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August 21, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: DONALD RUMSFELD
PHIL BUCHEN
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FROM: STAN SCOTT *SS*

SUBJECT: Appointment of Black
Federal Judge in South

The attached letter in support of the appointment of Revius O. Ortique, Jr. to the Federal bench was forwarded to our office by members of the National Bar Association.

Attachment



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Dear Mr. President:

We, the officers and members of the National Bar Association, Inc. are deeply committed to the principles of equal justice and equality of opportunity. We would like to subscribe to the theory that in matters of judicial selection, "race has no place", without reservation. We trust that the time will come. And it will, Mr. President, when the realities of life in these United States conform to our ideals.

But the continued failure to permit a black person to sit in judgment, on the Federal Bench, in any deep south state is not merely an embarrassment to us, but is an affront to black people and to all people who believe that all Americans must be allowed to participate in all levels of that government that governs all Americans.



We have learned that both Senators from Louisiana have urged you to nominate a black person to the current vacancy in the Eastern District of Louisiana. This in itself is significant. We know that shortly after these men made their views known, the Time Picayune (one of the largest newspapers in the South), urged you, in a Sunday editorial, to nominate Revius O. Ortique, Jr., a past president of the National Bar Association, to the Federal Bench. If that were not enough, we have learned that community leaders, of every color, in New Orleans, have urged you to nominate Mr. Ortique. And leaders of the American Bar Association, like Messrs. William Gossett, Robert Meserve, Chesterfield Smith, and Orison Marden, (all ABA past presidents), have written in support of Revius O. Ortique, Jr.

Now, we, in our Golden Anniversay Convention, meeting here in Washington, declare that we support Revius O. Ortique, Jr. as that man of color who exemplifies the highest tradition of the legal profession and we urge you to take us one step closer to the faith of our forefathers that there be no artificial barriers to opportunity for any American. We urge you to nominate Mr. Ortique as the first black person in the south to ascend to the Federal Bench in the history of our country. In doing so you will merely be doing



what southern govenerors and mayors have been doing
for years. In all candor Mr. President, a
president of all the people, can do no less.
A nation of all the people should expect no less.

Yours for a united America,

Charles P. Howard, Jr.

Charles P. Howard, Jr.
President, National Bar
Association

Adopted unanimously by the convention and sent to
the President in a spirit of faith.



Quarterly Economic Report on THE BLACK WORKER

Report No. 1

Fourth Quarter, 1974

March 1975

Black Unemployment Reaches Record Level During 4th Quarter, 1974

Highlights

- During the fourth quarter of 1974, the official unemployment rate for blacks rose to 10.9 — their highest quarterly rate in 10 years, while the number of unemployed blacks reached 1.1 million — the highest number of jobless blacks ever recorded by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- According to the NUL Hidden Unemployment Index, which takes into account the discouraged workers, the actual unemployment rate for blacks during the last three months of 1974 was 21.0 — about double the official rate for blacks. And the actual unemployment rate for whites during the last quarter was 10.7 — also double the official jobless rate for whites.
- Local governments have been laying off black workers in disproportionate numbers. The unemployment rate for black local government workers during the fourth quarter was 11.2 — more than six times the jobless rate of 1.7 for white local government workers.
- Blacks had their highest jobless rates in the food processing (16.9) and construction (16.6) industries, followed by the auto (15.6) and apparel (13.6) industries. White workers, on the other hand, had their highest jobless rates in the apparel (9.8) and construction (9.6) industries, followed by the auto (7.5) and food processing (7.2) industries.
- Black teenagers with a jobless rate of 36.0 had the highest unemployment rate of all groups of workers over this period. But black women, with an unemployment rate of 9.6, had the highest rate among all adult workers, followed by black men with a rate of 7.7. White adult women and adult men, on the other hand, had jobless rates of 5.5 and 3.9, respectively.
- Adult black men, however, was the group most affected by job layoffs. More than two-thirds of the adult black men who were unemployed during the fourth quarter of 1974 had lost their jobs, compared to 38 percent of the unemployed adult black women.
- But the majority (57 percent) of the black unemployed — 640,000 in number — were ineligible for unemployment insurance because their unemployment did not result from direct job layoffs — an essential qualification for jobless benefits.

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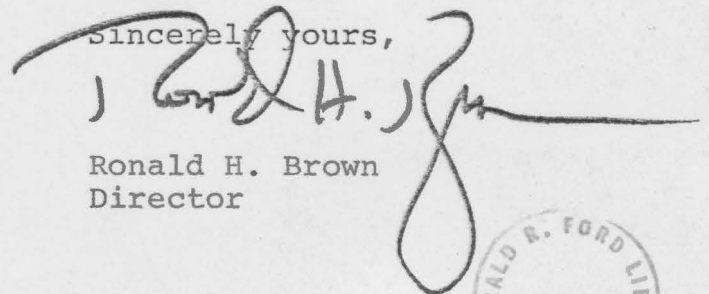
Dear Mr. Buchen:

Just recently the white unemployment rate rose to a level just slightly higher than the lowest black unemployment rate in the last decade. That is an indication of the unequal results of the black and white unemployment experience.

The tragedy of the black experience has too often been hidden from the public and policy-makers by the frequent citation of unemployment statistics representing a composite of black and white statistics.

The historically disproportionate burden of unemployment borne by blacks has been severely aggravated by recent economic trends. The desperation of black workers from coast to coast must be effectively brought into public view. The National Urban League's Research Department has done that by instituting a new publication, "Quarterly Economic Report on the Black Worker." I am enclosing a copy of the first edition which I hope will prove to be a helpful and indeed essential supplement to the governmental unemployment statistics.

Sincerely yours,



Ronald H. Brown
Director

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A Black Federal Judge?

The resignation of Judge James A. Comiskey creates a vacancy in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Sen. Bennett Johnston, in a letter to President Ford also signed by Sen. Russell Long, has suggested that the President might be well advised to consider a black lawyer for this position.

We believe this idea has merit both morally and politically, assuming that a man of appropriate stature can be found willing to undertake the considerable extra personal responsibilities that would devolve upon the only black federal district judge in the South. (The only black federal judge whose authority extends southward is a circuit court of appeals judge who sits in Detroit and whose district includes Kentucky and Tennessee.)

We understand that one of those

under consideration is Revius O. Ortique, and we believe he merits serious consideration for the post.

Mr. Ortique, besides being a local attorney of high standing among both the black and white communities for his integrity and motivation, is no stranger to nationwide issues and action. He was a member of the President's Commission on Campus Unrest in 1970, served on the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's Federal Hospital Council, and has been a member of national organizations, professional and general, concerned with the relation of law to modern American society. He has been widely involved in local legal and civic affairs.

President Ford has the opportunity to move the federal judiciary in the South a needed step forward. He is fortunate to have a man who seems so well qualified to execute the order.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 3, 1975

TO: PHIL BUCHEN ✓

FROM: STANLEY S. SCOTT ^{SS}
SPECIAL ASSISTANT
TO THE PRESIDENT

For Your Information



April 8, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mrs. Nancy Rawe
Social Secretary

FROM: Philip Buchen

Secretary Carla Hills has suggested that it would be most appropriate if H. R. Crawford, Assistant Secretary for Housing Management, be included in one of the White House social gatherings within the next thirty days. Mr. Crawford is a representative of the black community.

Also some consideration ought to be given to inviting Mr. John Hendon for a state dinner. He is a widower and lives at #2 Country Club Road, Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Hendon is a friend of the President's because they both formerly served together on the Board of Directors of Rospach Corporation. Mr. Hendon is also a friend of Nancy Howe.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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March 24, 1975

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Dear Al:

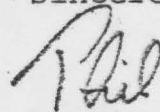
Many thanks for your recent letter. I fear I've taken longer to answer than I planned. The thoughts you raise do merit attention and I have searched for the appropriate forum.

The question of sufficient Presidential time almost certainly eliminates the possibility we discussed.

A possible useful alternative would be to arrange for you and the people you suggest to join in on an already scheduled meeting with appropriate departmental representatives here in the White House. The subject is "The Handicapped" and the date is April 29th. If this appeals to you please advise Dr. Ted Marrs who is Special Assistant to the President in the Office of Public Liaison. I have forwarded your letter to Ted.

Spring is bursting forth here too-jonquils and forsythia particularly. Our azaleas and camellias will be much later.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Albert P. Calli
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 12, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: TED MARRS

FROM: PHILIP BUCHEN

Could you suggest a suitable alternative to a meeting with the President by this group?

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February 6, 1975

The Honorable Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President
THE WHITE HOUSE
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Dear Phil:

As I walked to work this morning, I couldn't help but think of how you must have enjoyed the picturesque surroundings of the Hospital grounds during your stay when a patient. The camellias, tulip trees and jonquils are in full bloom. Though some cold days are still ahead, there is the feeling of spring in the air.

We continue to fully utilize the opened wings of the Hospital. This past week we were surveyed by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals and received a favorable reaction from members of the survey team.

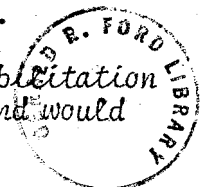
During your visit to Warm Springs, we discussed the possibility of leaders in the field of rehabilitation meeting with President Ford. It is our desire to make him aware of the grass roots concerns. I fully realize that with the convening of the 94th Congress and the many pressures imposed on the President and yourself, the concerns of the field of rehabilitation may seem minute. However, problems of the severely disabled in our nation are critical and in recent years have been passed over.

Knowing that the past year has been a period of reorganization and restructuring for the Rehabilitation Service Administration within the framework of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, we feel that there has not been the opportunity for input by rehabilitation leaders into the establishment of priorities for the delivery of services to the severely disabled. We have not had the opportunity to reflect our views; therefore, we very much would appreciate the opportunity to meet with President Ford at anytime that may be convenient for him.

Those persons whom represent a cross section of the rehabilitation movement, serve in a leadership role of national prominence and would add to such a meeting are:

E. RUSSELL BAXTER: Arkansas Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services; Immediate Past President, Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Mailing address: P. O. Box 3781
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203



February 6, 1975

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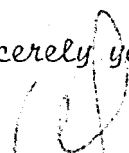
NATHAN B. NOLAN: Director, Georgia Division of Vocational Rehabilitation; Past President, International Association of Rehabilitation Facilities; Chairman, Facilities Section, Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation.
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ALBERT P. CALLI: Executive Director, Georgia Warm Springs Hospital, Warm Springs, Georgia; President, International Association of Rehabilitation Facilities.
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Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely yours,


Albert P. Calli
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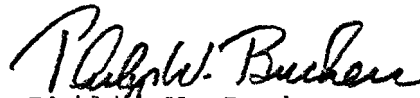
Boyerling

Dear Mr. Ryza:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 26, 1975. Unfortunately, the news item from the Daily Labor Report which you mentioned was not accurate. At the present time our office is not studying the problems of the effects of layoffs based on seniority and their impact on minority groups.

Nevertheless, in the event some aspect of the issue may later call for a position by the President and we are asked to make recommendations, I shall be pleased to refer again to your letter and appeal briefs which you enclosed and seek whatever appropriate assistance you could provide.

Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Buchen:

A recent issue of the Bureau of National Affairs, Daily Labor Report (January 15, 1975), reported that you and your staff are investigating the legal problems associated with layoffs based on seniority and their impact on minority groups.

This firm represents Continental Can Company, Inc. in the case of Watkins v. United Steelworkers, No. 74-2604, which is currently before the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans. I have enclosed the appeal briefs of all parties in that case in the belief that they may be of some interest to you.

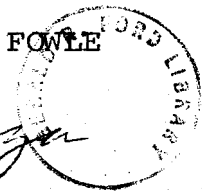
If I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

POPE, BALLARD, SHEPARD & FOWLE

By *Willis S. Ryzza*

WSR:mk
Enclosure



Minorities

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 10, 1975

Dear Mr. Schubert:

Thank you very much for your memorandum about the effects of layoffs on minority and women workers.

The subject is an important one, but contrary to the BNA report, our office is not presently studying the problem. I have chided the BNA reporter about misinterpreting my remarks. He asked me questions on the subject, but I thought I had made it evident that the subject involved certain issues in which our office probably would get involved only if and when legislative recommendations came to the White House for consideration.

Whenever you might think it helpful for someone on the White House legal staff to participate in any particular way, I shall be most happy to respond.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen

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The Honorable Richard F. Schubert
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Washington, D. C. 20210

cc: The Honorable John H. Powell, Jr.





EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

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February 1, 1975

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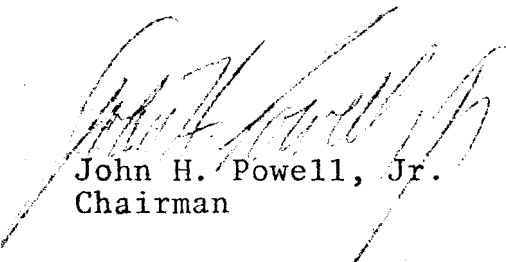
PHILIP W. BUCHEN
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

Dick Schubert has provided me with a copy of his memo of January 30, 1975 informing you of efforts being undertaken by U.S. Department of Labor officials to develop alternatives designed to avoid or lessen the impact of layoffs on women and minorities without violating fair employment practice requirements. I fully concur and have initiated similar efforts here at EEOC.

Recent experience suggests, however, that despite such efforts, layoffs may continue to occur. In view of this, the efforts described in Mr. Schubert's memo should be supplemented by an examination of the feasibility of employing strategies involving the use of incentives for reducing the number of work hours rather than the number of employees. In addition, a formula should be devised for use in those instances where layoffs prove unavoidable. This formula ought to be thoughtfully tailored so as to avoid a grossly disparate impact on women and minorities.

It is important that all who have an interest in how the balance will ultimately be struck, feel that the interest of their particular group will be identified, understood and taken into account. In short, this administration's approach must be one that is both fair and has the appearance of being fair.

I would welcome the opportunity of discussing this question in more detail with you and other appropriate officials.


John H. Powell, Jr.
Chairman



Minority

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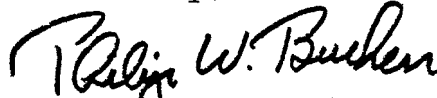
March 1, 1975

Dear Mr. Lyman:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 18, 1975. Unfortunately, the news item from the Labor Relations Reporter which you mentioned was not accurate. At the present time our office is not studying the problems of the effects of layoff by seniority on minority group members.

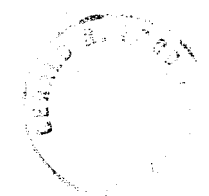
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February 18, 1975

Mr. Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Buchen:

I have been asked to write to you on behalf of the railway labor organizations affiliated with the Congress of Railway Unions, whose membership comprises a large proportion of the railroad employees in the United States, with respect to the study which I understand your office is currently making of the problems of layoff by seniority and its effects on minority group members, many of whom recently obtained their jobs through implementation of equal opportunity legislation. As you are aware, seniority rights are perhaps the most important attributes of railroad employment, and a matter of vital concern to all crafts and classes of railroad workers.

This letter is prompted by a recent news item in Labor Relations Reporter, a publication of the Bureau of National Affairs, reporting on your remarks on this subject at a recent meeting of Washington reporters at the National Press Club, in which you referred generally to some of the problems involved, expressed the feeling that some of them could not be satisfactorily resolved through the mechanism of the courts, and indicated that some form of legislation will be needed.

The railway labor organizations comprising the Congress of Railway Unions emphatically share your concern over the prospects of achieving any satisfactory and equitable resolution of these problems through the process of litigation. In a tremendously increasing volume of decisions the federal courts have adopted widely varying attitudes toward seniority systems, with respect to both their validity in the face of charges of employment discrimination, and the imposition of



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different, judicially created, seniority rights in lieu of those under existing collective bargaining agreements. And in focusing upon changes in existing seniority rights as a means of remedying discrimination, and benefiting minority group employees, the courts have frequently lost sight of the effect upon majority groups and incumbent jobholders. In many instances the effect has been to sacrifice job security for all employees in the interest of "job mobility" for a few, when the objective of equal employment opportunity might well have been achieved by means less drastic than a sweeping destruction of vested seniority rights.

As an industry in which collective bargaining representation and systems of seniority have historically, and by statute, been by crafts and classes of employees, the railroad industry is particularly vulnerable to adverse effect from such a judicial approach to the problem. In each craft or class of employees separately represented, collective bargaining agreements with each railroad are negotiated on a system-wide, rather than plant by plant, basis. With respect to seniority systems, as well as other contract provisions, the contract terms applicable to each craft are for the most part the same throughout the country, often being negotiated on an industry-wide basis, and are subject to interpretation by one administrative tribunal having nation-wide jurisdiction, the National Railroad Adjustment Board. The chaos that threatens to result from piecemeal amendment of seniority systems and seniority rights by various federal courts throughout the country, having differing concepts of the proper method of achieving equal employment opportunity, is readily apparent.

In the news item to which I have referred above, you are quoted as indicating that you and your staff are open to suggestions with respect to these problems. As I have indicated these matters are of vital concern to all railway labor organizations, and because of the unique character of the industry I believe that the interests of railroad employees and their problems deserve independent consideration. The organizations affiliated with the Congress of Railway Unions include the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes, the United Transportation Union, the Hotel and Restaurant



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Employes and Bartenders' International Union, the Seafarers' International Union of North America and Transport Workers Union of America. They would welcome an opportunity for their representatives to confer with you and your staff and be informed of the specific matters which you may have under consideration, particularly in the area of recommended legislation. I am sure that representatives that they would designate would be in a position to supply detailed information peculiarly applicable to seniority and seniority rights in the railroad industry and to offer constructive suggestions as to methods of achieving equal employment opportunity for minority workers while at the same time avoiding unfair or inequitable impact upon majority groups and incumbent jobholders.

I will appreciate hearing from you at your early convenience and will welcome an opportunity to work with you and your staff on this matter. Please advise if you would like any additional or more detailed information in the interim.

Sincerely yours,

Richard R. Lyman

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MEMORANDUM FOR

PHILIP W. BUCHEN
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

I read your comments in BNA that you are directing your staff to study the effect of layoffs on minority and women workers. You alluded to the three court cases which gave EEO considerations priority over contract seniority and thus have the effect of pitting one group of workers against another group of workers. You stated you had asked the Justice Department for ideas on how to resolve this problem.

I thought you would be interested to know that at the Department of Labor we have been studying this problem since August 1974 and have been trying to develop alternatives to layoffs whereby employers can keep more employees on the job, still cut labor costs and yet not violate the various fair employment practice laws or other statutory provisions. Solicitor William J. Kilberg, Wage Hour Administrator Betty Southard Murphy and I have been, simply stated, trying to find ways to ameliorate the economic impact -- within existing resources -- (1) through the immediate modification of certain regulations in the Wage Hour or EEO fields; (2) by making accommodations where possible within the statutory framework and (3) by, as stated above, developing alternatives to layoffs. I'm attaching hereto a three page summary published in Prentice-Hall's Report Bulletin No. 15, January 14, 1975 which will give you a couple of examples.

We have met separately with several union leaders to discuss the establishment of a small discussion group (under 25) composed of union, management and government people who would meet to see what could be done to achieve the above objective. The union officials with whom we spoke are in complete agreement with this proposal. We have also had a number of discussions with John Powell, EEOC



Chairman, who is also in agreement. Mr. Powell plans to take part in the meetings himself and has delegated his Acting Executive Director to serve as liaison to Mrs. Murphy.

Although we have no way of knowing how successful we will ultimately be, I thought you would certainly want to know what we are doing. I will be glad to meet with you to discuss this further and to give you more details.



Richard F. Schubert
Under Secretary

Attachment - Prentice-Hall Report No. 15



Minorities

February 3, 1975

Dear Mr. Bruckner:

The information about the involvement of the White House legal staff in studying problems of the effect on minorities from layoffs by seniority, as provided by BNA in one of its publications, is misleading.

At a breakfast meeting with a group of reporters, I advised in answer to a question that I was aware of the problems and that I was uncertain of how best to resolve them, but that if and when it might become appropriate to seek a legislative solution, my office would get involved before an Administration bill was submitted to Congress. Then I was asked whether I thought the Courts could resolve the problems, and without addressing myself to what the NLRB and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission had done or could do in this respect, I commented that I thought it was probably better not to expect the Courts to assume the burden of resolving the complex problems involved.

Even my "quoted" remarks were inaccurate, because I did not speak of replacing older workers with younger workers often at a lower wage rate. Obviously, if this is happening, the situation would not be likely to have an adverse impact on minorities but rather a favorable impact.

I am sorry to have to be critical of major inaccuracies in this instance by a respected publication. However, I do thank you for leading me to information which will be helpful when and if our office does get involved.

Sincerely yours,

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Alan A. Bruckner
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Minority Scott,
Hawley*

February 14, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

STAN SCOTT

FROM:

PHILIP BUCHEN *P.W.B.*

Many thanks for the enclosures with your memo of February 13 giving a cross-section of articles from the Black press concerning President Ford and others in the Administration.

I found it very interesting reading and noted especially the favorable treatment given in the Grand Rapids Times to the briefing for Black publishers and the President's appearance before the group.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 13, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHILIP BUCHEN ✓

FROM: STAN SCOTT *S.S.*

Monitoring by our office shows that recent Presidential initiatives involving minority issues, individuals and groups, received positive and prominent coverage in the Black press.

Attached is a cross-section of those articles.

Attachments



Voting Rights Act Must Not Die

Ford Promises Not To Ignore Blacks

WASHINGTON (NNPA) ----- Declaring, "this law must not be allowed to die," President Gerald R. Ford assured some 200 delegates to the Mid-Winter Workshop of the National Newspaper Publishers Association last week that he

The President told members of the NNPA that "Black in our society have to often been mentally segregated by some thinkers and planners who act as if Bl-

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Mr. Stanley S. Scott
Special Assistant to the President
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Dear Stan:

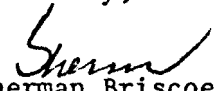
On behalf of the publishers of our 137 member newspapers, I want to thank you for arranging such an interesting and meaningful White House briefing for the Black Press on January 23 during our Mid-Winter Workshop here.

The participation of President Ford, two Cabinet officers, and other high officials made this an extremely significant briefing. Enclosed are a copy of the news release and pictorial layout on our Workshop. These have been mailed to all our member newspapers and a number of others. You will note that we have quoted a sizable segment from President Ford's historically forthright speech before the group regarding the welfare of Black Americans.

Through his thoughtful address, President Ford made us all aware of the new understanding of the problems of blacks that he brings to the White House.

And for you, Stan, history will record that a young man from Georgia pried open the doors of the White House in the 1970s and exposed the Chief Executive to the urgent needs of long-suffering Black Americans.

Again, our thanks to you, your staff, the President, and the high officials who had the concern and took the time to hear our plea and explain how their agencies and the whole Federal establishment are working to help meet our needs.

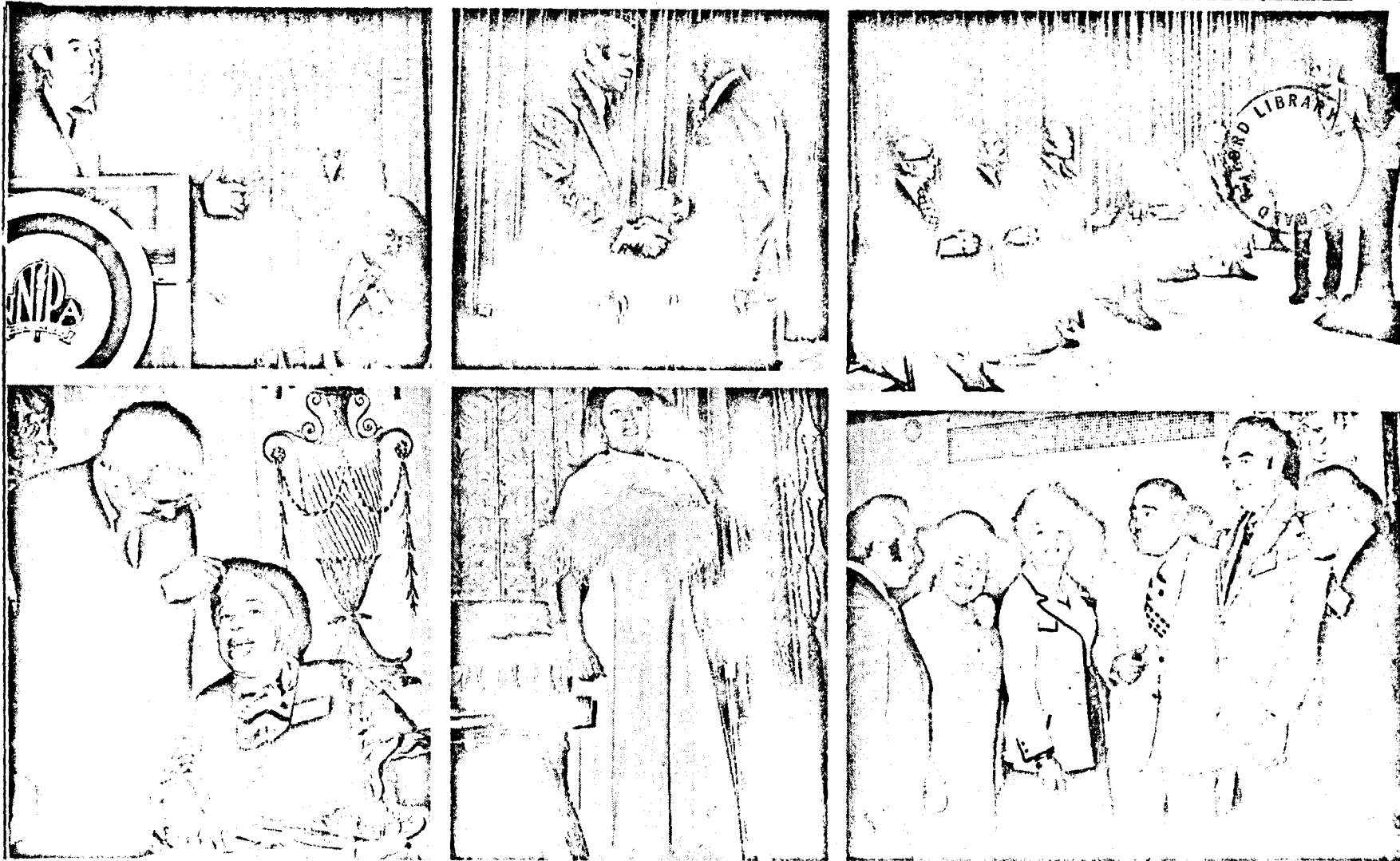
Sincerely,

Sherman Briscoe
Executive Director



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NNPA MID-WINTER WORKSHOP SCORES IN WASHINGTON—Top left, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, Former Vice President, brings greetings to the group at the Mayflower hotel. John H. Sengstacke, editor publisher, Sengstacke Chain, is presiding. Top center, President Gerald R. Ford welcomes Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett, president of NNPA and editor-publisher of the San Francisco Sun-Reporter/Metro Reporter to the White House briefing. Top right, Goodlett makes a statement to the President and his officers. Left to right are briefers: Irving Kator, assistant executive director, Civil Service Commission, Stanley S. Scott, special assistant to the President, President Ford, James T. Lynn, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Peter J. Brennan, Secretary of Labor, and Alex Armendaris, director, Office of Minority Business Enterprise. Middle left, Mr. Scott greets Mrs. Alice Dunnigan, former White House correspondent and author of a new book, "Form the School House to the White House." Center Ms. Brenda Joyce, public relations

representative of Gulf Oil, sings a solo, middle right, Representative Charles B. Rangel, 3rd from right, chats with Frank L. Stanley, Jr., co-publisher, Louisville Defender, Mrs. Mildred Brown, editor-publisher, Omaha Star, Mrs. Ophelia DeVore Mitchell, publisher, Columbus Daily Times, Howard W. Kutz, vice president, Audit Bureau of Circulations, and John H. Murphy III, chairman of the board, Afro-American Newspapers. Bottom left, chairman John H. Powell, Jr., Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, is addressing workshop, William O. Walker, editor-publisher, of Proctor & Gardner Advertising Agency, discusses the ad sales presentation, John L. Procope, editor-publisher, New York Amsterdam News, is presiding, Mayor and Mrs. Walter Washington, visiting with publishers, John H. Sengstacke and Dr. Goodlett are with them, bottom right, Rep. Phillip Burton, chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, is shown addressing workshop.



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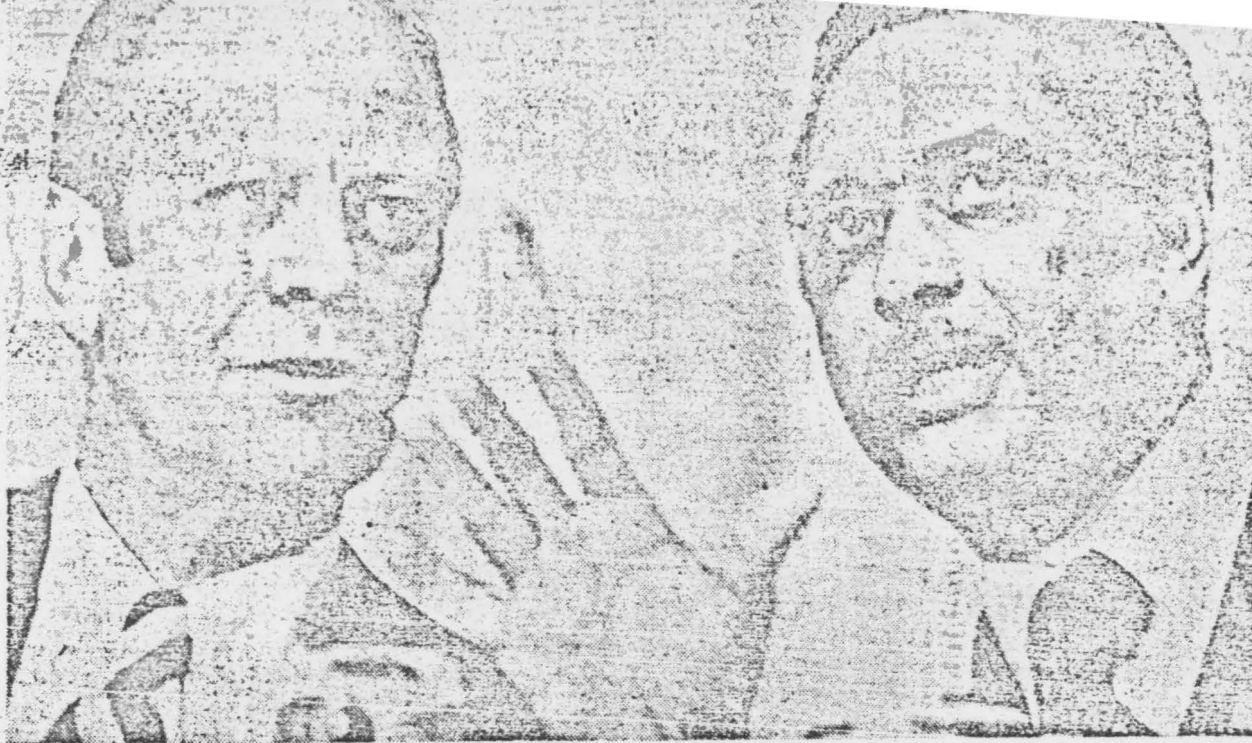
Ford to Resume Meetings With Nation's Black Press

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AP Photo

President Ford listens as the Rev. Leon H. Sullivan, founder of the Opportunity Industrializa-

tion Centers of America (OIC) speaks at the organization's convention in Atlanta, Ga.

Ford Praises Rev. Sullivan For Self-Help Philosophy

By SANDY GRADY
Of The Bulletin Staff

Atlanta.— President Ford extolled today Philadelphia's Rev. Leon Sullivan and said his energy and economic plans "took a page" from Sullivan's self-help philosophy.

Mr. Ford was speaking at the 11th annual convention of the Opportunities Industrial-

ization Centers, which Sullivan founded. The luncheon speech to OIC workers was part of Mr. Ford's whirlwind sales campaign through Atlanta, as he tried to build enthusiasm for White House energy and budget proposals.

"I admire the job the OIC centers are doing on training Americans so they can acquire needed skills," said Mr.

Ford. "Last year I visited Reverend Sullivan in Philadelphia for a first-hand look at the pioneer center.

"I came away encouraged by what I saw, inspired by Leon Sullivan's enthusiasm and exhausted by trying to follow him up stairs three steps at a time."

Mr. Ford applauded the emphasis on training for skills

needed in areas such as Philadelphia.

"In moving beyond the original goal of helping urban blacks, OIC has reached into the lives of Mexican-Americans, Indians and whites. The OIC creed, 'We Help Ourselves,' is not just for disadvantaged Americans trying to improve their lives but all of

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Richard Tillson, a business executive in Lancaster, Pa., said it was the federal funding that made the study a matter for the federal grand jury, plus the massive numbers of mail-theft cases that

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Ship Was Bright Ist Mate Tells In

By CAROL L. RITCH and
MICHAEL B. COAKLEY

Of The Bulletin Staff

The chief mate aboard the S. S. Corinthos told a Coast Guard panel today that the Greek oil tanker was brightly lit when it was struck by a

chemical ship last Friday off Marcus Hook, Delaware County.

The chief mate, Georgios C. Peroulakis, also said it was impossible to use the lifeboats because they were "covered with fragments and

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Ford Hails Sullivan

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us," he said.

Then Mr. Ford switched attention to his controversial proposals that have drawn fire from southern critics on this tour.

"Taking a page from the Reverend Sullivan, I have outlined a program to the nation and Congress to allow us to help ourselves out of our current difficulties. My plan, like all self-help, requests some sacrifice."



As in other speeches on the

southern swing, the President took a rap at Congress and at gasoline rationing.

He said the proposals coming from Congress "are the difference between washing a car and having it tuned up—washing it will make it look shiny, but will not make it run better." He warned that under rationing, Americans would get nine gallons per week, with extra gas costing \$1.75 a gallon.

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Ford Meets Negro Publishers

Dr. Carlton Goodlett, president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, had high praise for President Ford's efforts since he assumed office. Here Dr. Goodlett thanked the President for naming a Black to the Cabinet and for recommending a five-year extension of the Civil Rights Act in introductory remarks. On the dias are (left to right) Irving

Kator, assistant executive director, Civil Service Commission; Stanley S. Scott, special assistant to the President for Minority Affairs; President Gerald R. Ford, James T. Lynn, secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Peter J. Brennan, secretary of Labor; Alex Armendaris, director Office of Minority Business Enterprise.

PILGRIMAGE BEGINS THIS AFTERNOON

A pilgrimage Sunday from the Marriott Motor Hotel to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial site on Auburn will be among the opening activities at the Eleventh Annual Convocation of the Opportunities Industrialization Centers of America.

The pilgrimage will be led by the Rev. Leon H. Sullivan, founder and chairman of OIC, and other ministers from the OIC organization and the Atlanta community.

The marchers will leave from the Cane Street exit of the Marriott at Ebenezer Baptist Church. A tribute service including several members of the King family will follow inside the church.

Some 1,500 delegates from throughout the United States, Africa and the Caribbean are expected to attend the convocation, which will continue through Wednesday, February 5.

Participants will include Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson, Mrs. Coretta Scott King, Congressman Andrew Young, Senator Hubert Humphrey, and Mrs. J. Paul Austin, chairman of the board of the Coca Cola Company.

The participants in the OIC Convocation will discuss issues relevant to the minority experience in America today, such as drug abuse, day care, veterans, ex-offenders, and industry and clergy support.

President Ford will deliver a major economic address to OIC delegates Tuesday during a noon luncheon in the Grand Ball Room of the Marriott Motor Hotel.

The OIC has also designated Tuesday Governor's Day and will play host to nine southern governors.

Members of the southern Governor's Conference voted a resolution of support for OIC after a meeting last Fall with Rev. Leon H. Sullivan, OIC's founder and chairman.

Kenneth Duffan, deputy executive director of OIC stated that the Atlanta convocation promises to be one of the best ever. And that "the speakers and panelist will represent a number of facets of American life, and will address themselves to a number of key issues, such as employment and the economy."

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*“Hold It, Folks. Let’s
Don’t Get Carried
Away Too Soon, Now”*

President Gerald Ford apparently made a good
impression on the members of the National Newspaper

Black Press Of Transportation

An NNPA Editorial

President Ford is to be commended for his nomination of highly able William T. Coleman, a black Philadelphia attorney, as Secretary of Transportation, one of the largest agencies of government. It employs more than 65,000 workers and has a budget of approximately \$8 billion.

If Coleman is confirmed by the Senate, he will become the second black in the history of America to occupy a seat in the Cabinet. The other was Dr. Robert C. Weaver who served as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development from 1966 to 1968.

Coleman's appointment represents a long climb for blacks from the back of the bus to the directorship of the total transportation system of our country. This includes: Trains, planes, ships, buses, and city metros.

Maybe this is a good time to take a look at how far we have come. Measuring the distance does not mean that we have reached the millennium, because we still have a long, long way to go. We are still the last hired and the first fired; we are still trapped in too large numbers in the lowest paying, least desirable jobs; we still live in the poorest housing; and we still stand outside the door of big business, waiting to get more than a toe inside.

But measuring how far we have come could have a salutary affect on all of us, and especially our youths, who have no knowledge of the long road of the past, little appreciation of the advance, and are turned off by a feeling that black people will never get anywhere.

This is not true and our youth ought to know it, because they need this reinforcement as a stimulus to urge them forward in school and at work with diligence and patience and persistence toward excellence.

Our youth ought to know that in the federal government, for example, their fathers and mothers and neighbors have equipped themselves for better opportunities, and then marched and demanded and protested and voted for a new day.

And so we have earned our way up from janitors to junior and senior executives. Today, there are 141 black officials in the top grades, earning from \$34,607 to more than \$46,000, and another 2,000 earning in excess of \$25,000 a year. Altogether, blacks now hold nearly 400,000 jobs in government in a thin spread of positions across the whole spectrum of federal employment.

No we have not reached the millennium with Coleman's appointment, but we are on our way. As an honor graduate of the University of Pennsylvania who holds a law degree from Harvard, Coleman, also experienced in transportation systems, is well equipped for the Cabinet post. We are sure he will be a great credit to the administration.

President Ford has made a wise choice, and can count on the support of the Black Press as long as he continues to move forward in the recognition that blacks can make a very large contribution to America.

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Ford Promises Black Press Voting Rights Act Support

By John W. Lewis, Jr.
NNPA Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Gerald Ford, in a wide-ranging address before the National Newspaper Publishers Association, pledged that his administration would not "slice off a small portion of the pie and say, 'this is enough for the 25 million Americans who are black'."

"We know that many of the serious problems facing

the office of Consumer Affairs and Special Impact, was being considered for promotion to a supergrade.

Armendaris admitted that although recently-released statistics show an overall increase in black gross receipts of 60 percent, the figures do not include this past year when the recession caused the failure of many black businesses across the country.

The briefing was part of a 3 day NNPA conference entitled

President Ford Reaffirms Commitment to Equality at NNPA White House Briefing

WASHINGTON, D.C.—President Ford made an unannounced visit to a White House Cabinet-level briefing for Black publishers and issued a series of strong

some thinkers and planners who act as if Blacks did not have the same expectations and problems as other Americans. I promised that I would be President of all the

with Vice President Rockefeller and urged that he establish a continuing liaison with the group. Dr. Goodlett had made the request for meetings with

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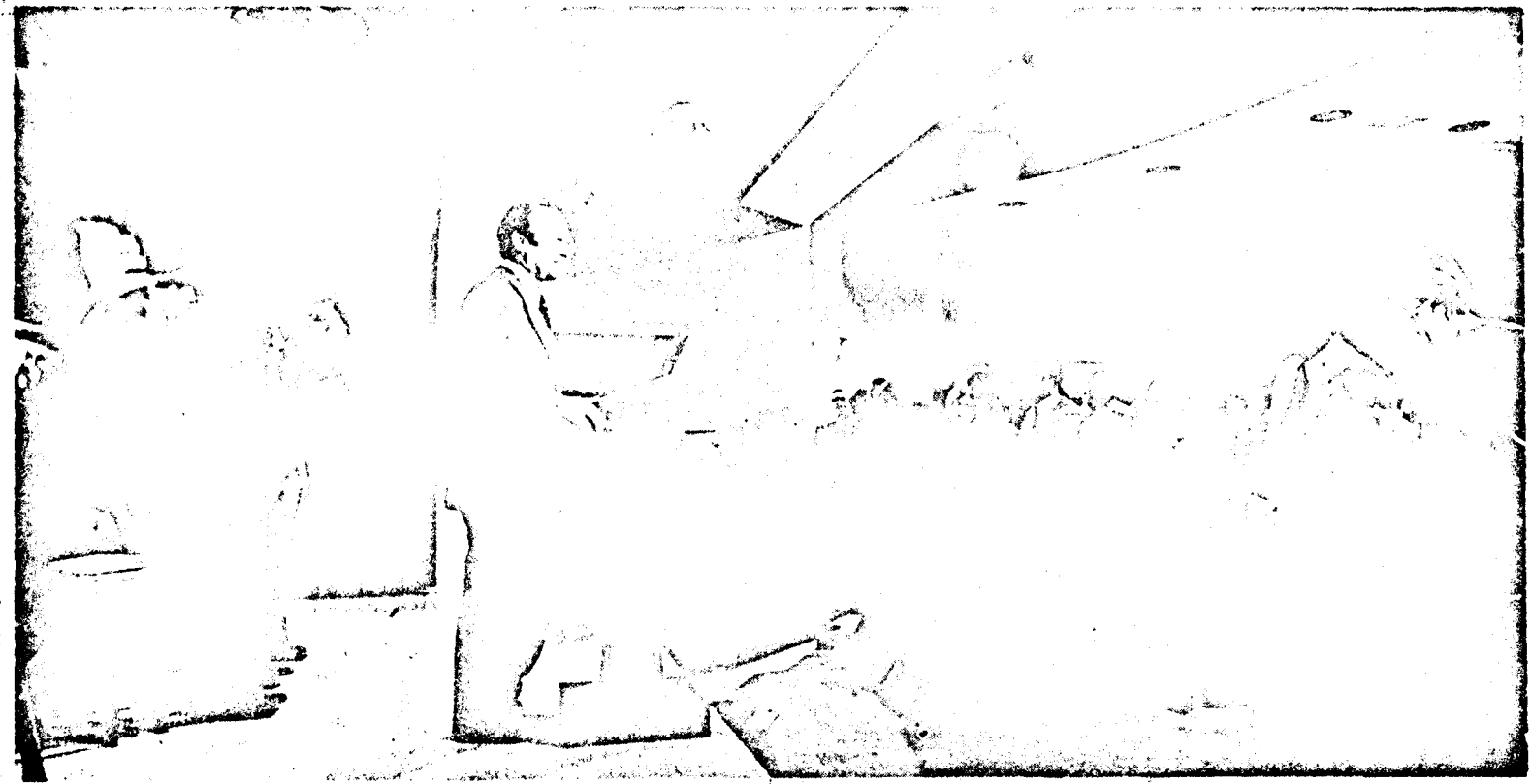
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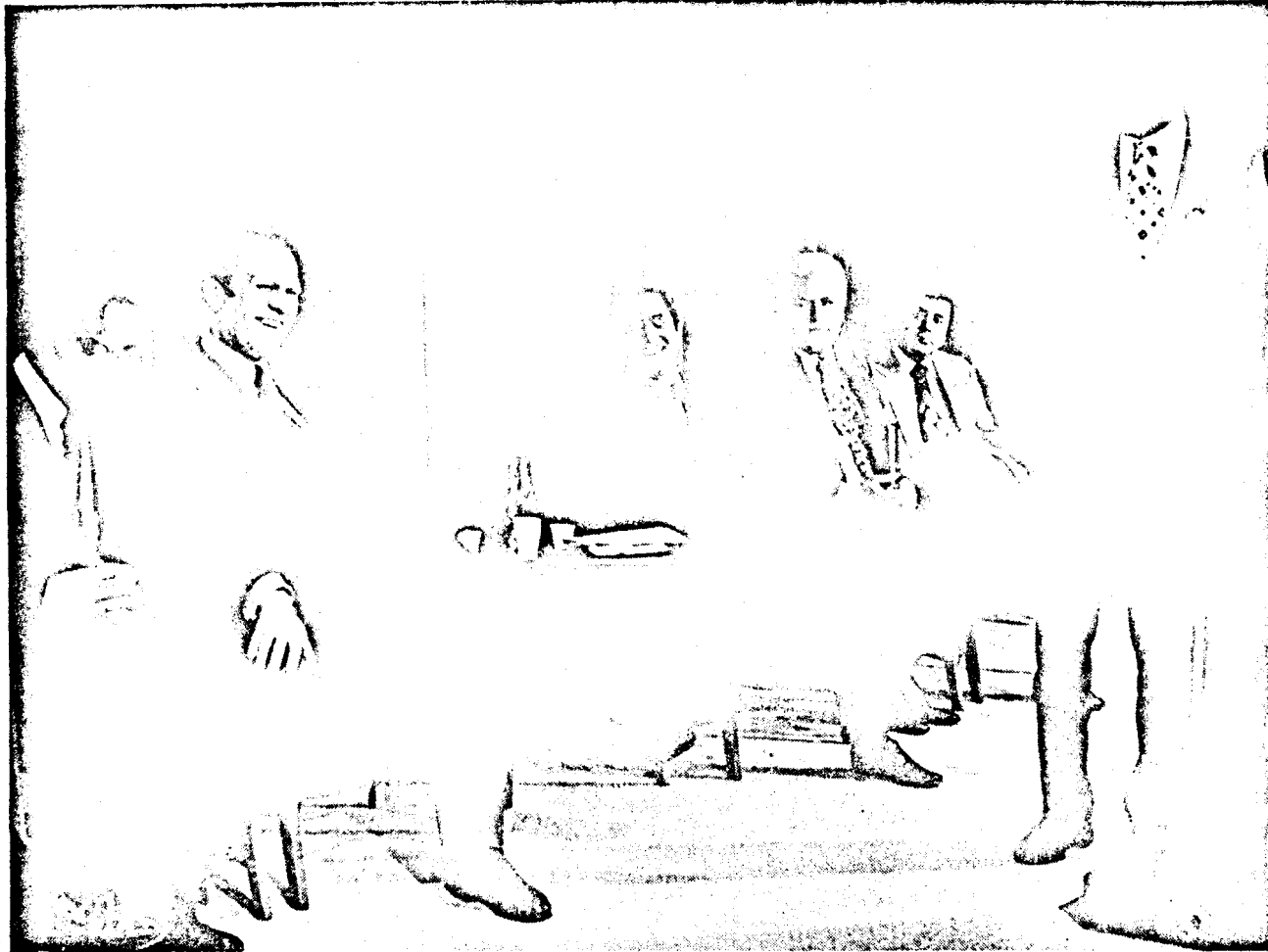
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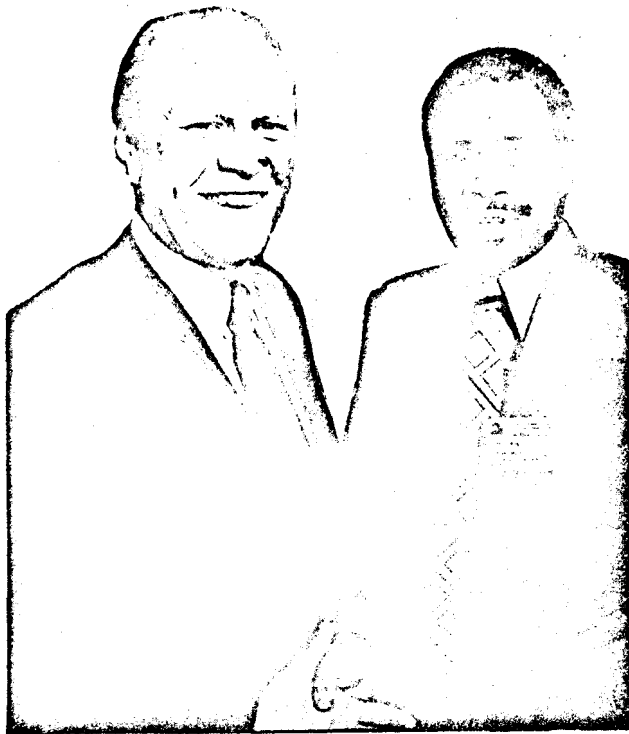
NNPA WELCOMES PRESIDENT FORD...to its White House briefing. President Ford praised the Black Press for its positive contributions towards solving problems of the black community. In the meeting held

last Thursday afternoon, the President assured the more than 200 delegates to the Mid-Winter Workshop that was working to extend the Voting Rights Act of 1965.



A DIFFERENT MOOD... Stanley F. Scott, Special Assistant to the President and a member of the Atlanta Daily World publishing family (far left) gets a reassuring pat on the knee from his "boss", President Ford, as NNPA president Carleton Goodlett remarks, "If communication isn't continued between us during this administration, we'll be coming after

you — after all, you're one of us." Although HUD Secretary Lynn joins in the laughter, Labor Secretary Brennan and OMBE director Armendaris seem to view the remark with an uncertain response. This change of mood on the platform followed only seconds after the more serious moment caught by the camera earlier. (St. Louis American photo)



MEETING THE PRESIDENT--WASHINGTON(NNPA)
- President Ford is seen being greeted by John B. Smith, Executive Vice President and Advertising Manager of The Atlanta Inquirer at the National News-shop. The Black Publishers were invited to the White House for a briefing by various department heads and were addressed by the President. (See story and photos on page 10.)



Photo by **BOYD LEWIS**

CONFERENCE CRITIC--Ms Dorothy Bolden calls the White House Conference on domestic affairs wrong-headed at its Atlanta session Monday. She criticized organizers for failing to address problems of unemployment or hungry people. Rev. Fred Taylor of the national SCLC staff is at right.



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Good News

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 has placed more Black men in public office in the ten years it has been in existence than were elected in the 64 years between 1900 and 1964.

This law has served as the pavement for our Freedom Road, but unless it is extended it will die out in August of this year.

President Ford, keeping his word to the Black Publishers, has sent the Congress a memorandum asking that the law be extended another five years.

At this point the situation looks favorable toward the extension.

But let's not be lulled to sleep on this important legislation. There is nothing wrong with sitting down right now and dropping a note to your local lawmaker on Capitol Hill, either in the House or the Senate, (or both) and letting him, her, or them know that this is legislation which must be passed, because this is a law that works for YOU!





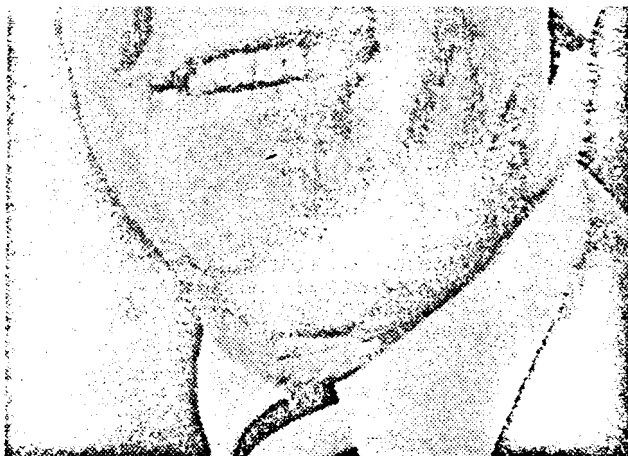
representatives attending NNPA's Mid-Winter Workshop.

The President recalled his promise to be President of all the people and said, "I'm keeping that pledge."

Ford renewed his announced intention to press for another 5-year extension of the 1965 Voting Rights Act defended his recession-fighting proposals as beneficial to both low and middle-income blacks and said that he had urged Vice President Nelson Rockefeller to serve as a liaison between himself and the NNPA, the 134 member association of black publishers.

Ford's address was the highlight of a 3-hour White House briefing for the publishers by top administration officials, including Peter J. Brennan, secretary of labor; James Lynn, secretary of housing and urban development; Donald Rumsfeld, assistant to the President; Frank Zarb, director of the federal energy Administration; Alex Armendaris, director of the Office of Minority Enterprise, and Irving Kator, assistant executive director of the Civil Service Commission.

The briefing, arranged by Stanley S. Scott, special assistant to the President touched most often on economic issues, with some sharp questioning of Zarb, Armendaris and Lynn, the lead-off speakers.



PRESIDENT GERALD FORD addressed at the White House Friday editors and publishers in Washington for a meeting of the National Newspapers Publishers Association. (UPI telephoto)

Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett, the NNPA president, in opening remarks directed to Rumsfeld, attacked the Ford administration's foreign policy in Southern Africa, and charged the State Department with not using the "intellectual resources" of black Americans.

"In this day and time, we need an African desk headed by a black American," said Goodlett, who would have "empathy" with the problems of Africa.

He attacked the infamous "Tar Baby" policy, developed during the Nixon administration which accepts white-minority rule in South Africa.

said.

Ford said that his tax rebate proposal, which has been criticized by some black economists as being of small benefit to poor blacks, would insure that "the burden of the recession did not fall on those least able to pay or to afford it."

He emphasized that it was important to "preserve the upward mobility of our society ... In recent years, blacks have made economic and educational gains that must not be wiped out by leaving the middle class out of tax relief."

Dr. Goodlett, in his introduction of Ford, praised the President for his support of the voting rights extension and his nomination of Philadelphia attorney William Coleman as Secretary of Transportation.

Questions from the publishers frequently drew out candid admissions of weak antidiscrimination enforcement.

Zarb admitted there were "no black policymakers"

in his agency, and few blacks holding FEA contracts.

He said that Ms. Hazel Rollins, now a director of FEA's Office of Consumer Affairs and Special Impact, was being considered for promotion to a super-grade.

Armendaris admitted that although recently-released statistics show an overall increase in black gross receipts of 60 per cent, the figures do not include this past year when the recession caused the



Ford Listens To Blacks' Requests

NEW YORK — President Ford has followed through on two recommendations made by black leaders in our meeting with him last fall.

The first was that he appoint a black to a Cabinet position; the second, that he en-

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Jordan**



black elected officials representing black people and their white neighbors all over the South. This is one law that has not only worked, but has revived the democratic process in places in this country that had been governed like

we would be sure to see a host of measures in some states whose effect would be to deny blacks the opportunity to participate in the democratic process.

Blacks have a lot to complain about in regard to many

President Praised For Nomination Of Black For Cabinet

President Ford is to be commended for his nomination of highly able William T. Coleman, a Black Philadelphia attorney, as Secretary of Transportation, one of the largest agencies of government. It employs more than 65,000 workers and has a budget of approximately \$8 billion.

If Coleman is confirmed by the Senate, he will become the second Black in the history of America to occupy a seat in the Cabinet. The other was Dr. Robert C. Weaver, who served as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development from 1966 to 1968.

Coleman's appointment represents a long climb for Blacks from the back of the bus to the directorship of the total transportation system of our country. This includes: Trains, planes, ships, busses, and city metros.

Maybe this is a good time to take a look at how far we have come. Measuring the distance does not mean that we have reached the millennium, because we still have a long, long way to go. We are still the last hired and the first fired; we are still trapped in too large numbers in the lowest paying, least desirable jobs; we still live in the poorest housing; and we still stand outside the door of big business, waiting to get more than a toe inside.

But measuring how far we have come could have a salutary affect on all of us, and especially our youths, who have no knowledge of the long road of the past, little appreciation of the advance, and are turned off by a feeling that Black people will never get anywhere.

This is not true and our youth ought to know it, because they need this reinforcement as a stimulus to urge them forward in school and at work with diligence and patience and persistence toward excellence.

And so we have earned our way up from janitors to junior and senior executives. Today, there are 141 Black officials in the top grades, earning from \$34,607 to more than \$46,000, and another 2,000 earning in excess of \$25,000 a year. Altogether, Blacks now hold nearly 400,000 jobs in government in a thin spread of positions across the whole spectrum of federal employment.

No we have not reached the millennium with Coleman's appointment, but we are on our way. As an honor graduate of the University of Pennsylvania who holds a law degree from Harvard, Coleman, also experienced in transportation systems, is well equipped for the Cabinet post. We are sure he will be a great credit to the administration.

President Ford has made a wise choice, and can count on the support of the Black Press as long as he continues to move forward in the recognition that Blacks can make a very large contribution to America.



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Black Involvement Vow Made By President Ford

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establish a continuing liaison with the group. Dr. Goodlett had made the request for meetings with the vice president similar to those held under the Johnson administration.

cause, you were communicating to your readers the difficulties faced by Blacks.”

The publishers warmly received his closing remarks when he said:

Housing Foreclosure Moratorium Announced

WASHINGTON—The Department of Housing and Urban Development has announced a moratorium on foreclosures of Government - subsidized rental housing until March 1.

HUD Secretary James T. Lynn, at a joint press conference here with Black Assistant Secretary H.R. Craw-

Washington to meet with HUD officials.

He said he found Lynn and Crawford "more creative and less sterile" than he expected.

"If we can declare a moratorium on social programs that don't work", he said, "we can declare a moratorium on

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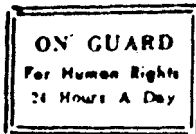
The appointment of William Coleman, former President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Legal Defense Fund, as Secretary of Transportation by President Ford is a commendable first

Caucus bucks Ford on Mississippian

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — The Congressional Black Caucus last week attacked the speculated nomination of former Mississippi Governor John Bell Williams to the Federal Elections Com-

of fawning Federal administrations fearing the power of strategically-located and rigidly-controlled bloc votes.”

A congressional source said there were rumors that Ford intended to nominate



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Ford's Visit

Our city was graced this week for 23 hours by the presence of the President of the United States, but, considering the stress of the times in which we now live, it is safe to say THE PEOPLE weren't "very excited" about President Gerald Ford's visit. Survival is more important to THE PEOPLE than any pride in being able to exclaim, "I saw the President."

The President was here to push his economic program and to gain support for it, but he got a message that his proposals are inadequate. Let us say, too, that we are dismayed at proposed efforts to get this country out of the economic doldrums. We wonder if there are brains enough and leadership enough in this country to put everybody back to work and take the quicksand from under foot-and this leadership includes more than the President.

But let us also say that Atlanta was happy to be the attention of a Presidential visit. And, in better times, we might better show our exuberance. This week's rainy and cold weather, starkly contrasting with that of last week's warm sun-

shine, is perhaps an omen of the times and what people feel about the national leadership that can't seem to get us going again.

The wary eyes cast at Ford's programs, however, should not be taken as a shot at Republicans simply because they are Republicans or because of anything that smacks of Watergate. People are noticing, too, that the Democrats are doing little more about the economy than "cocking their slingshots" and firing missiles of criticism.

Somehow, some way, this nation's leadership must cease drawing lines of Democrat and Republican and daring one another to "cross over." If something does not change soon, THE PEOPLE may well do some "crossing."

And, say what you will about State Rep. Hosea Williams, we think the poor should have been heard by the President during his visit. Somebody's got to come out of "The Ivory Towers" and really listen to those who are crying for jobs, and for relief from prices that brutalize any chance at "living."



"Open Door" Policy To Help Nedy, Ford Aides Declare

BY GEORGE COLEMAN

The idea of opening the doors of government in a

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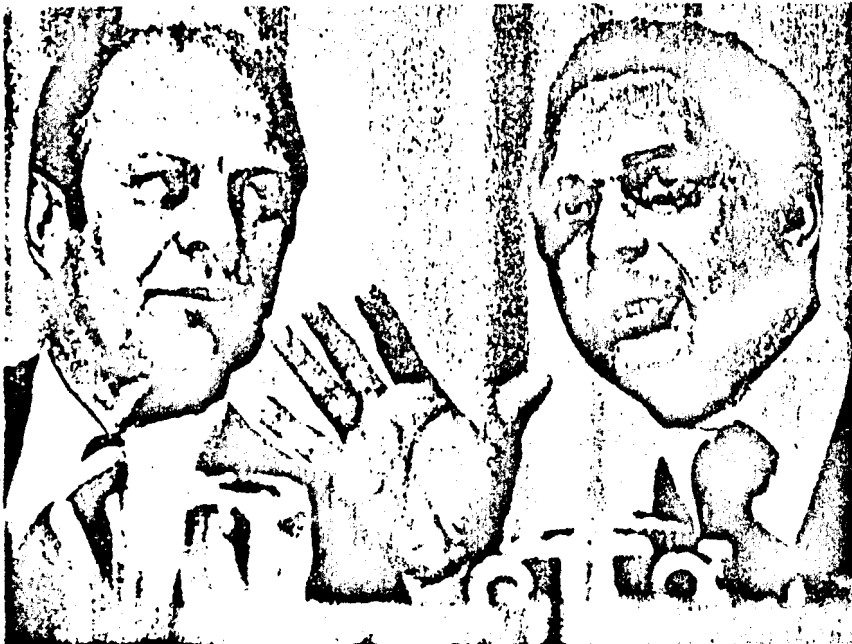
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OIC founder Rev. Leon Sullivan makes point to President Ford following the Chief Executive's speech to delegates of the 11th annual OIC convention.

OIC Convention Called Best Ever

By Harmon Perry

To say that the 11th annual convocation of the Opportunities Industrialization Centers Inc. was the most effective and best organized gathering in the history of the civil rights movement is a compliment of the highest magnitude, but that's precisely how National Urban League Director Vernon E. Jordan Jr. described it.

Jordan, however, was not alone in his appraisal. There were other persons of eminent repute who acclaimed the recent meeting in Atlanta, which attracted more than 1,000 OIC officials, staff members and supporters to the Marriott Motor Hotel to extol the achievements and reaffirm the objectives of the organization built by Phila-

delphia's Rev. Leon Sullivan.

Perhaps chief among the other distinguished persons who contributed to making the convention successful was none other than President Ford.

The nation's Chief Executive extended his stay in Atlanta where he had addressed a White House Conference on Economic and Domestic Affairs in order that he could honor an invitation extended when he was Vice President to keynote OIC's 1975 national assembly.

"I admire what the job Opportunity Industrialization Centers are doing in training disadvantaged Americans so they can acquire needed skills," President Ford said in his speech that dealt

Ticker Tape U.S.A.

By Simeon Booker, *Washington Bureau Chief*

Confidential: The Navy's well-intentioned program to qualify its first Black woman pilot is not faring too well. The service's pioneer, Jill Brown, a former University of Maryland student, is just about flunking out in her classes at the Officer Candidate School in Newport, R. I. The comely young lady is ranking last in her 151-person class with a very poor scholastic record since her enrollment. Naval sources doubt whether she will graduate with her class in April and be eligible for entrance in the flying school in Pensacola, Fla. . . . Millions of dollars have gone into the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration for the battle against crime in this country. Most of the funds have been used for "hardware," including armored cars for use in riots. For the first time, administrator Richard Velde is trying to organize a meeting of top Blacks in law enforcement, city government, civil rights and entertainment to draft some new projects for predominantly Black communities. Expected to be on the executive list for the conference are Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson and Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley. . . . President Ford showed positive direction in his acceptance of the first invitation to speak to a Black national group this year. He accepted the bid from Rev. Leon Sullivan to address his Opportunities Industrialization Centers Inc.'s national conference in Atlanta. The angle: employment. . . . The new president of the National Press Club is William Broom, the bureau chief for the Ridder Knight Publications. He was at the Nigeria beach at the time of the death of Urban League Executive Director Whitney Young.

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First Bank: The first Black-operated bank in the U. S. to fail is the Swope Park National Bank of Kansas City, Mo. However, commissioner Frank Willie of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., rather than close out the institution, ordered that it be managed under the



Photo by BOYD LEWIS

THE PRESIDENTS--SCLC President Dr. Ralph David Abernathy greets President Gerald Ford before the chief executive addressed Monday's White House conference on domestic affairs. SCLC was one of 15 organizations sponsoring the conference in Atlanta.

Blacks oppose State Dept. appointment

WASHINGTON, (NNPA)
Congressman Charles C. Diggs, D-Mich., in a stinging set of telegrams to the Ford administration last week, attacked the appointment of Nathaniel Davis as Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs.

He said that Davis's alleged involvement in the overthrow of Chilean President Salvadore Allende, when he was ambassador to that country, would make him unacceptable to Africans.

Diggs, the chairman of the House Subcommittee on Africa, made the charges while attending the Conference of African and American Representatives in Kinshasa, Zaire. In an initial telegram sent to President Ford, Diggs said that the President of Zaire, Mobutu Sese Seko, "pointedly criticized" the Davis nomination during opening remarks to the conference.

"... To insist upon such an appointment during this critical period of international economic interdependence and the current political upheavals in southern Africa is sheer folly," the Diggs telegram said.

The Detroit congressman also made reference to the "aborted tenure" of Donald Easum, the outgoing Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs. Easum, according to sources, was forced out of the position by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger who objected to his criticisms of South African racism in recent speeches.

Kissinger, who replied to Diggs in the President's behalf, defended Davis' role in Chile. "Ambassadors are not the creators of policy," the Kissinger telegram said. Their role is to carry out instructions faithfully.

"An ambassador is often confronted by difficult political problems. His advice is sought, but decisions are made in Washington by responsible political leaders."

The National Newspaper Publishers Association sent a similar telegram to President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger, opposing the nomination of Davis for the Africa desk.

The NNPA opposition was expressed in a resolution passed by the organization in executive session in Washington a week ago.

Black Caucus Opposes J. Williams For Elections Post

The Congressional Black Caucus today opposed the nomination by President Ford of former Mississippi Governor John Bell Williams to the newly established Federal Elections Commission. Reports indicated that Williams, Governor of Mississippi from 1968 to 1972 and a Member of Congress prior to the time, was likely to be a presidential nominee to the post.

The Federal Elections Commission is established under the Federal Election Campaign Act Amendments of 1974 signed by the President last October. The Commission is to formulate policy and obtain compliance with respect to the 1971 Federal Elections Campaign Act.