TLC group gives $2 million in grants

NEW YORK, N.Y., January 16, 1988—Mr. Reginald F. Lewis, chairman and chief executive officer of TLC Group and TLC Beatrice International, one of the world's major food companies, announced today $2 million in grants to educational and artistic institutions.

The grants, which will come from both Mr. Lewis' personal funds and his Foundation, include a gift of approximately $1 million to Howard University, one of the nation's leading educational institutions. A significant portion of the funds will be used to provide financial assistance to financially disadvantaged students.

A total of 26 other institutions will receive gifts including: Morgan State University, NAACP and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, National Urban League, CORE and Virginia State University.

"The Lewis family is pleased to add its support to these fine institutions," Mr. Lewis said.

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City Council clerk appointed

(L to R) Schmoke, Wright and Clarke

By Helen Glover Cook
AFRO Staff Reporter

Baltimore's new Chief Clerk of the City Council has never heard of some of the men whom history books list as the founding fathers of Baltimore's legislature 193 years ago.

He does know that these men are responsible for enacting the legislative decision to ban blacks from government participation.

Tuesday evening Baltimore rewrote the historical account of black political contribution by adding one more employment position to the small list of jobs which have never been filled by a black. Leonard F. Wright became Baltimore's first black Chief City Council Clerk.

Although the political thinkers who galvanized the diverse democratic ideals of the land-owning gentry into Baltimore City's legislative body in 1797 represented some of the most progressive thinkers in Maryland, those ideals did not include conceiving a government that would make provisions for or include the rights of the black population within the city borders.

Leonard F. Wright was officially sworn in at the January 17th city council meeting by City Council President Mary Pat Clarke. The previous Chief Clerk, Elmer Jones was promoted to the position of Chief Clerk Emeritus after holding the position of Chief Clerk for 13 years.

Wright is employed fulltime in the office of The Baltimore Register of Wills.

He also works part-time as the Community laision for State Senators Kenneth C. Montague, Jr. and Anne Perkins, as well as active political participation in the Eastside Democratic Club, NDC 2 and the 43/44 Democratic Club.

Wright is a Free and Accepted Mason and a member of St. Paul Baptist Church.

The duties of Chief Clerk of the City Council include the supervision of compiling city council journals and bills for council meetings.

He also must notify city agencies of pending city council legislature that effects them. The Chief Clerk must also co-sign all third reader bills with the city council president.

Wright is the immediate supervisor and trainer of the council's legislative clerks; Eric Brown and Reading Clerk, Lynnwood Taylor and Journal Clerk, Michele Dukes and the 18 clerks who are assigned to the individual council members.

Chief Clerk will be assisted in his duties by Chief Clerk Emeritus Elmer Jones, who trained and worked in conjunction with Leonard Wright.

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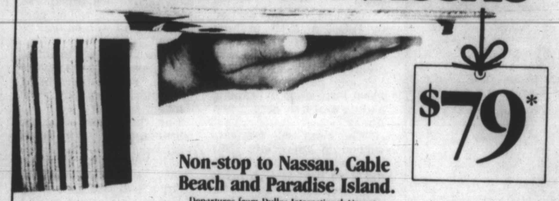

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