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NAACP Rejects Budget Cuts

The NAACP National Convention last week voted on an emergency resolution declaring the 1982 budget and its cuts in government spending on social programs and concurrent enormous and dubious increases in military spending.

"The sum total of the cuts represents a radical departure from the responsibility of government to promote the general welfare and is a cruel burden on the poor, the low-income wage earner, the unemployed and disadvantaged who are called upon to make unnecessary and unbearable sacrifices while the Reagan Administration proposes obscene tax reductions for the wealthiest individuals and corporations," said Benjamin L. Hooks, Executive Director of the NAACP.

"President Reagan is wittingly or unwittingly leading a cynical assault on the public sector and social justice," Hooks added. "The budget is slashing funds for job training... legal services... public education... urban aid... medical aid... employment program... public service jobs... aid to families with dependent children and school lunch programs."

The convention asked that President Reagan reconsider the NAACP's own alternative budget proposals contained in a 130-page document officially titled "Alternative Policies in the Public Interest for Economic Growth."

"A government which knows the value to the black community of targeted federal aid or categorical grants," Hooks pointed out, "is proposing the restructuring of the process so as to institute 'block grants' to the states."

"Speak Out",

Metric Board

Urges

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Members of the public will have a chance to speak out on metrics when the United States Metric Board meets in North Carolina, July 9-10, at the Sheraton Center Hotel, Charlotte.

The Metric Board will conduct a Public Forum beginning at 10 a.m., July 9, in the Carolina Ballroom of the Sheraton Center, with several scheduled presentations followed by an "open mike" session from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Metric Board Chairman Dr. Louis F. Polk said the open session is designed to allow Charlotte-area citizens to tell the Federal agency what they think of the metric system, and to ask questions of the members of the Board.

TURTLE-TALK



A man who is always looking for a helping hand can always find one - attached to his arm.



LOVELY BARBARA HOLLAND
...Rising NCCU senior

Barbara Holland Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer
Barbara Holland gives one the impression of an intelligent being. She is one who possesses the purpose and intensity to endure and defeat a challenge. Her goal is to achieve.

A rising senior at North Carolina Central University, Ms. Holland is studying Business Administration. "I plan to become the president of a multi-million dollar corporation and become my brother's, (Ricky Holland) financial advisor. Ricky is a pre-med student."

The daughter of Margaret Holland and the late Gignilliat Holland, our beauty has one sister, DeLaine, and two brothers, Wayne and Ricky.

She most admires her older brother, Ricky. "He has exhilarated the definition of being strong. I don't think I'll ever go through as much as he has," she stated.

She also thinks highly of

her fiancée, Kevin Caruthers. She describes him as being a "generous and super" person.

Reading and dancing are favorite pastimes for Ms. Holland. But there is something inside of her that yearns to help others. "I help others because of that something inside of me. I enjoy helping others and it makes me feel good also."

If you ask our Capricorn beauty just what type of person she is, she'll casually suggest that she is easy going. "I try to be myself all the time. You'll find it a lot simpler than putting on airs," she advised.

At 21, Ms. Holland is extremely articulate and radiates an air of maturity. As far as her studies at Central are concerned she has maintained a discipline unique to honor students.

She received an Academic Award her freshman year and was awarded a scholarship by the School of Business and Economics.

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Civil Rights: Need For A New Approach

Post Marks Seventh Anniversary

By Susan Ellsworth
Post Staff Writer
Once upon a time a small church newspaper was destined to become a black-oriented weekly-published reflection of the black community.

As The Charlotte Post marks its seventh anniversary this week under the direction of editor-publisher Bill Johnson, the paper has weathered economic storms and prospered while other small businesses have failed.

"We are indebted to the Charlotte business community and the general public for their overwhelming support during the last seven years," Johnson said.

He pointed out that paper is "seven times bigger now than when we started marketing it in 1974..." and has experienced a 33 percent increase in gross revenues from 1977 to the present.

Created in 1877 as a church newspaper called the "Messenger," the paper was renamed "The Charlotte Post" and transformed into a general black-oriented weekly publication in 1918. The brainchild behind this change in Charlotte's only black newspaper was A. M. Houston, a black civic leader and commercial printer.

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The Order of Knights of Pythagoras, Pyramid Council No. 46 stands proud as the first organized group of the Order in the Western region. Accompanied by advisors and a few parents in the above photo, the Knights are striving for knowledge and excellence in all endeavors.

Prince Hall Masons Plan Youth Development Program

Black youths are being helped. At least by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons. The organization they originated is a Youth Development Program entitled Order of the Knights of Pythagoras.

Charlotte's group of Knights is entitled Pyramid Council No. 46 and was founded by George Sanders, Grand Knight Director of the Mountain Region. These pyramids were the first to be organized in their western region. The group is sponsored by Silver Set Lodge No. 327.

According to Fred Alexander, Director of the Board of Regions of the Order of the Knights of Pythagoras, the organization accepts young men from ages 7 1/2 to 17 1/2.

"We try to follow them and give them guidance from elementary to high school," Alexander began. "We give them leadership training and any young boy at that age can apply for membership."

Traits of quality in character are also developed in the youth participating in the Knights of Pythagoras. "These traits will be with the young men for life," Alexander explained.

William Clement, Grand Master, North Carolina wrote recently that "The Youth is hope of our tomorrow. Expose them to destiny and make them leaders."

The late Bishop Herbert Bell Shaw, past Grand Master of North Carolina Masons saw the necessity of such an organization for young black men and emphasized its establishment by regular masonic lodges over the state.

An athletic board has been organized with Brother Luther Carter as Director.

Softball is one activity provided to the members of the Order of the Knights of Pythagoras Emphasis is not only on sports, but also on education. But often spiritual and physical well being goes hand in hand.

A Parents Committee with Brother Thomas Coleman appointed as Director and individual members of Silver Set Lodge as sponsors have also been organized for the benefit of educating and improving the minds of the Knights.

The cause of the Order of the Knights of Pythagoras is such a large concern of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and accepted Masons in North Carolina that they will hold their Sixth Annual Assemblage Grand Council for Knights soon.

At this assemblage Masons will overview and plan for future Knight adventures and projects.

In Charlotte their last major event was the Family Picnic July 4 at the Silver Set Lodge, Torrence Grove Rd., Newell from 10 a.m. until.

Pyramid Council No. 46 was pitted against a local church group in softball while the members of Grier Heights Lodge No. 752 battled against the members of Silver Set Lodge No. 327 in the baseball arena.

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Struggle Has Reached An Impasse

By Bayard Rustin
It is widely recognized that the struggle to improve the social and economic life of Black Americans and poor people in the U.S. has reached an impasse.

While we are fully aware of the impending problems and hardships we face, too little thought has been given to three important questions:

What economic changes have occurred in the 1970s and 1980s which require changes in the strategies and tactics used so successfully in the 60s?

Why do we appear to have lost the support of those allies who stood firmly alongside us in the 1960s?

Why do so many of the major objectives and programs we, in the civil rights movement earlier espoused, appear to have lost support even within much of the Black community integrated schools and housing, busing, etc.?

To intelligently answer these questions we must ask others:

To what degree has race declined as the dominant factor in the continuing inequality of the races and in what areas is this development most apparent?

Which problems have not traditionally received significant attention by Black leaders, but require their attention today?

Can we develop a strategy to deal with the decline in Black political participation?

This question involves both the role of Blacks in the electoral process - political party participation, registration, levels, voter participation rates - and the relationship of Blacks to such grassroots forces as community groups, business, the trade union movement, and the like.

Can new approaches to affirmative action be devised which can win the support of a consensus of those groups which once comprised the civil rights coalition?

Here it would be essential to carefully look at whether a course of action based on economic and class criteria or on ethnic, religious, racial, and sexual criteria should be pursued, including:

-An examination of the process by which Blacks can achieve further economic and social progress.

-An assessment of the differences between the social and economic programs of the traditional civil rights organizations and those of the Black political leadership, with a view toward creating a common program for the future.

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Mrs. Anna Hoods' Leading

Interest Continues To Escalate In "Churchwoman Of The Year" Campaign

By Loretta Manago
Post Staff Writer

Though the Post's first annual "Churchwoman of the Year" campaign is nearing a close, the tension and excitement of the contest have escalated far beyond expectation. With barely two weeks left in the campaign Mrs. Anna Hood is still clinging to the coveted first-place position. This Memorial United Presbyterian contestant has managed for four weeks to keep the lead. Presently she has 2,240 points. For her hard work last week, Mrs. Hood won the \$125 wardrobe gift from Ruth's Fashion Shoppe.

Following her again this week is Mrs. Hazeline Sarter of University Park Baptist Church, who trails Mrs. Hood by a slim 515 points. With 1,725 points to her credit, Mrs. Sarter has plans for being Number One. "When it's all said and done," she warns.

As a result of Mrs. Sarter's hard work, she won the dinner for two from Taco Tico.



Mrs. Rena Blake
...Promises to win

In third place this week is Rena Blake. Needless to say Mrs. Blake, an East Stonewall contestant, says she has devised a plan whereby she'll reach second place and first place by the end of the contest, Thursday, July 16.

Still holding fourth place is Mrs. Occie David of St. Luke Baptist Church. She has 620 points. The other contestants and their scores are: Mrs. Gladys Massey (Mayfield Memorial), 375 points; Mrs. Regina Polk Gill (Grier Heights), 370 points; Mrs. Mattie Caldwell (Ebene-



Mrs. Hazeline Sarter
...Firmly in second place

zer) who made an impressive move from the bottom to seventh place, has 310 points; Ms. Sandra Anderson (Green Oaks), 235 points; Mrs. Alfreda Alexander (St. Paul Presbyterian), 235 points; Mrs. Helen Singleton (Antioch), 200 points; Mrs. Kitty Cauthen (Ben Salem), 120 points; Oneda Lewis (Metropolitan) 110 points; Mrs. Mable Woodley (Mt. Sinai), 95 points; Mrs. Josephine Morris (Walls Memorial), 90 points; Mrs. Delores Cherry (Henderson Grove), 65 points; Mrs. Theodora Tolbert (Plea-



Mrs. Anna Hood
...Holds slim lead

sant Hill), 55 points; Ms. Meloney Ashmore (Little Rock), 40 points; and Ms. Dora Durante (Greater Bethel), 25 points.

Torrence Chapel, Matthews-Murkland, New St. John and Penecostal Temple have not reported points as of yet. Also Mrs. Dolly Peay of Mt. Carmel is not participating in this year's campaign.

Both the Post's anniversary and the crowning of the churchwoman of the year will be held July 18 at the Civic Center. A special program and dinner is underway for this occasion.



Occie David
4th place contestant

The Charlotte Post is also pleased to announce that Tony Brown, host of his own program, "Tony Brown's Journal" will be the evening quest speaker. Mr. Bob Davis will serve as emcee.

Until the evening of the program the winner of the churchwoman of the year contest will remain a mystery. This program is open to the public. Reservations can be made by mailing a check of \$12.50 to: Bill Johnson, Publisher Charlotte Post Newspaper P. O. Box 30144 Charlotte, N.C. 28230