

Hunt Recognizes Significance Of Black Participants

Stating he recognizes the significance of black participation in the 1984 elections, Jim Hunt announced the appointment of five blacks to his campaign staff. They are: Geoffrey Simmons, campaign deputy director; Agnes Smith, campaign assistant finance director; Pierre Melvin, acting director of campaign computer operations; Marie Robinson, campaign data entry specialist; R. Johnathan Charleston, assistant to deputy director.

Though he is getting blacks involved in the senatorial race, Hunt hadn't indicated what kind of participation can be expected if he wins the seat to represent the state in Washington.

More individuals as well as organizations need to join the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and their declaration against Linda Chavez. Chavez has been appointed to fulfill the responsibilities of the director of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

Her insensitivity, however, has led her to make statements indicating the economic and social disadvantage among minorities are not necessarily the result of discrimination, according to the Kappas. "She believes the government has no obligation

to make college affordable for minority students," stated the Kappas' Grand Polemarch, Robert L. Gordon.

And will the Civil Rights Commission vote to cancel students' financial assistance? Highly likely. The Commission has already cancelled by a 5-3 vote a study investigating how cutbacks in student financial aid affected colleges where most of the students are minorities.

Better actions are taking

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place in the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Secretary Samuel Pierce made a successful appeal to Congress that led to Dr. June Koch being appointed assistant secretary for Policy Development and Research.

The initial nomination was made by President Reagan. According to Pierce, Dr. Koch will be responsible for the Department's research, demonstrations, economic policy analyses and evaluations. Prior to the recent appointment, Dr. Koch was the HUD Deputy Under Secretary for Intergovernmental Relations.

All social workers in the area should consider making plans to attend the first health conference sponsored

by the National Association of Social Workers. It will be held June 9-12 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Washington, D.C.

The theme for the conference is "Politics, Policy and Practice." It will point out how political decisions determine current and proposed public policies in the U.S. For more information,

write the National Association of Social Workers, 7981 Eastern Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910.

What happens as the issue of prayer in School dies down? The issue of where a school religious group can congregate builds up. Congressman Jim Martin is urging the House to adopt legislation to permit equal access to



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school facilities for student-initiated religious clubs.

If passed, the Equal Access Act prevents secondary schools from receiving federal funds if they deny religious clubs the right to meet within the school's facilities. The sponsors of the Act feel if drama, travel, language clubs, etc., can meet on school grounds - the same

privilege should be granted to religious groups.

Harry Louis Jones, Sr. has announced his resignation as director of the Community Development Department effective June 15. He is leaving Charlotte city government to become director of Housing and Neighborhood Services in Dallas, TX.

Sheriff C. W. Kidd Jr. has joined five other law enforcers throughout the state in an endorsement for Eddie Knox as governor. The men stated Knox's opponent, Rufus Edmisten, didn't do an effective job as attorney general.

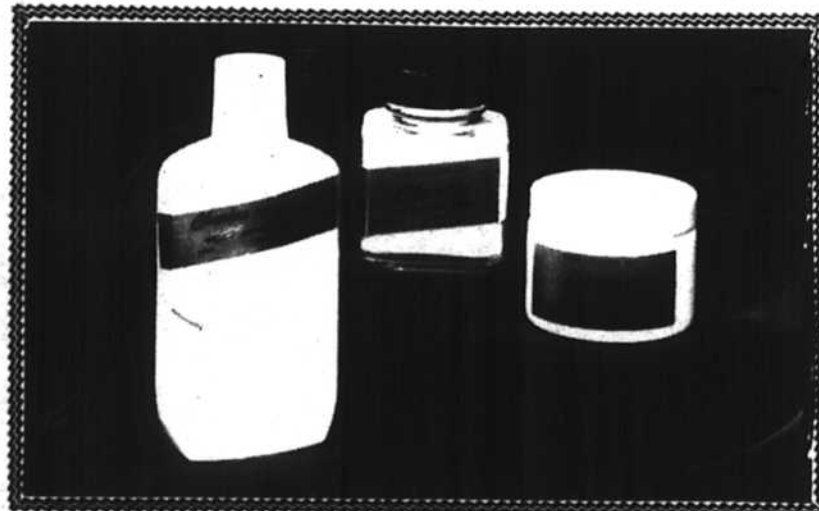
"The increase in crime in N.C. during the tenure of the attorney general is un-

acceptable. We believe that for North Carolina to be ranked fifth in drug trafficking is unacceptable. The attorney general has not done a good job with law enforcement. We need better leadership from the state level," they affirmed.

The Cape Fear Conference of the AME Zion Church also endorsed Knox. Bishop Ruben Speaks is head of the 20,000 member organization.

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