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AFL-CIO Says

President's Program "Not Worthy"

By Mac Throver
Post Staff Writer
President Reagan's "economic recovery program" is not considered worthy of the name by members of the AFL-CIO Public Employee Department (PED).

According to a report released by the PED, Reagan's program is "directly responsible for the severity and duration of the current U.S. recession."

PED President Kenneth Blalock reported the study found that "the near depression level conditions" can be blamed directly on Reagan. "The nation is, in effect, in the midst of the Reagan recession," Blalock declared, "his Administration's policies are to blame."
PED sifted out the specifics of the recession by using the economic model of Data Resources, Inc., a leading consulting firm on national economic issues. PED's comparison uses two forecasts of the American economy. One forecast claims to show how the economy will look as Reagan's policies carry through to the end of 1983, assuming the proposals remain in place.

The other forecast is of an economy in which the key elements of the Administration's program are removed. This hypothetical, or "baseline," forecast purports to show how the economy would have performed had the corporate tax cuts contained in last year's tax bill never been enacted, had the tax breaks for the affluent been capped at \$700 per family, and had there been a slight easing of monetary policy over the course of the forecast period.

The PED study proclaims that a comparison of these two economic pictures shows that America's economic performance will deteriorate significantly as a direct result of President Reagan's budget and tax-policy initiatives.

Public Hearing To Discuss County Budget

The Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, in the Board Meeting Room, fourth floor, County Office Building, for discussions of the County's 1982-83 budget.

The public is invited to attend and speak on proposals for the budget.

Persons who wish to speak at the public hearing are asked to contact the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, in 374-2472, to have their name put on the agenda. All speakers are asked to limit their remarks to three minutes.

TURTLE-TALK



A smile is a powerful weapon; you can break ice with it.



ATTRACTIVE THELMA NEELY
...Timid in a special way

Thelma Neely Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Simmons
Post Staff Writer
Timid in her own way our special eighth grade beauty, Thelma Neely, easily extends a pleasant ray of happiness. Her persona is whipped from sweetness and her attitude is one of friendliness.

Being a Virgo, Ms. Neely considers herself active... a person who enjoys life. "I enjoy cheering," she expressed. As a Junior Varsity Cheerleader at Northwest Junior High School our beauty has the chance to develop and share her athletic ability. She has attended a cheerleader summer camp at Johnson C. Smith University. She feels that cheering is an important aspect to schools' athletic departments.

"It is a special part and I would like to see scholarships for cheerleaders in college," she continued.

Besides cheering Ms. Neely is involved diligently in her academic work. She especially enjoys the diversity of the English language and is amused by the various spelling of words.

Talking on the phone is another favorite pastime of Ms. Neely's. She enjoys the antics of Richard Pryor and the amusing confrontations between George Jefferson and Florence on "The Jeffersons."
For the past five years

Ms. Neely has been studying the violin. Her church is the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witness.

The daughter of Rubiestine and Robert Neely, our beauty has two brothers, Tony and Robert, and one sister, Maria.

"Maria is my favorite person," Ms. Neely remarked. "We get along well and we spend a lot of time together."

Growing up in a loving family has instilled in our beauty the importance of helping others. Her endeavors professionally involve children. "I would love to work with children. Maybe in a day care," she confirmed.

Even at the age of 13 years one can easily see that our beauty's formation is demure, friendly and grand. Three aspects that will allow our beauty to glow among the stars.

Post's Feature On Johnson C. Smith Begins Next Week

NOTICE: Next week The Post will feature Johnson C. Smith Sports - "Great Moments in Golden Bull History."

The eight-part series will examine 100 years of athletic achievement at JCSU. Don't miss this exciting review of Johnson C. Smith sports history!

Jobs Available For Youths

By Mac Throver
Post Staff Writer

A long, hot summer of full-time work and regular paychecks is now available to economically disadvantaged youths living in Mecklenburg County.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council is taking applications for the Summer Youth Employment Program. Applicants must be 14-21 years of age, meet CETA guidelines, and live in Mecklenburg County, outside the city limits of Charlotte.

Garfield Evans of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council reports that over 100 jobs will be available through this program.

He noted that there has been "a tremendous response" from youth in the county already--due, at least partly, he believes, to the loss of other programs that have provided jobs for CETA-eligible youth in the past.

Evans emphasized that the Youth Council will continue to take applications until all positions in the Youth Employment Program are filled. A list will be issued later containing descriptions of the jobs that are open to young men and women, living outside Charlotte in Mecklenburg County, who qualify for the program.

Evans indicated that females, heads-of-households, the handicapped, and high school dropouts are eligible to apply if they meet other guidelines.

Those interested in the Summer Youth Employment Program should contact Garfield Evans, Bill McCullough, or Leroy Lewis at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council, 501 E. Morehead St., 334-3035



Churchwoman of the Year contestants: Tate represent various churches in Shirley Harding, Gloria Staton and Carol Concord. (Photo: Bernard Reeves)

81 Churches Compete For Top Prize

By Loretta Manago
Post Staff Writer

With news of the Charlotte Post's "Churchwoman of the Year" campaign continually escalating, local neighboring communities have picked up on the excitement and are eager and anxious to participate in what promises to be a grand event.

Concord is one of those communities. Through committee woman Linda Jenkins' effort 13 Concord churches have agreed to participate in the prestigious event. Their commitment to work in the program, along with the additional growing number of churches in Charlotte has brought the total number of churches to 81.

In Concord Shiloh Baptist Church, which is pastored by Rev. Wesley Harding, will be represented by Mrs. Shirley Harding. Taking an active role at Shiloh Mrs. Harding is the gospel choir advisor, the Young Generation Club advisor, treasurer of the Missionary and secretary of the Guiding Light Missionary Baptist Association.

A mother of four children: Barry, 19; Tony, 18; Stephanie, 16; and Angela, 12, Mrs. Harding is employed by Terry Products.

Married to Rev. Wesley Harding, Mrs. Harding who enjoys fishing says that she is looking forward to working as a churchwoman contestant. "Our church is in the process of building and this is a great project for our church," commented Mrs. Harding.

First Baptist Church in Concord will be represented by Mrs. Gloria Staton. The pastor of First Baptist Church is Rev. G. K. Moss. You won't find Mrs. Staton warming the church pews on Sundays. She believes in involvement and demonstrates it by belonging to the missionaries, choirs number one and being the pianist for the youth choir.

In the community Mrs. Gloria Staton performs on the Community Choir and works with the Logan Community Organization.

Employed by UNC-Charlotte and the mother of six children: Daryl, 18; Donna, 16; Bobby, 14; Keith, 12; Kevin, 12; and Scottie, 11, Mrs. Staton enjoys music and reading.

Representing Beulah Baptist Church of Concord is Ms. Carol Tate. Rev. W. D. Roseman is the pastor there. Ms. Tate is the church secretary who loves outdoor sports such as tennis and volleyball. The mother of two boys: Willie, 8 and Anthony, 2; and one girl, O'peavia, 10, Ms. Tate is employed by BNC Enterprises.

Also from Concord is Miss Priscilla Kiser who represents Mt. Olive Christian Church. Rev. John A. Higgins is her pastor. Busy as a Sunday School teacher, Miss Kiser is president of the missionary, secretary of the pastor's aide, secretary of the poor treasury, co-counselor of young people

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Legislation Introduced To Bring Interest Rates Down

By Mac Throver
Post Staff Writer
Senate Democratic Whip Alan Cranston (Calif.)

wants to call President Reagan's bluff concerning his complaints about high interest rates hampering his economic recovery program: Cranston introduced legislation on May 13 to strengthen the President's power--if he chooses to use it--to bring down high interest rates in order to combat the recession and reduce unemployment.

The measure would preserve the President's power to authorize the Federal Reserve to "prescribe the maximum rate of interest." Unless Cranston's bill is enacted that power will expire June 30.

The Cranston bill would also authorize the Federal Reserve to deny credit for corporate takeovers.

"More than \$70 billion in credit is now tied up in financing the corporate merger game," Cranston pointed out. "That's one of the big reasons why interest rates are high and why credit is not available for home mortgages and car

purchases or to small businessmen and farmers."

Cranston's bill would extend the Credit Control Act indefinitely. The act, which was passed in 1969, is due to expire the end of next month.

Cranston argued that at a time when unemployment is at 9.4 percent and productivity is lagging, "presidential power over interest rates should not be abandoned." "Business failures are up 57 percent over last year; plant utilization is below 72 percent; the economy remains stagnant from lack of productive investment and the prime rate currently is at 16 1/2 percent," Cranston said in making the case for presidential action on interest rates.

According to Cranston, the President can now, if he wants, ask the Fed to set a low interest rate target and to gradually increase the money supply in order to hit that target. "That's what the President could, and should, do to bring down interest rates and

make capital more available," Cranston declared.

Under the Credit Control Act, the President has the power to authorize the Federal Reserve "to regulate and control" extensions of credit "for the purpose of preventing or controlling inflation." That includes the power to "prescribe the maximum rate of interest."

Cranston's bill, the "Low Interest Rate Act of 1982," would make clear that such action could be taken "to reduce high levels of unemployment" and to "prevent or control" recession as well as inflation.

"President Reagan says interest rates should be no higher than 10 percent," Cranston remarked. "But he has not used his power under the Credit Control Act to get interest rates down."

The Low Interest Rate Act sponsored by Cranston would give the Fed the authority to "prescribe limitations with respect to credit for nonproductive purposes, including corporate takeovers, and otherwise ensure the availability of credit for productive and necessary purposes."

Cranston characterized the Federal Reserve's current efforts to control inflation as a blunderbuss approach that costs the economy \$200 billion in lost gross national product for each point we reduce inflation. This is adding up to a trillion-dollar cure."

Cranston noted that farming, housing, heavy industry, and small business already cannot afford to pay current interest rates. He suggested that the Fed is keeping up interest rates in order to choke off other "inflationary nonproductive activity."

This "inflationary, non-productive activity," Cranston believes, is part of "the corporate takeover game" in which billions of dollars are spent on mergers and takeovers instead of for capital improvements and investment.

Cranston concluded gloomily that "interest rates must come down. But the blunderbuss approach, causing as it does massive business failures and high unemployment, is far, far too costly."

National Council Of Negro Women To Honor 9 For Outstanding Services

By Teresa Simmons
Post Managing Editor
The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. will recognize outstanding members and community business people during its Bi-Annual Awards Day to be held Sunday, May 30, 3 p.m., at McDonald's Cafeteria, 2812 Beatties Ford Road (at I-85 exit).

Among those to be presented with plaques include Willie "Bill" Johnson, editor and publisher of "The Voice of the Black Community." The Charlotte Post newspaper. Jimmy McKee, owner of the popular Excelsior Club and proprietor of several other businesses, will also be honored. John W. McDonald, owner of McDonald's cafeterias (both have showered Charlotte with delicious, home-cooked meals) will also be presented with a plaque.

According to Ophelia C. Gray, president of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., Charlotte



Bill Johnson
...Post Publisher

Chapter, "We are proud of our businesses and the achievement of our business people in the city of Charlotte."

The ladies of NCNW felt this was one way to show their support. The well-known slogan of "Support Our Black Businesses" is another way members have shown their support.

NCNW will also recognize ladies of the group who have performed outstanding feats. Pearl Littlejohn, membership chairperson,



John McDonald
...Local entrepreneur

of NCNW will receive a plaque. "Mrs. Littlejohn brought in more members than anyone else," Mrs. Gray commented.

Other members will receive certificates of awards for performance on their respective committees. They include: Rev. Minnie Conner; Adlean Conner, Mary K. Harris, Ella Yarborough, and Bleeker L. Mayfield.

Robert Davis, principal of Spough Junior High School, will make the



Ophelia Gray
...NCNW president

presentations. This annual Awards Day is in keeping with Mary McCloud Bethune's legacy, "I Leave You Love." Mrs. Bethune is the founder of NCNW.

Various meetings are held throughout the year in this national organization. On Saturday, June 19 the Coalition of the State of North Carolina NCNW will meet from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Morehead Baptist Church, Morehead Avenue and Carroll in

Durham. The hostesses are of the Durham section of the NCNW.

"We wish to have a good representation at this meeting," Mrs. Gray remarked. Mrs. Gray will present the welcome address. Program and projects for the future will be discussed.

A seminar will be held July 10 in honor of their founders' birthdate. The theme, "Leave No One Behind - Black Women Helping Black Women," will be explored through various training techniques enlightening members to many facets and aiding them with their continued struggle for justice and equality.

Officers of the NCNW include Ophelia C. Gray, president; Mary Harris, first vice president and program chairman; Lucinda Satterwhite, second vice president; Minnie Conner, chaplain; and Ella Yarborough and Nancy Gaston, social co-chairpersons.