Page 2A - THE CHARLOTTE POST - Thursday, August 11, 1988 **Republicans Outdo Democrats**

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The figures troubled some Democrats.

'I certainly think we should be doing better than that," Attor-ney General Lacy Thornburg said. "We are doing considerably better than that in hiring practices.

"I just think that shows we've got a long way to go," said Rep. Thomas C. Hardaway, D-Halifax, who introduced legislafor all state agencies last year. "There is clearly a need to do more to expand the number of businesses that are doing busi-pers with the state." ness with the state.

North Carolina has chosen to set goals rather than set a mandatory percentage of sales to minority businesses, as some states have done. Under the North Carolina program, there

is no penalty for failing to reach the 4 percent goal.

Instead, the emphasis has been on making sure state agencies are aware of businesses operated by minorities, women and the handicapped that could have something to sell to state government

There also has been an effort to educate those same businesses on the methods of doing business with the state.

For purposes of the 4 percent goal, a minority business is de-fined as one in which 51 percent is owned by a minority, woman or disabled person, and such people are active in day-to-day management.

Nathan T. Garrett, former pres-ident of the N.C. Association of Minority Businesses, said he'd like to see more minority businesses move into the economic mainstream.

"We have seen a good faith effort, but it has not been uniform," he said.

The effort may be crimped somewhat this year after legis-lators cut \$50,000 from the bud-get that would have been spent on educational seminars to teach minority businessmen and businesswomen about state purchasing practices.

Some officials, however, argued that finding minority suppliers was difficult.

Insurance Commissioner Jim Long noted that the Democratcontrolled agencies are general-ly smaller than those in the Martin administration. That makes it more difficult to find minority businesses that can supply what is needed, he said.

"It's been a tough challenge," Long said, noting that his agen-cy only spends about \$3 million year in non-personnel costs. Much of that during the last year --- \$1 million --- was for com-puter equipment, which was purchased from large suppliers.

'We have to fight to find minority-owned suppliers," he said.



Mrs. Elizabeth Randolph (1), member of The Charlotte Chapter of the Links, Inc., presents a check for \$500 to Joseph A. Lipe, chairman of the Hous-ing Authority Scholarship Fund. The check was

presented on July 31st at First Baptist Church-West. Hayden Renwick (c), special assistant to the chancellor of Fayetteville State University was the speaker for the occasion.

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Celebrates First Washington March On

Washington, D.C. - On Satur-day, August 27, 1988, more than 500,000 supporters of civil rights will assemble at the Lincoln Memorial to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the 1963 great march on Washington when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his historic "I Have a Dream" message.

Mrs. Coreita Scott King and Dr. Joseph Lowery, co-convenors of the August 27th march, said "An urgent call has been issued to all people of goodwill to reaffirm their support for civil and human rights by participating in the massive mobilization." Mrs. King the widow of the late

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is president of the MLK, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, and Dr. Lowery is president the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which was founded by Dr. King. A major goal of the rally is to focus national attention on three issues: poverty and job-lessness, world peace, and responding to the worsening con-ditions in South Africa.

The New Coalition of Conscience, representing more than 700 national organizations has joined Mrs. King, Dr. Lowery, Dr.Benjamin Hooks-NAACP, Congressman Walter E. Faun-troy, Congressman John Conyers, Dr. Dorothy Height- National Council of Negro Women, Mr. Dick Gregory, Mayor Marion Barry, Mayor Andrew Young, the coalition of Black Trade Union-ists, Hospital & Health Care Employees National Union, Union Farm Workers of America, AFL-CIO, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Ms. Rosa Parks and many other civil rights organizations in sponsoring the march. Mrs. King and Dr. Lowery said,

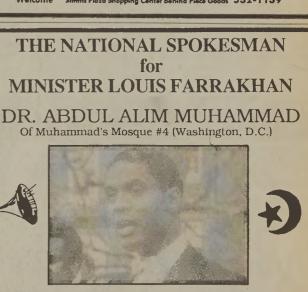
"We urge all American citizens to join us on Saturday, August 27, on the eve of what could be one of this country's most important presidential elections and at a time when we can have some impact upon the future direction of our country at home and abroad.

A national mobilization office has been established in Wash-ington, D.C., headed by Stoney Cooks, for years a close advisor

to Atlanta Mayor and former congressman Andrew Young. The office is located at 610 Fourth Place Southwest, Washington, D.C. 20024.

Cooks said all organizations interested in joining the coali-tion of sponsoring organiza-tions should call the mobiliza-tion office. He said local groups were organizing chartered bus were organizing chartered bus trips to Washington in numer ous cities.





Tour For New Teachers

Continued from page 1A. Superintendent Peter Relic will kick off the festivities at 1 p.m. on the Education Center porch where teachers will be treated to refreshments. At 2 p.m., they'll board buses for a and one half hour tour of Charlotte by Charlotte Visi-

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The school system expects to hire moe than 300 new teachers for 1988-89. They will attend special workshops at Randolph Junior High August 16-18 at 8:30 a.m.

Current teachers will begin re-turning to their schools Mon-

Insurance Companies Bilk Blacks

Continued from page 1A. policy holder smoked, had high blood pressure or was overweight.

A spokesman for Charlotte Liberty told the News and Observer of Raleigh the company had 5,482 of the policies still in effect in North Carolina, representing total annual premiums of \$134,547.

But the spokesman could not say immediately what, if any-thing, would be done about those policies.

R. Douglas Pennick, senior vice president and chief actuary for day, August 15.

Durham Life Insurance Co., said he did not know how many of the policies his company still had in force.

"I wouldn't think it would be too many because they are so old," Pennick said."The very newest ones are 20 to 22 years old. Realistically, most policies that old have been terminated."

The survey was spurred by a complaint last year from a Del-aware resident whose grand-mother had paid premiums for more than 20 years.

N.C. Black Leadership Caucus Gets Corporate Sponsor The Charlotte Post

NAACP LEADER RETURNS TO SCHOOL. Veronica Alexander of Charlotte, North Carolina, attended the NAACP National Membership Leadership University held in Baltimore at the National Headquarters in June. Ms. Alexander was one of close to 70 volunteers who received training on how to organize a radiothon on the local level in preparation for the As-sociation's nationwide Radiothon set for September 24, 1988.

WINSTON-SALEM, NC -- The North Carolina Black Leadership Caucus held its annual convention in Winston-Salem the weekend of July 4, and officially became partners with a new corporate sponsor, McDo-nald's. Large numbers of citi-zens and leaders from business, political, and social communities were in attendance, as well as from the community at large. Now in its 12th year, the Caucus represents the interests of

blacks throughout North Carolina and provides a forum for black leadership development and economic planning in communities across the state.

At the convention, North Carolina McDonald's operators donated \$3,000 to the Caucus and sponsored a banquet for Caucus members, with a performance by the winning Gospel choir from the McDonald's-sponsored "Carolina Gospelfest '88" competition.

Isaac Howard and James Grace, co-chairmen of the Cau-cus Convention Committee, praised McDonald's for its involvement, emphasizing that its sponsorship of the Caucus "helps blacks move into the economic mainstream of the state."

The North Carolina Black Leadership Caucus meets annually around the state and expects next year's meeting to be held in Charlotte. Newspaper, Inc

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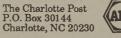
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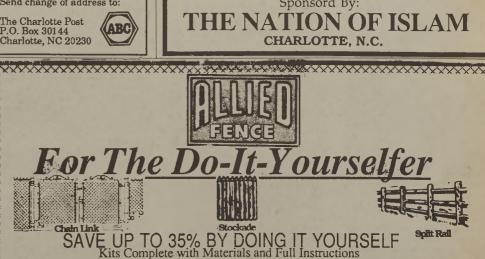
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The Math and Science Education Network (MSEN) sponsored by UNC Charlotte has expanded into Mecklenburg County. Junior high school students enrolled in the program get advanced training in math and aclence in addtion to hearing motivational messages by prominent individuals. One hundred and nineteen students are enrolled in MSEN, with an average attendance of 95 per day.

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