National Roundup

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Black mayors in the major urban areas of Los Angeles, St. Louis, Miami, Chicago, Baltimore, etc. — from the Sun Belt to the Frigid Zone are already drawing up new plans for Republican federal aid to replace Democratic programs for employment, welfare and education aid.

The proposals emphasize contracts to private firms and organizations in the big cities instead of the public and political groups being funded under the Carter Administration. The new Black "brokers" lining up to handle the output of company programs include a long list of old time, young Republicans who have paid their dues to the party throughout the years.

Joining in the ranks of the second New Beginning were such stalwarts as Ed Sexton of Wichita, Kan.; Connie Mack Higgins and publisher Charlie Armstrong of Chicago. Higgins was a commerce department bureaucrat in the Nixon Administration. Sam Singleterry of upstate New York and Stewart Pace of uptown Harlem were also among the gladhanders in the new administration.

Judge Scovell Richardson of New York's Court of International Trade is one who labored in the vineyards for many years with Judge Samuel Pierce, the new Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Former FCC executive Clarence McKee and Illinois State Sen. Harold Gaines were among the "New Beginners" along with Chicago Committeeman Claude Murphy. But veteran Republican William Stewart was sorely missed at the Inaugural festivities.

Atlanta's Timothy Gilliam joined the GOP'ers in the celebration. He is heading up an oversea's delegation to Africa from Martin Luther (Daddy) King's Ebenezer Baptist Church.

other programs bearing the 'black' label," Jordan declared.

"In defending the needs of the black poor, we are also defending the forgotten white poor," he added.

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And now for the good news — There really isn't any, is there?

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Capital sports announcer Harold Bell, Howard University president Dr. James E. Cheek, Promethean service organization leader Earl Ginyard, community leader Vera Swann and Episcopal Bishop John T. Walker were named Washingtonians of the year for their efforts on behalf of the nation's capital.

The 116 black college presidents in the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education are meeting in Washington this month to plot strategy for continued aid under the Reagan administration. The theme is "Mainstreaming Black Colleges in Higher Education" . . . . . Dr. Charles A. Lyons Jr. of Fayetteville State University (NC) is president of NAFEO and Dr. Samuel L. Myers, former president of Bowie (Md.) State College is executive director of the organization which is helping to restore black institutions as an example of power and prestige . . . . Look for some new direction at the March conference . . . .

NOTES OFF THE CUFF: Lisle C. Carter Jr., president, University of the District of Colúmbia, has announced that he plans to leave the UDC post next year when his contract expires. He is a member of the Washington Star's board of directors and formerly served as chancellor of the Atlanta University Center and as an assistant secretary of the old Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) . . . . It has been almost a year now since Mayor Marion S. Barry, speaking at a National Press Club luncheon, said he knew of a well-heeled group ready to pay $12 million to bring a pro

By Larry Still and Art Carter

Thaddeus Garrett has anchored his spot at the Executive Office Building and he is already making many friends for the Reaganites by taking effective action on concerns raised by black organizations. Arthur Teel is slated for the multi-million dollar Urban Mass Transit Program in the Department of Transportation.

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Hats off to IFCO's Lucius Walker (Interreligious Foundation of Community Organizations) for the second annual "Stop the Klan" rally on Howard University's campus during Black History Month in February. But some delegates from the 40 or more sponsoring organizations are beginning to ask when do we stop talking and begin acting.

The session in Rankin Chapel were reminiscent of the old coalition of "liberal" whites and "radical" black leaders who usually go back to their segregated neighborhoods when the conference is over. Once again, the majority of white delegates (60%) were urged to attack the klan in their own neighborhoods while blacks should begin protecting themselves. "Former" klan members told how they were often used by authorities and leading citizens in attempts to control Afro-American protests and progress.

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The National Urban League report on the critical state of Black America was overlooked, ignored or lost in the flag waving hoopla over the inauguration and return of the hostages.

Urban League President Vernon Jordan emphasized that "it is a big lie that federal social programs do not work" and serve mostly black people, since the programs benefit more whites than blacks.

"The majority of welfare recipients are white. Half of food stamp recipients are white. Four out of five people getting Medicaid and special programs for the aged are white. White people are in the majority in housing Section 8 housing subsidy programs, in CETA jobs, and in most baseball team to Washington. He didn't identify the group and nothing has been mentioned about it since that day, thus it seems the "beautiful stadium served by the Metro system" will stay dark during the summer months for several more years. It is too bad because a major league team in Washington might well produce a few jobs for some now on the unemployment rolls, and create some civic pride in a city which currently is in an economic squeeze. In an indirect way, too, it may also help ease the crime crisis.

Speaking about an economic squeeze, in the wake of President Reagan's repeated promises to cut the federal budget from top to bottom, with a large number of projects especially beneficial to minorities scheduled to be eliminated in the reductions, the big question in the nation's capital is "What will happen to the mayor's summer jobs program for youth which has been quite popular in Washington for the past two years. Last summer the program put some 15,000 youngsters to work for two months (July and August), but delays in providing the pay for the participants on the scheduled paydays caused confusion, protests and finally resulted in the resignation of the director of the D.C. Department of Employment Services, William R. Ford, after one year in the newly created agency. Elijah Rogers, city administrator, promised that all the bugs would be ironed out of the program for 1981 and the project would get under way earlier this year, making it possible to eliminate any foreseeable problems at the outset. Now, however, the Reagan budget watchers are wondering if the money will be available to keep the program alive. If not, this could be a real problem for Washington youngsters and might be the forerunner of a "hot summer" in the nation's capital.

Mayor Barry already has viewed the economic plight of the city as "serious," and has proposed a congressional appropriation of $175 million per year for 29 years in order to meet the pension responsibility the city faces. The pension costs which accumulated during the pre-Home Rule system is the real core of the city's economic woes.