

REV. JESSE L. JACKSON

Dukakis Ties With Jackson Grow Weaker

Aides to Gov. Michael Dukakis have asked the Rev. Jesse Jackson not to campaign in Dukakis' behalf in several states where their polling indicates he would alienate more voters than he would attract, advisers to Jackson said recently.

The spirit of unity along with the request appear to be weakening the ties between Jackson and Dukakis.

The Democratic National Committee was riding high on Jackson's approval when it voted at its post-convention meeting in Atlanta to substantially expand the party's structure, thereby increasing representation and participation.

The request has infuriated Jackson, who expressed annoyance at Dukakis in an interview program on ABC and with the New York Times.

Aides to Dukakis said it was during tactical discussions that it was suggested there were states in which Jackson could be more effective and Jackson was told where they would like for him to go this fall.

Aides to Jackson, however, said he had been specifically asked to avoid campaigning in Mississippi, Alabama, Michigan, New York and Texas and said Georgia and Louisiana had also been mentioned.

The Dukakis campaign has sought an arm's-length relationship with Jackson, yet hoping his supporters will turn out for Dukakis. It appears the Dukakis campaign does not want Jackson but so close to the ticket for fear of losing many white voters.

At the post-convention meeting (See JESSE JACKSON, P. 2)

New Prosperity Base

Old Agenda Ignores Economics

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Traditional civil rights leaders rarely challenge themselves: they continue to look to white America for the key to black progress.

The real test of black leadership is the very one that black leaders have never been compelled to take. The question they should be made to answer is this: Why have the civil rights gains of the past 20 years bypassed poor blacks, even in those cities that blacks control and dominate?

The cycle continues—disappointment with presumed white friends,

disdain for alleged white enemies. Year after year, a vague agenda of jobs, peace and freedom is advanced with few, if any, specific remedies for

Demands for affirmative action programs, for example, rarely benefit the poor blacks in whose name they are made. The reality is

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the real problem faced by black America: the need to build strong black economic institutions, not simply to redistribute income from whites to blacks.

that those who are best able to take advantage of affirmative action are citizens in the top tier of the workforce, including union members and professionals. Affirmative action

does not help the black dishwasher or the untrained black youth. That does not mean these programs should be opposed. But we need to be honest about who they are helping.

Likewise, continued emphasis on political empowerment as the salvation for black America is misleading. This posture leads to the erroneous assumption that when blacks are in charge (i.e., hold significant political offices), then all blacks will benefit. Not so!

Black leaders who recently met with presidential candidates George Bush and Michael Dukakis are still trying to appeal to political leaders' sense of fairness toward black America. Their agenda was a familiar one: defense cuts, increased government spending on social programs for the poor, affirmative ac-

tion, job training, sanctions against South Africa and appointment of blacks to positions of prominence.

Black leaders must embrace an economic agenda that is concrete and specific. To continue to make vague demands for jobs, peace and freedom is to render ourselves irrelevant—the highest form of copping out.

Blacks have millions of dollars in pension funds, especially the pension funds of predominantly black unions. Because of laws stipulating the prudent use of these funds, however, they are usually invested in such enterprises as Florida orange groves and California boat marinas. Those are not the businesses that promote black development. Eighty percent of all new jobs in the American economy are generated by small businesses, (See PROSPERITY, P. 2)

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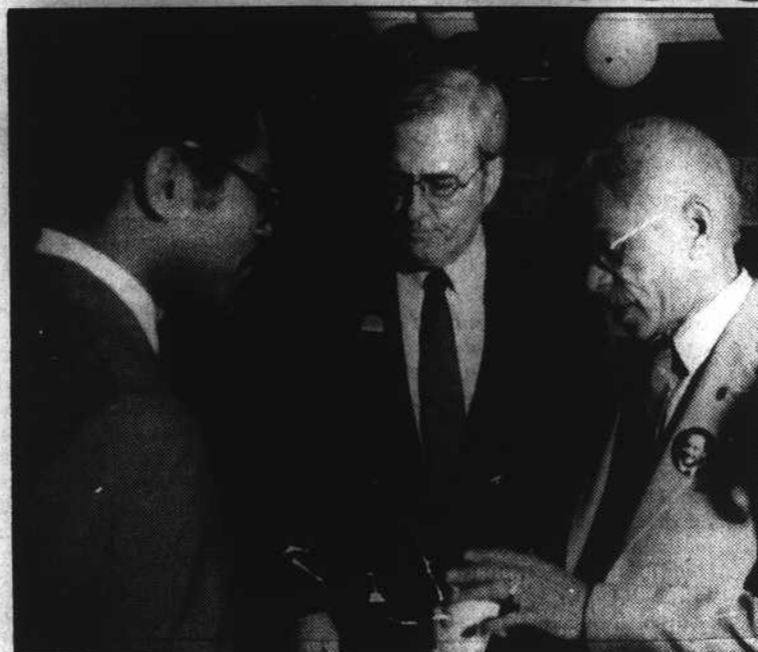
State Correction Secretary Aaron Johnson on Thursday announced the formation of a Women's Command within the Division of Prisons and the appointment of Jennie L. Lancaster as its first commander, effective Sept. 1.

"With this action, North Carolina is giving recognition of the special needs of the female offender," Secretary Johnson said. "By addressing those needs, we will improve the climate for successful rehabilitation."

Lancaster, a 38-year-old Wilson native, is a 16-year veteran of the N.C. Department of Correction. For the past 11 months, she has served as the division's chief of program services.

"There are economic, family, and societal factors that lead some women to prison," Lancaster said. "By targeting our programs, policies, and methods to the special needs of the female offender, I believe that we can have a major impact on their lives."

With the creation of the new command, North Carolina becomes one of only five states to recognize the professional management of female offenders on a statewide basis. "Within the next five years, I believe we can establish in North Carolina a national model for the total management of (See PRISON, P. 2)



IN CONFERENCE—Lt. Governor Bob Jordan, Dr. Harold Webb and Rep. Dan Blue appear to be in conference when this photo was taken and campaigning for Jesse Jackson. Jordan, Democratic candidate for governor has named three blacks to direct his campaign: Webb, William Barber, III and Barry S. Stanback.

Expanding Opportunities

Group Helps Promote Fair Housing

In an effort to further the cause of fair housing in Wake County, the Raleigh Board of Realtors has entered into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This agreement, the Voluntary Affirmative Marketing Agreement, has as its purpose the achievement of free housing choice for all buyers and renters in Wake County. To assist with the implementation of the provisions of VAMA, HUD has appointed a Community Housing Resource Board comprised of representatives of various business and civic organizations.

As its initial focus the CHRB has concentrated on the effects of equal employment opportunity on fair housing. The CHRB, incorporated as the Housing Resource Board of Wake County, Inc., has applied for and received a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to study and plan for the expansion of career opportunities in real estate sales and housing management to minorities in Wake County.

As an initial outreach effort, the CHRB conducted an orientation workshop as a means of encouraging minorities to seek employment in the Wake County housing industry via

majority real estate sales and rental management firms. The workshop served as an orientation to both the positive and negative aspects of career opportunities in the housing industry. The CHRB study recommended better initial orientation as a means of increasing the minority success rate in the area housing industry. Workshop participants ex-

hibiting a sincere desire to work with area firms were offered CHRBSponsored training opportunities via subsequent workshops and seminars. The CHRB sponsored an additional workshop on Aug. 9 as a follow-up to the orientation program. This

workshop was a study of mortgage financing and was conducted by

Gayle Sanders of Mortgage Information Services of Raleigh.

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. This workshop will be held on Sept. 6 at the offices of the Raleigh Board of Realtors from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Transit Entrepreneur Program Enlists Women

The National Council of Negro Women announces the opening of a nationwide program to enlist women, especially minority women, to become transit entrepreneurs.

NCNW, in a public/private partnership with the Urban Mass Transportation Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation, administers a project which provides information about contracting opportunities offered by transit agencies and UMTA for women-owned businesses.

Robert G. Owens, director of the Office of Civil Rights of UMTA, emphasizes that the goal of his office is to "assure that all forms of mass

transportation are provided without discrimination and to assure that contracting and employment opportunities are available to all."

Dorothy Height, president of NCNW, reports that "This is consistent with 53 years of efforts by NCNW to help women and minorities to improve their socioeconomic status. This program offers training and direction for women who want to start up, expand or diversify their business in the transit industry."

A series of nationwide training workshops and exhibits will take place over a one-year period. These workshops and exhibits are free to the general public.

South Africa Military Build-Up Continues; Civilians Attacked

BY GWEN MCKINNEY

NNPA News Service

Even as Pretoria sits at the negotiating table discussing peace in Angola, the apartheid regime continues a massive build-up that reportedly includes military maneuvers and escalated attacks against civilians in neighboring Namibia.

News from the region indicates that approximately 50 young Namibians who were attempting to flee the war-torn country were recently killed by South African war planes. That assault reportedly touched off a two-day standoff between South African soldiers and students who have participated in more than five months of school boycotts and protests against the presence of South African military bases near school zones.

In response to South Africa's illegal occupation of Namibia, a liberation war is being waged there by the South West Africa People's Organization.

SWAPO has also joined forces with Angola and their Cuban allies against South Africa's aggression in Angola. Talks going on now between Angola, Cuba, the United States and South Africa are aimed at resolving the protracted conflict in southwestern Africa.

NAMPA, the news agency of SWAPO, reported that the youth exodus in Namibia was in response to a new reign of South African terror there. Students protesting the murder of their colleagues were reportedly trapped inside the Windhoek Academy, the country's main educational institution.

The weekly tabloid, The Namibian, reported that riot police surrounded the facility and the drama culminated with the arrest of 37 students. They were being held under South Africa's stringent security laws which deny detainees the right to lawyers. This latest confrontation comes on the heels of a series of

blazes at schools in the war-torn northern region. SWAPO has blamed the arson on South Africa's special counterinsurgency unit known as Koevoet.

When contacted, a State Department spokesperson indicated that the department was aware of the student strikes and the accompanying violence but would not comment further, expressing concern for the "delicacy of the negotiations" currently taking place. The four parties met in Brazzaville, Congo Aug. 24.

While SWAPO is not participating directly in the negotiations, Namibian independence is a centerpiece of the discussions.

Although South Africa agreed to a ceasefire in Angola, the apartheid government is reportedly preparing for military exercises in Walvis Bay, a disputed part of Namibia's territory which is also site of South Africa's massive naval base.

Vocational Education Working, Educators Report At Workshop

Vocational education is working, the two candidates for state superintendent of public instruction agreed at the opening session of the annual Vocational Education Summer workshop held in the Triad earlier this month.

Rep. Bobby Etheridge, D-Harnett, and Republican Thomas Rogers said vocational programs play a vital role in preparing young people for work and in keeping them from dropping out of school.

"Students who stay in the program

are not staying because of academics," Rogers said. He said what in many cases keeps students in school is the fact that they are "lucky enough to have teachers who will teach them to learn to earn."

Etheridge said that vocational education has already demonstrated its importance in keeping young people from dropping out of school. "Vocational Education is the one thing that kept a lot of young people in public education," he said.

And vocational education plays an

important role in preparing youth for the job market, Etheridge said, noting research that indicates recent completers of vocational education programs have an unemployment rate of only six percent. This rate is less than half of the statewide unemployment rate for young people between the ages of 16 and 19.

About 3,300 classroom teachers, vocational administrators, community college personnel and teacher educators from around the state at (See VOCATIONAL, P. 2)



A NICE DAY—Not everyone enjoys a pretty day by being just open up a door, enjoy the cool breeze and let the sun outside. Some, like these fellows at "Third Ward Billiards," shine in. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)