Miss Education Dept. **Under Fire From NAACP**

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)-A representative of the NAACP has accused the Mississippi State Depart-ment of Education of "blatant and gross discriminatory practices" because few blacks hold jobs in its upper echelons

Blacks employed by the department are being kept in the lowest-paying and lowest-ranking jobs, Morris Kinsey, chairman of the education committee of the state National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said Wednesday.

same manner as whites," Kinsey said. "We call on the Department of Education to put a halt to its University Program discriminatory practices."

At a noon press conference in the Radisson Ralthall Hotel, Kinsey presented figures that showed that of the top 19 positions in the department, three are held by blacks and four by

Kinsey also distributed a list of 13 demands, among them that a black be appointed as deputy state assistant superintendent and that 45 percent of blacks be employed, promoted and retained in all jobs in the department. He also called for the elimination of the National Teachers Examination and the institution of a statewide affirmative action policy.

Andy Mullins, special assistant to the state superintendent, refused Kinsey's allegations, calling them "absurd." He said the list of demands was received by the state Board of Education this month.

"They are under consideration and we'll look at them," Mullins said.

Mullins defended the department's hiring and promotion policies, saying that presently blacks make up 32.7

percent of employees. He also pointed out that the department's employee procedures manual mandates that hiring and promotion be done "without regard to race, color, political affiliation, religion, age, handicapped condition, national origin or sex.

Regarding the NTE, which all teacher candidates must pass to practice in Mississippi, Mullins said, "That's state law. We don't have anything to do with that."

"The irony of this issue is that H. G. Dawson, Jr. blacks are not being promoted in the To Head Howard

WASHIGNTON, D.C.-Horace G. Dawson, Jr., former U.S. ambassador to Botswana and former NCCU faculty member, has been named director of the Howard University Patricia Roberts Harris Public Affairs Program, Howard President Franklyn G. Jenifer has announced.

Ambassador Dawson is a native Augustan who honored recently here for his accomplishments in the diplomatic service by the Augusta Black History Committee. He grew up on Wrightsboro Road and attended Haines Institute.

An outgrowth of a bequest to the university from the estate of the late Ms. harris, the public affairs program affords Howard students an opportunity to supplement classroom instruction through exposure to enriching lecture, internship and student exchange experiences.

Drive Safely



INTERACIAL COUPLES—Patrick and Jesephine Gre pictured with their four children, are representative of many "interrate South," according to an "Ebony" magazine feature.

Raleigh Stamp Collector To Discuss Black Heritage

A Raleigh collector will discuss black heritage in postage stamps at the N.C. Museum of History Sunday,

At the 3 p.m. continuing Month of Sundays series, Gloria Wright Powell of Raleigh, longtime stamp collector, will present a multimedia lecture

they are depited in U.S. stamps. Admission is free, and the public is invited to attend.

For details, call the museum in Raleigh at 733-3894.

The N.C. Museum of History, an agency of the Department of Cultural Resources, is located at 109 E. Jones St., in downtown Raleigh.

THE CAROLINIAN—TUESDAY. JULY 10, 1990—PAGE 9 seurance Commissioner Long Holds His Ground On Rate Cut

Insurance Commissioner Jim and dividends voluntarily," Long Long, in re-issuing a contested 1967 said. "Offering them makes good order, held his ground in calling for a sense for companies and consumers 3.9 percent reduction in automobile but to turn around and try to raise

The state's automobile insurance industry had appealed the order to the N.C. Court of Appeals. In August, the court asked the commissioner to

provide more information.

In reissuing the order, Long said, "While I was happy to provide more detail, I find no reason to rethink the substance of the order. We couldn't stify an increase; we could justify a

In appealing the order, the N.C. Rate Bureau argued that premium discounts and dividends to policyholders had not been taken into account when weighing industry pro-fits and that the order had not considered other factors in determining

appropriate profit.
"Our position is and always has been that companies offer discounts sense for companies and consumers rates to recover that cost doesn't

Today's order-offering more detail as the court requested-arrives at the same bottom line as the 1987 order: the rates for automobiles should be cut by 3.9 percent as oppos-

ed to a 3.5 percent increase. The initial order is the first of three still pending in the appeals court, all of which challenge a Long decision to actually cut rates—by 3.4 percent, 1.4 percent and 6.2 percent-in the face of industry requests for an increase.

With requests that have become before him, the difference between what Long has ordered and what the industry has asked for is \$492 million.

A recent survey shows that the average auto insurance premium paid by N.C. drivers is the eighth lowest in the nation.

Paint Donations To Brighten Up **Polk Youth Center's Rusty Fence**

Members of Polk's Commuity Resource Council, the panel ap-pointed by the correction secretary to serve as a liaison between the community and the prison, were concerned about the appearance of the rusting eight- and 12-foot-high securi-ty fences that encircle the prison. One member, Dr. Blanche Haning, went using slides, music and photographs.

Her talk, titled "Black Heritage in Postage Stamps," will focus on black individuals and historical events as

Attend Church and suppliers and encouraged them to donate \$25,000 worth of paint and supplies to cover the rust.

Sumerintendent Thomas Carroll

The old gray chain-link security now has 22 55-gallon drums of gray fence topped with barbed wire that surrounds Polk Youth Correctional Institution in Raleigh is as sturdy as ever, but it beginning to turn a rusty should begin in mid-July.

> The medium security prison houses approximately 700 inmates between the ages of 19 and 24. Polk, located on Blue Ridge road just off I-40, sits on one of the oldest prison sites in the

Dr. Haning, an associate professor in North Carolina State University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, has served on the 13-member community resource cil at Polk since 1979.



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