

Bush Won't Address NUL Next Week

DETROIT, Mich. (AP)—Vice President George Bush's decision against addressing the National Urban League next week is a "serious miscalculation" that could hurt him among black voters, the president of the group said Friday.

"I believe it is a critical error on the part of the Bush campaign to not come and address this group," John E. Jacob said. "We did not offer the invitation because we needed someone to come fill up a slot. We can get speakers to come to the Urban League."

The 5,000 largely middle-class and affluent blacks gathering for the league's annual conference will hear from Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis on Monday night and from Jesse Jackson on Wednesday.

New York Congressman Jack Kemp, who sought the GOP nomination until Bush pulled away from the field during the primaries, is part of a Tuesday night panel discussion on the 1988 election.

"I would not care to characterize it as an insult," Jacob said of the Bush campaign's action. "We believe it is important to anyone who in 1988 believes that he will occupy the White House to recognize that the black vote is critical to that. Obviously the people who were advising the vice president and the vice president himself disagree with that."

Sheila Tate, a spokeswoman for Bush's campaign in Washington, did not return two phone calls seeking comment.

Jacob said the profile of the average league member—characterized as a 34-to-54-year-old college-educated black, earning at least \$30,000 a year—made the league a good forum for a GOP candidate. The league itself is non-partisan.

"You've got to appreciate the profile because if there are any black folks in America who just might be sensitive to giving an audience to the vice president, it would be a group with this profile," Jacob said. "The fact that they do not have an appreciation for this profile not only sends a message to this group but it sends even a greater message to the group that doesn't fit that profile."

"It's in his best interest to present his case to black America," Jacob said. "The fact that he obviously feels he can get elected without it I think is a serious miscalculation on his part."



THE RAINBOW GROWS—Candidate Jesse Jackson was the population. It was not uncommon to see white farmers able to expand his appeal to white & middle America because holding aloft signs for Jesse at the same time as Hispanics, he drew upon platforms that directly affected this segment of women and blacks. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

University System Requirements Ask Three Specific Mathematics Courses

North Carolina's state universities—the 16 campuses of the University of North Carolina system—consider mathematics a basic skill for university students. Newly-imposed requirements for admission to any of the universities demand that all entering freshmen have high school credits for three specific mathematics courses—two courses in algebra and one in geometry.

The emphasis on mathematics—more courses are required in that area than in any area other than English—is understandable to Dr. Mattie E. Ross, associate dean of North Carolina Central University's College of Arts and Sciences and the university's coordinator of teacher training programs in mathematics.

Mathematics has applications to many areas; in almost every area you can find a use for mathematics in some way. I think it is for this reason that we require students to take these three courses in high school.

"The geometry focuses on logical, deductive reasoning quite a bit, something you can apply anywhere."

"And now the focus is on the application of mathematics—if you're in the social sciences, how can you use mathematics to help you do certain things?"

Dr. Moss said the emphasis on problem solving common to today's mathematics courses does increase student interest in mathematics. When the student sees mathematics applied to problems which are of personal interest, its value becomes more apparent.

"In teaching mathematics, one of the questions I was asked most frequently was, 'What can I ever do with this?'" says Dr. Moss. "And in past years, students were simply taught the rules and procedures, with very

little emphasis on the problem-solving and applications aspects. This has changed now, so that students are being shown what they can do with mathematics."

Dr. Moss says high school students now learn how they can use mathematics to determine how much profit a business can anticipate, or in the social sciences how to predict the behavior of a population. Mathematics can be used to make predictions from poker to politics, from the stock market to the weather.

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Housing Resource Board Holds Workshop Here

The Housing Resource Board of Wake County, Inc., held an orientation workshop for minorities interested in real estate sales and property management recently.

The workshop was highlighted by presentations on the advantages and disadvantages of a real estate sales career and on getting started in property management. The 23 participants attending the workshop were also treated to anecdotes by Robert A. Royal, a local businessman, who spoke on his experiences as a successful part-time real estate agent. Xavier Wortham, a minority property manager with the Phoenix Management Co., gave the audience a minority's viewpoint of working in an area majority-owned property management firm.

The headlining speakers, Susan Holbrook of Howard, Perry and Walston, Realtors, and Steve Tart of Lincoln Developers, were charged with giving the audience a thorough orientation to the real estate sales and rental management industry. The group interacted well with the speakers, showing a great deal of curiosity and interest in both real estate brokerage operations and property management. The objective here was to screen out those participants whose considerations align more with the disadvantages.

While no one was perceptibly disinterested, several participants were clearly beyond the scope of the meeting.

Those participants' feelings that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages will be offered additional training through CHRB sponsored workshops. The first of these workshops, to be held Tuesday, Aug. 9, will discuss the many avenues of securing suitable mortgage financing for homebuying clients. Again, this workshop will be held in the offices of the Raleigh Board of Realtors, 1301 Annapolis Drive.

Because of the high degree of interest in the property management field, the CHRB is planning a more in-depth workshop to deal exclusively with this field. Details will be made available as plans are finalized. In the works also is a workshop on real estate math.

In its effort to increase minority participation in the housing industry in Wake County, the CHRB will be offering these workshops to assist the minorities who decide to enter the industry to be more successful.

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