

**URBAN LEAGUE BRING CONCERNS TO CAPITOL HILL**

Executives of the National Urban League's 113 affiliates, on Thursday, August 3, will lead delegations of affiliate representatives and local officials to Capitol Hill to meet with Senators and members of Congress around the issues of drug trafficking and civil rights.

The Capitol Hill meetings take place prior to the National Urban League's 79th annual conference August 6-9 at the Washington Convention Center. The conference will address these issues from the Capitol Hill visits and other public policy and legislative concerns for securing economic, political and social equality for African Americans and other disadvantaged minority groups.

Over 16,000 participants representing the public, private corporations, and federal government sectors are expected to attend the 1989 annual conference. The conference officially begins Sunday, August 6. The keynote address by John E. Jacob, President and Chief Executive Officer, National Urban League will take place at 6 p.m.

On Tuesday, August 8, the discussion of drug trafficking will continue with Congressman Charles B. Rangel (D-NY) speaking at the forum session on "Drugs and Crime: What Choice Do We Have?" Congressman Rangel is Chairman, Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control.

"It is important that the National Urban League conference address the drug problem and its devastating effect upon our youth and our communities," said Jacob.

For inquiries about the conference, contact the National Urban League Conferences Department at (212) 310-9037/8/9 or, from July 26-August 9, at (202) 371-5051.

Clarence D. Coleman

Clarence D. Coleman, former Vice President of the National Urban League, died in Atlanta, GA July after a long illness. A funeral service was held Tuesday, July 11 at friendship Baptist Church in Atlanta. John E. Jacob, President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Urban League, called Mr. Coleman's death a sad occasion, but joined many of Mr. Coleman's other admirers, family and friends in celebrating his life and many accomplishments.

Mr. Coleman retired from the National Urban League in 1982. He joined the staff of the Atlanta Urban League in 1948 holding positions of Director, Community Organization, and Associate Director. In 1959, Mr. Coleman was named Assistant Director, Southern Regional Office of the National Urban League and in 1962 was appointed Director of that office.

Among his most notable accomplishments while with the League were his role in increasing the affiliates in the southern region from 11 to 23 and his role in the creation of The State of Black America, the League's authoritative annual report.

In 1979, Mr. Coleman received the Ann Tanneyhill Award for outstanding service to the National Urban League. In October 1988, he was the recipient of the League's prestigious Whitney M. Young, Jr. Medallion in recognition of his life-long commitment to the promotion of racial understanding and cooperation in American society.

A native of Cartersville, GA, Mr. Coleman was a graduate of Clark College. He received a master's degree in social work from Atlanta University.

"Throughout his more than forty years' involvement in the Urban League Movement, Clarence was loyal, hard working and imaginative. He always went beyond the call of duty in performance and had a reputation for perseverance and diligence," said John E. Jacob, President and Chief Executive Officer of the League.

Surviving Mr. Coleman are his wife, Dorothy and three daughters, Vivian Dean and Tanya Seidu, both of Atlanta, and Gwendolyn Alston of Plainfield, NJ.



**BLF ANALYZES SUPREME COURT DECISIONS**

The Black Leadership Forum (BLF) held a press conference at the National Urban League headquarters in New York City to analyze recent Supreme Court decisions and offer legislative and social remedies.

Hosting the press conference was John E. Jacob, Vice Chair of the BLF and President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Urban League, who delivered a statement on behalf of the BLF.

In speaking for the BLF, John Jacob said: "African Americans have acted on the faith that we could take our cases all the way to the Supreme Court. In addition to being a 'friend of the court,' we felt that we had a friend in the Court."

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**CONFERENCE FEATURES JOB OPPORTUNITY SHOWCASE**

The National Urban League will again present the Job Opportunity Showcase at its annual conference August 6-9 in Washington D.C. The Job Opportunity Showcase matches job seekers to job openings provided by 200 leading corporations, government agencies, and public service organizations exhibiting at the conference. Over 4,000 new positions are expected to be available. Companies conduct on-site interviews with applicants during the conference and follow-up interviews after the conference.

The Job Opportunity Showcase has been an important part of the National Urban League Conference since 1982 and has helped hundreds of individuals find new jobs. The Heart of the job matching system is a variety of computer hardware and special software designed by Digital Equipment Corporation exclusively for the National Urban League Conference. Digital also locally hires and trains data entry personnel to develop the data base of jobs and resumes.

"Job Opportunity Showcase has been a resounding success thanks to Digital and the many other corporations that participate by providing jobs. Last year we had 1,200 job seekers and more than 4,200 positions," said John E. Jacob, President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Urban League.

Digital Equipment Corporation, headquartered in Maynard, Massachusetts, is the leading worldwide supplier of networked computer systems and services. Digital offers a full range of computing solutions and systems integration for the entire enterprise from the desktop to the data center.

**CHICAGO MAN TO CONNECT U.S. MINORITIES WITH MISSION WORK OVERSEAS**

A Los Angeles native with a seminary degree and an 18-year broadcasting career will start work Sept. 1 with the world mission arm of the United Church of Christ to try to build connections between the church's racial and ethnic minorities and its work overseas.

"The time has come for the church to take seriously the role of people of color in the mission field," says the Rev. Arthur Lawrence Cribbs, Jr., who has accepted the new position of secretary for racial and ethnic minority recruitment and constituency development with the United Church Board for World Ministries. The board has more than 200 personnel engaged in medical, agricultural, social, educational and church programs in 40 countries.

"The complexion of the world has changed radically in recent years," Mr. Cribbs says. "one of our deficiencies is that we have not included African-American, Hispanic and Asian-American people substantially in the mission of the church." He says he hopes to work with the church's domestic mission arm—the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries—to target young people in United Church-related colleges and seminaries and get them interested in mission work.

Mr. Cribbs, 39, last month received his M.Div. degree from Chicago Theological Seminary and was ordained a United Church minister at Chicago's Church of the Good Shepherd (Congregational), United Church of Christ, where he is a member.

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Entrepreneur Cheryl D. Miller, center, accepts the Sixth Annual Crystal Award at the recent national convention of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs (NANBPW). Miller is president of Cheryl D. Miller Designs, Inc., New York, N.Y. With Miller are, from left, Jaqui Gates, president of NANBPW and Allene Roberts, manager, constituency programs, Philip Morris Companies Inc. Philip Morris sponsors the award.

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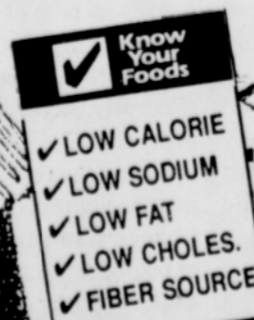
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