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A MULTITUDE OF MARCHERS braved a mini-snow storm in Washington, D.C. to turn out for Stevie Wonder's march in support of making January 15, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a national holiday. According to veteran marchers Rev. Jesse Jackson, President

of Operation PUSH, satirist Dick Gregory and Rep. Walter Fauntroy, the marchers exceeded 100,000, which was the largest march since the historic march on Washington in 1963 at which Dr. King made his "I Have a Dream" speech.

"Wonder March" For Dr. King Attracts More Than 100,000

Special To The Post
WASHINGTON, D.C. - An estimated 100,000 persons defied the chilly, snowy weather of this nation's capital city and marched on the 52nd anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birth in celebration of his life and dream of a better America and a better world.

Specifically, it was a march sponsored by singing star-Stevie Wonder to petition this nation to make Martin Luther King Jr.'s birth date, January 15, a national holiday. The celebration march, was predominantly Black, but with a stirring upbeat spirit of hope reminiscent of the March on Washington led by Dr. King here in 1963. Perhaps it was the absence of white marchers that were highly visible in the 1963 march that caused official Washington and some media difficulty in estimating the size of the march.

U. S. Park Police and National Park Service officials after giving startling low crowd estimates to the press on Thursday, reluctantly--on Friday estimated the King birthday celebration march crowd at 35,000.

On the day of the march, the Park Service had given a low estimate of 10,000 to one Washington daily and several other media outlets.

There has been no official comment from march coordinators on the numbers game obviously being played by official Washington. It is known however that there were more than five times more persons in attendance at the rally than at Stevie Wonder's concert at the Capital Centre on Friday night which was estimated to be 20,000.

The "Wonder March" started at the foot of the Capitol across from the Labor Department Building and massed at the Washington Monument grounds in a gala celebration of joy and hope.

The "Wonder March", was exceptionally high-spirited, despite the bitter cold and snow flurries. The marchers strolled by the stands which were being erected to mark the inauguration of a new Administration already reputed to be insensitive to their

needs singing "I Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round." At the rally site, Martin Luther King III brought chills to some and cheers from others, when in a voice marked by the nostalgic cadence of his slain father, declared: "My daddy had a speech where he said, How long, Lord? and the answer would be. Not long."

The heir to the King legacy continued: "Now I'm asking, how long, Lord, will it be before we get a holiday? Not long. No lie can live forever." It was a stirring remembrance for those who had marched in 1963 with young King's daddy. It also raised the applause and cheers of the already high spirited crowd to a joyous crescendo.

March platform guests included veteran civil rights activists Rev. Jesse Jackson, Dick Gregory, Congressmen John Conyers (D-Mich.), and Walter Fauntroy (D-D.C.), Imam Warith Deen Muhammad, Martin Luther King III, Ben Chavis, and Washington, D.C. Mayor Marion Barry.

Gregory drew loud applause when he looked out over the snow covered Monument grounds and predicted there was sure to be disagreement on the crowd size in the media. Gregory said, "...There are goo gobs of Blacks out here."

March participants came from across this nation, 316 buses of them, from places as far away as California and Oregon (by air), bringing with them both hope and thousands of signed petitions to Congress to

make King's birth date a national holiday.

Even the dismal weather cleared and the sun peeped through snow-filled clouds when march sponsor Stevie Wonder mounted the stage to thunderous chants of "Stevie! Stevie! Stevie!"

In his prepared speech, Stevie said, "There are those who ask: Why a holiday in honor of Dr. King? To those people we say: Public holidays in the United States should be, and normally are, reserved for celebrating great traditions in the nation's history and our highest ideals and leaders who have shaped, our common destiny. Dr. King lived and died for this nation's ideals of justice, honor, dignity and freedom. He embodied the best of the American tradition which originated with the Pilgrims of New England, continuing on with the Boston Tea Party and right through the American Revolution.

"To those who ask why Stevie Wonder, the artist, is involved in this quest, we say: I am not only Stevie Wonder the artist, but I am a man and a citizen of this nation and I feel that as an artist my purpose is to communicate messages that improve the life of all of us."

Stevie added, "We ought to have a way to honor Dr. King and reaffirm the ideals he lived and died for, to honor him through a national holiday would, also, of course, bestow a great honor on Black America by implicitly recognizing him as a symbol of the tremendous contributions Black people have made to this country's historical development."

"At Gala Celebration"

Charlotte Friends Of The Arts

Will Honor Eight Charlotteans

"A Gala Celebration" to be held during Black History Month, will honor eight Charlotteans. The event will take place Friday, February 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Gold Room of Belk in uptown Charlotte.

Presented by the Charlotte Friends of the Arts and the Board of Directors of the Afro-American Cultural Center, the event will also feature local talent.

The following people will be recognized at "A Gala Celebration": Ester Page Hill (Art Education), Juan Logan and Tommie Lee Robinson (Art), Elsie E. Woodard (Drama), Blanche Rann Oliver (Music Education), Irene H. Jones (Performing Musician), Eugene S. "Genial



Mrs. Blanche Oliver
...Music teacher



Mrs. Esther Page Hill
...Associate professor

Gene" Potts (Communications) and Willie L. "Bill" Johnson (Communications). Esther Page Hill is presently Associate Professor of Art at the University of North Carolina at Char-

lotte. She obtained her B.S. and Master's degrees from Teacher's College Columbia University, New York City. She did further study at the University of Wisconsin and New York University. In 1979-80 she pur-

sued the Ph.D. program in Art Education at the Florida State University under the North Carolina Board of Governors' Doctoral Study Assignment Program and completed all residency requirements.

Ms. Hill has had several exhibitions, is a member of numerous organizations and boards and has received countless honors.

Juan Logan and Tommie Lee Robinson will be honored for their artistic abilities. Logan, born in Nashville, Tenn., studied at Howard University and Clark College. He has prepared 12 one-man exhibits and numerous two-man, three-man and major groups exhibitions. Logan received the Romare Bearesee CHARLOTTE Page 8

In Charlotte

Study Says Housing Values Related To Schools' Quality

Conference To Focus On Health

The Cardinal Business and Professional Women's Club is sponsoring a Political-Health Conference on Saturday, January 31, and Sunday morning, February 1, at the Sheraton Center; registration opens at 8 a.m. on the 31st.

The political workshops will help you understand what makes politics interesting, fascinating and fulfilling. You will be able to understand politics and how it affects your daily lives.

Subjects to be covered at the political conference are: How to run for public office, plan a campaign, raise funds for candidates, answer political questionnaires, conduct a public opinion poll, deal with the media, lobby for legislation, speak with confidence, and prepare a campaign advertising program.

The Political Conference panelists are: Hon. Marilyn B. Bissell, member, Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners; Hon. Betty Chafin Rash,

Mayor pro tem, City of Charlotte; Hon. Louise Brennan, member, N.C. House of Representatives; Hon. Liz Hair, past chairman, Mecklenburg Board

of County Commissioners; Hon. Carl Stewart, Immediate Past Speaker, N.C. House of Representatives; Hon. Roy Spoon, member, N.C. House of Representatives; Herry Hancock, Community Development Manager, Greater Charlotte Chamber of Commerce; Karen Gaddy, past president, Charlotte League of Women Voters; Theodore S. Arrington, Ph.D., Associate Professor, University of North Carolina at Charlotte; and Sid Smith, partner, Green, Smith & Crockett, Inc., a public relations-public affairs-lobbying firm.



VIVACIOUS TINA QUINN
...West Charlotte senior

Scintillating Tina Quinn

Is "Beauty Of The Week"

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer

Every aspect of Tina Quinn is filled with scintillating charisma. Her thoughts rest within those quarters of bettering herself and her ambitions are backed with gallons of enthusiasm.

"I feel you should be yourself and be the best you can be," Ms. Quinn conveyed. Her immediate goal involves attending Bander Fashion College to major in Retail and Merchandising.

USDA Says:

Food Stamp Recipients

Must Search For Jobs

Special To The Post
WASHINGTON - Able-bodied food stamp recipients must actively search for jobs or be dropped from the program under new rules announced today by the U.S. Departments of Agriculture and Labor.

"Under the new regulations, people who fail to look for a job on their own or who don't report for the

interviews at their state employment office will find their households dropped from the food stamp program for two months," said Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Carol Tucker Foreman.

Those who are exempt from the work registration requirement are primarily the elderly and disabled, those already working, those responsible for the care of dependents or those already subject to work requirements under the unemployment insurance or work incentive programs.

The rules also require recipients who register for work to be called in to their state employment service -- now identified as the job search in many states--for an interview and job classification.

State job service agencies will continue to refer registrants to potential employers, but now food stamp job seekers will also have to supplement this service with their own eight-week job search.

The new rules will establish as a standard that work registrants contact up to 24 potential employers within the eight-week period, and also report back twice to their employment counselors on progress made, Foreman said. Requirements for each person's job search will depend on their individual circumstances and the availability of jobs.

She is still a senior at West Charlotte Senior High School and has emerged herself thoroughly in the fashion world. "I go to a lot of fashion shows," she revealed. "I am enrolled in a Fashion Merchandising class in school where I design outfits also."

"I love clothes, and people and I would like to teach fashion coordinating. Actually I'm pretty open -- I would like to learn to coordinate for catalogs, fashion shows or even television commercials," she continued.

Ms. Quinn's favorite clothing is the sweater dress. As for the shoe type she rates the pump highly. She completed a window display at Mitchell Tuxedos and advises the fashion conscious to window shop for apparel ideas.

At the age of 18 our Capricorn beauty has other interests as well. Her favorite television show program is "Dallas." She enjoys swimming, dancing an occasional modeling. Her favorite entertainer is Billy Dee Williams, the highest ranking singer on her list is Diana Ross.

As vice-president of the Xinos Phi Delta Kappa Alpha Iota Sorority, a member of DECCA, NAACP, Cotier Club and participant in the Delta's Debutante Ball '81, Ms. Quinn's schedule is often filled.

She is also a member of St. Paul Baptist Church and fourth vice president of the Junior Missionary Mecklenburg County and president of the Junior Missionary of St. Paul.

Who's Who Among American High School Students listed her in their 1979-80 volume for her academics as well as community related accomplishments.

The youngest in a family of six Ms. Quinn doesn't appear to be the spoiled type often assumed by many. On the contrary her personality reflects maturity and kindness.

The two big influences in her life are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Quinn. "My mother gives me much support, she loves me and is mostly behind everything I do. My father is sensitive. The one thing I have learned from him is to save money. I love both of them to death."

One of our beauty's favorite individuals is Eleaf Frazier. "He models and has inspired me to go ahead with my fashion career. He works hard at his work and I believe he is going to the top."

Good Schools

May Stop

"White Flight"

By Wilson Davis
Special To The Post
GREENSBORO - Contrary to what had been expected a new study of growth patterns in Charlotte suggests that the academic quality of public schools is a more important factor in determining housing values than the racial mix of students in the area public schools there.

The study was conducted by Dr. Donald Jud, a professor of economics at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and by Dr. James Watts, director of operations research at CIBA-GIEGY Corporation in Greensboro.

The two are publishing findings from the research in the winter issue of a national professional journal entitled "Economics of Education Reviews."

"Our results suggest that housing demand is more strongly influenced by the academic quality of public schools than by the level of racial integration," wrote Jud and Watts in their article.

They added that other studies which did not consider academic quality of schools in all probability have overestimated the negative effect of school desegregation on area housing demand.

Jud admitted that he and Watts were "somewhat surprised" to find that area school racial ratios were not more important than school quality in determining housing values in Charlotte.

"We were prepared to find that race was the dominant variable in our study," stated Jud.

"I think the study provides some reason for optimism, in a way," added Jud. "It says, in effect, if you can improve the schools, you may be able to stop white flight and improve property values."

While the study was restricted to Charlotte, Jud said some of the implications from the research also may be valuable to some of North Carolina's other larger cities, such as Greensboro, Raleigh and Winston-Salem, as well as elsewhere.

"Our study shows that people are willing to pay for good schools when they buy a house," said Jud. "This means that to the extent that a city can provide good schools, it can increase in value of the property within its boundaries."

In the study, Jud and Watts examined real estate values, school quality and the pattern of urban development in Charlotte, using 1977 data.

Figures on home sales were obtained from the 1978 Master Appraisal File maintained by the Tax Supervisor of Mecklenburg County. The sample in the study was composed of every existing single-family residential property see STUDY Page 14

TURTLE-TALK



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