

EPA Discusses More Job

Contracts For Minorities

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NEW YORK (NNPA)—More jobs and contracts as well as cleaner environment for minorities were emphasized by speakers and newspaper representatives from this regional area during a two-day conference here last week at the Summit Hotel.

The conference, conducted by the National Newspaper Publishers Association—Black Press of America—under a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), was the second held to help increase the awareness of minority newspaper and magazine publishers and staffers. "The Environmental Impact of Pollution on Minorities." The first such conference was held in San Francisco. The final one will be in Atlanta, December 1-2.

Here in New York, featured conference speaker was Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson of Newark who pointed to unemployment and poverty among blacks which he said blinds them to seen and unseen pollution in the central cities.

In opening the conference, Ms. Joan Nicholson, director of EPA's Office of Public Awareness, said, "We are working for both jobs and a clean environment for all our people."

During this fiscal year, added Director Nicholson, minorities are expected to be awarded \$320 million in contracts for construction of waste treatment plants and other environmental facilities financed through EPA grant-assistance. This will be 10 times the amount awarded to minorities in 1977.

Altogether, EPA is currently authorized to provide pollution central grants totaling \$18 billion. Some \$10 billion of this amount has already gone into the construction of treatment facilities completed or underway, providing thousands of jobs.

Conrad Simon, black director of EPA's Environment Program of the New York area, pointed out that the staff of EPA nationwide is concerned that blacks and other minorities receive their fair share of jobs and contracts in the construction and maintenance of EPA grant-assisted projects. "But Bakke," he emphasized, "is making it more difficult."

In addition to "Jobs and the Environment," conference topics included: "Air and Noise Problems," "Health Effects of Pollution," and "Water and Solid Waste Problems." Among the speakers were: Charles Elkins, deputy assistant administrator of EPA for Noise Control Problems; Paul Daniels, National Urban League; Richard Dewling, regional deputy administrator, EPA; Ms. Faith Evans, Commission on Racial Justice; Paul Wyche, constituent coordinator, EPA Office of Public Awareness, and Robert Allen, EPA.

John L. Procope, publisher, New York Amsterdam News and 1st vice president of NNPA, welcomed the conference group to New York City; and he, John H. Murphy, III, chairman of the board of the Afro-American Newspaper; Juan Fuentes, editor-publisher, El Observador of Hartford; and Dr. Alfred L. Morris president of the Philadelphia Tribune presided over conference sessions.

Other newspaper representatives on attendance included: Alger L. Admas, Westchester County Press; Ms. Sarah

ST. PAUL UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

St. Paul United Presbyterian Church will observe three nights of Pre-Thanksgiving services beginning on Monday, November 20-23 at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. Waddell Henderson, pastor of Weeping Willow A.M.E. Zion Church, will be the guest speaker on Monday evening. On Tuesday, Rev. Miles Smith of New Hampton United Presbyterian Church will deliver the evening message. Dr. Raymond Worsley, Jr., pastor of First United Presbyterian Church, will be the guest speaker for the Wednesday night service, followed by a Fellowship Dinner.

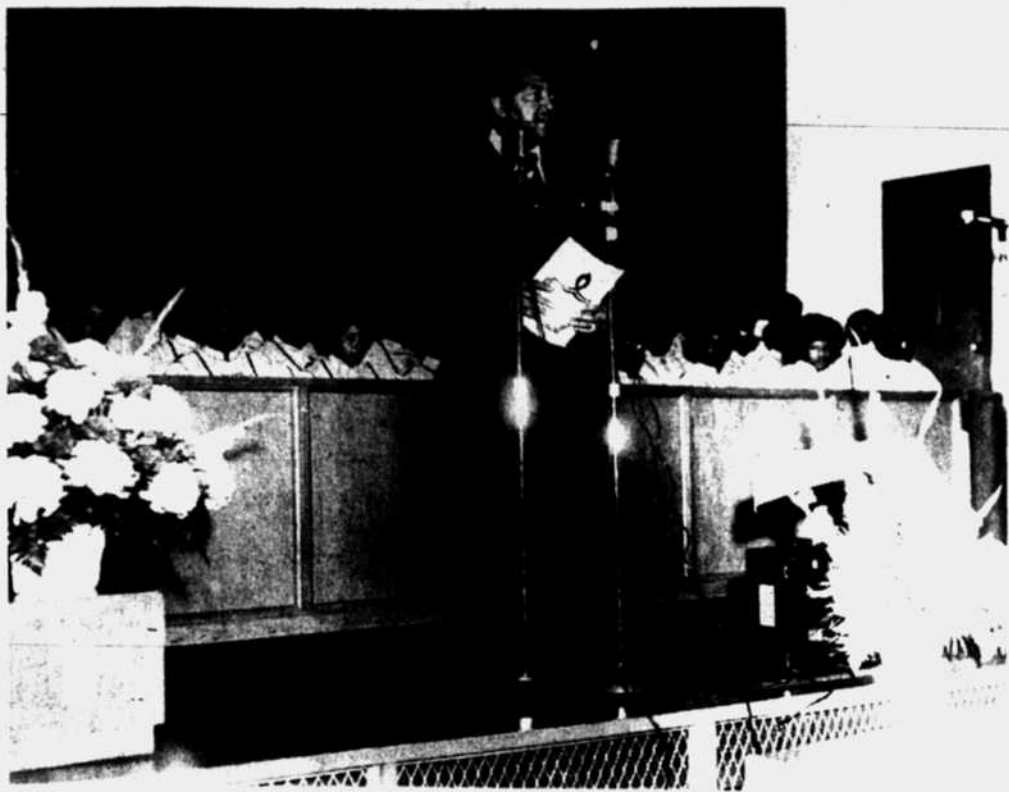
Everyone is urged to come and worship in the services. Rev. Bob L. Walton is the pastor of St. Paul, located on Robinson Church Road.

Baydon, UIPA News, Washington, D.C.; Roach Brown and Larry Bryant, LaBero, Washington, D.C.; Arthur M. Carter, Washington Afro-American.

In addition, Ms. Gloria Chun, The Boston Sampson, Ms. Sabrina Gill, New York Voice; William R. Hales, Hartford Inquirer; Jack Hayes, The Circle, Jamaica Plain, Mass.; Ms. Felecia G. Jones, Norfolk Journal & Guide; Mrs. Ophelia DeVore Mitchell, Columbus Times; Mark O'Riley, Buffalo Criterion; Robert Queen, New Jersey Afro-American.

Nathan Stoltzfus, American Indian Journal, Washington, D.C.; Ms. Shirley T. Thomas, National Black News Service, Washington, D.C.; Ms. Mary Jane Walker, Rochester Communicator; J. Hugo Warren, III, New Observer, Washington, D.C.; Claudia Whitworth, and Clifton B. Whitworth, Raonoke Tribune. "JOBS AND THE ENVIRONMENT" is being discussed by Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson of Newark, 2nd from right, with three of the 25 northeast minority press representatives and

two of the officials of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) who attended a recent regional conference in New York City on "The Environmental Impact of Pollution on Minorities." Mayor Gibson was the featured speaker. During this fiscal year, EPA is expected to award \$320 million in treatment plant construction contracts to minorities. Thousands of other minorities will have increased job opportunities as a result of these and other EPA grant-assisted projects. Seated, left to right, with the Mayor are: Ms. Shirley T. Thomas, editor, National Black News Service; Arthur M. Carter, publisher, Washington Afro-American and James Marshall, EPA N.Y. official. Standing are Ms. Gloria Chun, editor, Boston Sampson; and Paul H. Wyche, Jr., constituent coordinator for EPA's Office of Public Awareness. Conference was sponsored by the National Newspaper Publishers Association under an EPA grant. A similar conference for minority press representatives of the South will be held in Atlanta December 1-2.



The "Voices Of Sinai" of the Greater Mt. Sinai Baptist Church will be presented in concert Sunday, November 19 at 4 p.m. The Theme for this year's concert is "Living for the Lord!" "The Voices of Sinai" are under the capable direction of Mrs. N.E. Kerry, assisted by Michael Cooper. This Concert promises to be one of the best. Miss Gloris Thompson, a highly gifted and talented organist from Baltimore, Maryland will be guest organist. Miss Thompson has been featured at the Gospel Workshop of America,

and special guest of Dr. Clarence Cobb and the Church of Deliverance of Chicago, Illinois. Rev. N.E. Kerry, pastor of Mt. Sinai said the Choir will be doing a variety of songs, anthems, hymns, spirituals and the latest in gospels. Featured soloists will be Jerry Bailey, John Terry, Gussie Floyd, Dorsey Barnett, Shirley Bailey, Annie Floyd, Mary Key, Maudese McCrae, Calverta Patton, and Rosa Smith. Greater Mt. Sinai is located at 1243 West Blvd. Pastor Kerry extends a cordial invitation to come out and enjoy a delightful evening of good music.

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"Superparents" Complete Training

Charlotte residents, Sandra and John R. Banks, recently became the first couple to be trained as Specialized Foster Parents by Youth Homes, Inc. The Banks have completed an intensive twenty-five hour workshop in the care and management of trouble youths.

Within a week, they will be sharing their home with a child who has experienced adjustment problems and who needs their care, concern, and special skills.

Mr. Banks, originally from Monroe, N.C., is Program Director for Family Housing Services, Incorporated, a Charlotte-based construction firm Mrs. Banks recently left a position with N.C. Federal Savings and Loan in order to devote more time to the demands of a foster parent. The Banks are active members of the Resurrection Lutheran Church.

Specialized Foster Care is a program implemented partly in response to N.C. House Bill 456, which prohibits "Status offenders" from being committed to training school. Status offenders were those youngsters whose offenses would not have been "crimes" if committed by an adult; running away, truancy, and failure to get along peacefully with parents are examples. Specialized Foster Care is

designed to serve the needs of these children and other children, 10-16 years old, in Department of Social Services' custody with problem behaviors in previous placement.

There is a real need for more "SUPERPARENTS" in Charlotte to help children before they develop legal and serious discipline problems. More information about Specialized Foster Care is available from Youth Homes, Incorporated, 700 Parkwood Avenue, Charlotte, N.C. 28205, or phone 374-2433.

Mrs. Roxie Hosts

Ivy Leaf Art

Club Meeting

The Ivy Leaf Art and Literacy Club met on Thursday, Nov. 9 at the home of Mrs. Della Roxie of Fairwood Avenue.

Mrs. Minnie Hethington presided at the meeting.

The following new officers were nominated at the meeting: president—Mrs. Lillie Mason, Vice President—Mrs. Mable Watson, Recording Secretary—Mrs. Roxie Ezell, Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Johnnie Yongue and Finances—Mrs. Eugene Russell.

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