th annual convention, League director Vernon Jordan said on Sunday, "Many black people feel that their hopes and needs have been betrayed by the Carter Administration." Addressing the same audience, President Carter said, "We will respond well to the counsel, advice, encouragement and criticism"



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sm" of the black community and its leaders."

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Mayor John M. Belk's decision not to seek re-election after serving four terms and longer than anyone else (8½ years) in the city 209-year history, has led to speculation that Councilman Harvey Gantt, 34, might seek the vacated office. Reportedly, Gantt has said he won't seek that office because he feels he lacks adequate public office experience at this time and further that the demands of his business would not give him sufficient time to service the needs of the office. Gantt recently said he plans to seek re-election as an at-large councilman.

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Approximately 2,000 people went to a Chicago supermarket, not for food, but to apply for about 285 mostly part-time jobs. That's about seven applicants for each job. One applicant reportedly said, "We're desperate, desperate for jobs." Another said, "I need this job bad, I've been out of work for nearly five years."

The city's manpower office says unemployment among blacks in Chicago is at 10 percent.

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Fearing that the U.S. House of Representatives may scrap the compromise minimum wage proposal of \$2.65 an hour has led organized labor and its allies to form a coalition to launch an emergency campaign to save compromise plan. A House committee endorsed the \$2.65 rate by a vote of 29 to 7.

## Hot's "Angel In Your Arms" Certified Gold

"ANGEL IN YOUR ARMS," the first single by the group Hot, on Big Tree Records (distributed worldwide by Atlantic Records and WEA International), was certified gold today by the RIAA for U.S. sales in excess of one million copies, it has been announced by Doug Morris, President of Big Tree, and Jerry Greenberg, President of Atlantic.

"ANGEL IN YOUR ARMS" (written by Clayton Ivey, Terry Woodford & Tom Brasfield) achieved Top Ten status on the national trade charts (Cash Box, Record World, Billboard) in the late Spring of this year. The song, which is included in the group's current debut album on Big Tree, "HOT," has also been recorded by the group in

a Spanish version.

Hot is an ethnically-diverse trio consisting of Gwen Owens (black), Cathy Carson (white) and Juanita Curiel (Mexican), who formed the vocal group in

late 1976. They currently record in Muscle Shoals, Alabama, where their producers Terry Woodford and Clayton Ivey own and operate Wishbone Recording Studios.

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