NATIONAL ROUNDUP

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PEOPLE ON THE MOVE: The first black female general in the history of the United States military is Brig. General Hazel Winifred Johnson who was nominated by President Carter in June and introduced to the mass media by Army Sec. Clifford L. Alexander. By the time you read this, Gen. Johnson's confirmation by Congress should have been completed. The Army now has 21 black active generals and four black generals in the reserves. In all, the Army has a total of 420 generals, of which two are women. One of the women generals, Brig. Gen. Madeline Parks, white, who is retiring, was head of the Nurse Corps. She will be replaced by Colonel Johnson when she is confirmed. A native of West Chester, Pa., the new general will serve at the pleasure of the Army Secretary. She is a veteran with more than 24 years of service and, as colonel, has been serving as head of the Army Nursing Command in Korea. She was selected over 50 other nurses.

Gen. Johnson has an extensive educational and military background. She is a graduate of Villanova University, Columbia Medical College and a candidate for Ph. D. at Catholic University. Prior to going to Korea, she served as dean of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Nursing in Washington and previously had service with the Army Medical Development Command and the U.S. Army Research Service. Among the numerous honors and awards she has received during her military career are the Legion of Merit and the Army Commendation Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster. She has set a high precedent as the first black female general.

ANOTHER WOMAN moved into the big news in the athletic field





fashion-oriented department stores.



Cliff Alexander



Louis Martin

recently when Edith Burroughs won the \$50,000 Pabst Extra Light Open bowling tournament at the Don Carter Lanes in Rockford, Ill. For Burroughs, it was the first win in seven years on the Women's Professional Association (WPBA) tour. She is from Akron, Ohio, and the victory netted her \$4,000, approximately \$1,000 more than she made on the tour all of last year . . . Jo-Ann Rudder, who recently won the coveted "Miss Empire State '79" title in New York City has returned stateside from her participation in the annual carnival in the Virgin Islands. She is the first New Yorker to hold this honor and the first American entry since 1952. In her spare time, Queen Jo-Ann is a senior in Westhill High School in New York City where she maintains an "A" average and also serves as salesperson at one of the city's

Floretta McKenzie, who has been deputy superintendent of schools in Montgomery County, Md., is now deputy commissioner for the newly established Bureau of School Improvement in HEW's Office of Education. The appointment was announced by U.S. Commissioner of Education Ernest L. Boyer. Mrs. McKenzie was acting superintendent of schools in the District of Columbia for three months in 1973.

POLITICAL JOGGING: With the big political conventions and the 1980 campaign only a few months away, political activity is moving at a rapid pace in Washington. Virtually every month a group of black elected officers, would-be officials, political leaders from all parts of the country and prospective office holders are called for off-the-record discussions, seminars or conferences at the White House. All of this is obviously part of the drive to restore some of the support President Carter has lost among black voters, primarily because of the president's failure to keep some of the pre-election promises he made

to black voters who, it has been admitted, were the key supporters in putting him in the White House.

Typical of the conference attendees were the six black U.S. atterneys President Carter has appointed during his two and one-half years in office. The group met recently with Louis Martin, special assistant to the president at the Department of Justice. Among those attending the conference were G. William Hunter, Northern California; H. M. Michaux Jr., Middle District, North Carolina; Hubert Bryant, Northern District, Oklahoma; James R. Williams, Northern District, Ohio; James R. Burgess Jr., Eastern District, Illinois and Ishmael A. Myers, District of Virgin Islands.

In addition to putting pressure on his staff to line up and confer with special black groups, President Carter is trying to mend his fences with the minority voters by making appearances at major black events. The most recent at the time of this writing was the memorial services held for the late A. Philip Randolph, famed civil rights leader, who died at 90. Services were held at the historic Metropolitan AME Church on Washington's MSt., where Carter eulogized Randolph as a leader who "helped sweep away long-standing barriers of discrimination and segregation." This marked the second time the President has attended services at a predominately black church in Washington.

Also among appointments, major and minor, made by President Carter in recent weeks include the following: Margaret Bush Wilson, St. Louis, Mo., as one of the three members of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships. Mrs. Wilson is chairperson of the NAACP board of directors . . . John D. Thompson as one of four



Margaret B. Wilson



Kenneth Gibson



Andrew Brimmer

public members of the board of directors of the Federal National Mortgage Association. Thompson, head of a Washington realty firm, is president of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers, Inc. . . . Newark (N.J.) Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson as one of 27 members of the President's Export Council, a national advisory body to the President on matters relating to U.S. export trade . . . Ruth Love, superintendent of Oakland, Calif. Unified School District and former director of HEW's Right To Read Effort and Julius B. Thrower, Mobile, Ala., director of admissions at S. D. Bishop State Junior College, as two of eight members of the National Commission on Employment Policy . . . Paul W. Sweeney Jr., 28, Chevy Chase, Md. and Kenneth A. Jones, 32, Pittsburgh, Pa., as members of the White House Fellows . . . Andrew F. Brimmer, president, Brimmer and Company and a former member of the Federal Reserve Board and Hobard Taylor Jr., former director of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, as public members of the President's Commission on Executive Exchange. Also named to the Commission on Executive Exchange was Tyrone Brown, member of the Federal Communications Commission, who is a government representative on the commission.

OFF THE CUFF NOTES: Sterling Brown, author of "Southern Road" and professor-emeritus at Howard University, was honored in Washington recently with a Sterling Brown Day proclaimed by Mayor Marion Barry... HUD Secretary Patricia Roberts Harris, the only black Carter cabinet member, reportedly may resign before the year is out... Lieut. General Arthur J. Gregg of the U.S. Army has been named deputy chief of staff for logistics. He had been serving as director, J-4, Logistics Directorate, Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

