



# EDITORIALS

## Ethics And Politics

Much has been said about the importance of the November, 1984 national elections in part because of the clearly delineated political philosophies that the presidential candidates represent, in part because Reagan's reelection could drastically alter the philosophical underpinnings of the U.S. Supreme Court, and in part because of the impact and tactics of extremist conservatives like Sen. Jesse Helms and fundamentalist theologians like the Rev. Jerry Falwell.

In the latter case, we have observed in the past few days how extremists bring out the best in political ethics and courage in some, both Democrats and Republicans, and likewise the worst in others. We are referring to the courageous positions taken by both Mayor Harvey Gantt, a Democrat, and former City Council member Ralph McMillan, a Republican, on the issue of Mr. Gantt's decision to not attend President Reagan's political rally.

We are also referring to the not too surprising announcement that former mayor Eddie Knox has been named National Co-Chairman of the National Democrats for Reagan-Bush. Likewise, we are referring to the 22 Republicans whose names appeared in a full-page Charlotte Observer letter to President Reagan as "Republicans for Hunt."

Mayor Gantt made a conscious and wise decision to not attend President Ronald Reagan's political rally near SouthPark on Monday because it was just that, a political rally. In essence, Mr. Reagan's Charlotte visit was for purely partisan political reasons - to support his own candidacy and that of North Carolina Republican political hopefuls - and not as President of the nation.

Former Council member and Republican Ralph McMillan, one of the rally's organizers, echoed Mayor Gantt's action when he said the decision for Mr. Gantt to not attend the President's rally was mutual. He added, "I want to make that clear: Harvey didn't slight the President, and we didn't slight Harvey."

These were decisions by honorable men who hold fast to their political viewpoints and respect each others' rights to support different political philosophies. Likewise, the 22 Republicans whose names appeared in the Charlotte Observer political ad under the banner, "Republicans for Hunt" took a strong stand against Jesse Helms' "negative, divisive campaign that we're ashamed of. It has hurt North Carolina and the Republican Party (by) alliance with right-wing extremists..."

These were acts of courage because some may nevertheless criticize Mayor Gantt for not greeting and welcoming President Reagan to the city, regardless of the circumstances. Others may criticize Mr. McMillan for not attempting to exploit for political reasons Mr. Gantt's position in this matter. Some too may be critical of the 22 Republicans who, because of ethical values, are opposing Sen. Helms' bid for reelection.

In the same context, many North Carolina voters, already displeased with former Charlotte mayor Eddie Knox for jumping on Sen. Jesse Helms' bandwagon after losing his gubernatorial bid, are undoubtedly further alienated by Mr. Knox's new position as National Co-Chairman of Democrats for Reagan-Bush.

While Mr. Knox's actions may be considered courageous, too, his reported reasons for supporting Reagan-Bush-Helms - to get money to pay off his gubernatorial campaign debts and his allegation that Jim Hunt failed to repay a political debt by not supporting his gubernatorial bid - reminds us of the Biblical character named Judas, who betrayed Jesus for a mere 30 pieces of silver.

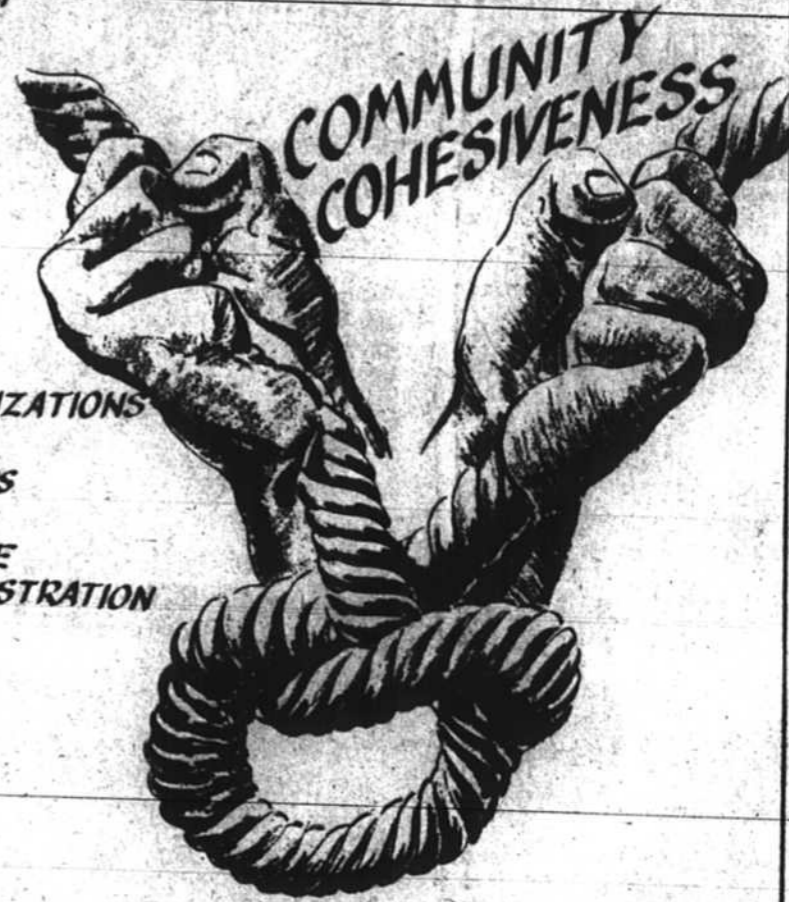
By these observations, we have seen examples of how the pressures and forces of contemporary politics have renewed our faith in the characters, convictions and steadfastness of some - Gantt and McMillan - and show the deception, greed, and gutter campaign tactics of others - Helms and Knox.

which reveals a dominant theme of greed: let me look out for myself and the hell with everyone else. In summary, the poll shows that while many people who claim that they think Mr. Mondale would be a better President for the nation also indicate that they will vote for Mr. Reagan because of a belief his program will be better for them individually.

Therefore, the actual increase in the number of people living in poverty of over 800,000 over the past year which Mr. Reagan simply ignored, will find their needs not being responded to by an indifferent Congress, an unsympathetic President, and a middle-class population mentality among the larger population that say poor people simply go away. Such thinking usually goes in historic cycles, we hope this part of the cycle is short-lived.

"BLACKS' RETICENCE TO SEIZE THE INITIATIVE TO ORGANIZE THEIR COMMUNITIES" SAID DOUGLAS G. GLASGOW, DEAN OF HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK, IS A MAJOR FACTOR AND AN IMPORTANT FACTOR CONTRIBUTING TO OUR COMMUNITIES' UNDEVELOPED STATUS"

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## County Commissioners Candidates' Views

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have to make recycling a part of how we dispose of solid waste. We can't rely on the voluntary approach."

It's also important to this candidate that the human services consolidation has no adverse effect on either clients or employees. "So far they've been left out in the cold, which has affected morale," he remarks of human services workers.

### HEASLEY

For C. Wayne Heasley, "education is always an issue that will be of concern," this candidate asserts. It is his position that whatever budget is proposed by the Board of Education should be approved. Otherwise, the Board cannot be held accountable for education in the county.

Solid and hazardous waste disposal is also an issue to be faced and dealt with. Heasley's approach to solid waste disposal would be to reduce the county's dependence on landfills by investing in a minimum 800-ton unit for resource recovery and incineration. Larger units (such as 800-ton) are more economically feasible to use, says Heasley, and waste heat could be sold to produce other energy.

Mecklenburg County produces 17 percent of the hazardous waste in the state, according to candidate Heasley. The county should employ other methods besides landfills to dispose of these toxic substances, he believes. He advocates pre-treatment and resource recovery as alternatives.

Day care, too, is an issue. Heasley's approach would be to have the county allocate substantial funding to increase day care spaces in private centers. "At present, there are 7,000 children living in poverty who need high quality day care," he notes. "We are only paying for 750 children now."



Rod Autrey

In the area of land-use planning, Heasley believes there should be a fair planning process. "Let everyone with an interest have input," he advocates. "The planning process shouldn't give the advantage to someone who has



C. Wayne Heasley

power or wealth. Whenever public and private interests conflict, the public interest should prevail," he insists.

Next Week: Other Candidates Share Their Views.

## Let The Poor Go Away!

John Kenneth Galbraith's recent article in The Charlotte Observer reminds us that the poor are still very much a part of our society. However, because we are embarrassed by major pockets of poverty in the richest nation in the world, we have begun to deceive ourselves that the poor simply don't exist.

President Reagan has said there has been no "appreciable" increase in poverty within the past year. With the President telling a lie that too many people want to hear, Congress has proceeded to pass legislation primarily to benefit the middle-class, businessmen, state governments, large labor unions, and big farmers - all people with considerable political clout.

These actions by the federal government are encouraged and supported by polls such as a recent Washington Post-ABC News poll

## Charlotte Selected As Newest Location For General Rent-A-Car

General Rent-a-Car, which operates 22 locations primarily throughout the Sunbelt, has opened a new location at the Charlotte-Douglas International Airport.

According to company president William A. Reiter, "Our selection of Charlotte was based on the fact that it is one of the fastest growing areas of the country. Also, its busy airport caters to many business travelers. While General began 12 years ago primarily as a leisure traveler rental car firm, during the past year we have directed our

operational efforts toward the important business traveler.

"Charlotte, due to its being a natural link with Atlanta - where we have another location - represents an important part of our aggressive expansion plans."

While all other locations are company owned and operated, the Charlotte facility will be managed under a franchise agreement with Hardy Spatz, general manager, and Nathaniel Greene, vice president of operations.

Well known in the car rental industry, Spatz previously was a licensee for Budget Rent-a-Car. During his 11 years in that capacity, he supervised the operation of seven locations in Charlotte and Hickory.

During the past year, General Rent-a-Car has created a series of programs and products geared to the business traveler. The success of these programs in other commercial cities, including Houston, Dallas, San Antonio and Atlanta, provides the company with the expertise to adapt these programs for the Charlotte market.

Available in Charlotte will be programs such as:

**Executive Express Club (EEC).** Under this program, business travelers are provided with a luxury automobile (Buick Century or similar) with air conditioning, power windows and AM-FM stereo radio at a daily rate of \$29.95. This rate - available at every General location in the U.S. - includes all the necessary insurance, including Collision Damage Waiver; and unlimited, free mileage within rental state. Auto rental and check-in are expedited by pre-printed rental contracts. Also, a separate area or facility at each location translates into speed of service. Also available are free coffee, telephones and telephone message service.

**Corporate Rate Program.** Companies may enroll executives in the program, which features different levels of automobiles for different executive positions. Upon request, central billing can be arranged.

With the opening of this Charlotte location, General will now have two facilities in-terminal at major airports in the United States. For the most part, General operates off-airport. The trend today is to provide business travelers with not only speed of service, but convenient locations and quality automobiles that are well maintained.

### From Capitol Hill

## Two Million More Blacks To Vote In November?

By Alfreda L. Madison  
Special To The Post

The rallying cry for enlisting the seven million unregistered Black voters is "Two million more in '84." The registration campaign receives financial support from Carnegie, Ford and Rockefeller Foundations. Tax-exempt voter registration groups have doubled since 1983, because of special IRS tax-exempt status. This special status requires that at least 85 percent of the recipients' incomes must be spent on non-partisan, educational, or charitable voter registration programs in five or more states and remain active for more than one election period. So far only the National Coalition and Voter Education Program, out of 12 groups, have qualified for the IRS tax-exempt status.

Great emphasis is being placed on registration and voting strategies. Brief informational radio or television commercials for a specific public service or cause will play an important role in persuading more eligible Blacks to register and vote. These free of charge broadcasts are accepted only from tax-exempt, non-partisan organizations. These commercials are carried by all three of the national television networks and the top 50 Black radio stations in the country.

A special project is the Black Women's Roundtable on Voter Participation which seeks to train Black women to develop leadership skills, emphasize the importance of the woman's vote and ensure the involvement of Black women in discussions of the "gender gap," as an influence in elections. In nailing down the necessity of Black women's involvement, an interesting poster is being distributed which



Alfreda L. Madison says, "Black Women Vote - It's Their Heritage."

The Clearing House Project which was formed by several voter groups has three tasks: funding of local voter registration and get-out-the-vote drives, administration of these efforts, and ensuring the efficient use and exchange of information and limited resources.

National Coalition and Voter Education Programs will be responsible for using funds they receive to initiate non-partisan registration and get-out-the-vote campaigns in states with a sizable Black population. In each state, coalitions will be formed between local branches of national organizations, church groups, public officials and the National Coalition and the Voter Education Program. These responsible organizations are: local branches of A. Philip Randolph Institute, NAACP, National Urban League, Congress of National Black Churches, women's organizations, sororities, fraternities, and community-based organizations. Decentralization enables Black public officials to stress the

impact increased registration may have on local races.

No one can deny the fact that Rev. Jesse Jackson has done more to register more voters than any other person in the nation, and he has not stopped since the two political Party conventions. Just recently he returned to South Carolina, Mississippi and throughout the New South, following unity meetings with Democratic Party leaders. Jackson urged the seven million members of the National Baptist Convention to support the Mondale-Ferraro ticket. He urged the convention delegates to "stay with me in September and October to elect Mondale in November. So Reagan can go home in December."

Referring to the growing religious issue of separation of church and state, Jackson explained that the National Baptist Convention has not endorsed any presidential candidate. White House Press Secretary Larry Speakes, said Rev. Jemison informed the Administration that the convention does not endorse candidates. Jackson told the group that they supported him as one of their own when he made a dash for President. He stated that Blacks have a thousand reasons to vote in this election because of the large number of Blacks who are running for local offices.

The myth that many naive whites have of Blacks is being dispelled by Black leaders, "that Blacks who wanted Jesse Jackson will fail to vote in this election." Black leaders are forging intensive and extensive efforts to defeat Ronald Reagan Republican conservatives, including some boll weevils and gypsy moths.

Reasons given by Black leaders

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