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Black Republicans believe that the conference was made more relevant by including blacks of all political persuasions, to hear their views on the Nixon Administration, and gather suggestions for any changes that need to be made to make the Administration more relevant to blacks.

The conference included workshops and panel discussions, strategy sessions, and entertainment. Hostesses for the event were provided by the Governor's Office of Human Resources, and Sunshine Food Products.

On Friday, November 12, participants heard Lewis Langston, Administrative Aide to the Governor of the State of Illinois; Bennett Johnson, Office of Minority Business Enterprise; Glenwood Johnson, Office of Economic Opportunity; Joseph Barloe, Office of Human Resources; Mr. James Denny, Office of Health Education and Welfare, and SBA officer Bud Moran. Also participating in Friday's panel was William H. Robinson Director of the Department

of Education Registration of Illinois.

More than 350 people attended the Friday session and the OMBE sponsored session earlier on Thursday evening. The evening session included remarks from John Altorfer, Assistant Secretary of Commerce and recently appointed Chairman of the Illinois Nixon Reelection Committee. Businessmen learned at the session that President Nixon recently received \$100 million for OMBE programs, of which about \$8 million is earmarked for Chicago's minority businessmen.

Mr. Phillip Smith, who also joined the Friday sessions, echoed the general consensus of the conference when he urged independents and other politically minded individuals to work in the regular Republican party to keep Republicans from ignoring the black vote, and Democrats from taking the black vote for granted.

Mr. Smith also urged that young voters be recruited to work actively in politics as judges of elections, poll watchers, precinct captains and in other positions.

Friday evening's cocktail party was well attended with about 500 guests, and conference participants had an opportunity to get to know each other on a personal level.

As a major speaker at luncheon Friday and a major voice in the conference Mr. William H. Robinson, Director of Illinois ER, set the pace for the meeting with his timely remarks. He made the following major points which were repeated many times during the three day affair:

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The dinner will be held Saturday, November 20, 6:30 p.m. at Brainerd Hall, 8822 South Ashland. Chairman of the affair is Tomas F. Roeser, and co-chairman is Mrs. Eloyce Andrews. Entertainment will be provided by local musicians who are donating their time to make the tribute a success.

Arthur Fletcher is a former Assistant Director of the U.S. Department of Labor, who is credited with having contributed heavily to the implementation of fair employment practices in the construction industry. The Philadelphia Plan is currently being put into practice in major cities throughout the country.

Fletcher is expected to elaborate on the reasons for the failure of the Chicago Plan, and to suggest workable alternatives for the now defunct construction industry effort.

Mr. Dixon was appointed 21st Ward Committeeman several months ago by the Republican Central Committee. The dinner is described as a conventional political testimonial dinner

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Ben Branch directs the Operation Breadbasket Band in a spirited rendition. The group entertained more than 500 guests in the Roberts 500 Room at a dinner dance for those attending the recent Black Republican Strategy Conference.

Black GOP At Successful Strategy Conference In Chicago

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1. Power is often illusory, the only real power comes with being on the inside — therefore black appointments must be made in all phases of government, and more black candidates of all political backgrounds must be elected.

2. Blacks must get together, and a strong two party system is the best way to "get it together."

3. In order to make black strength felt, blacks must be joiners who participate in every phase of community life.

4. Blacks must not allow Republicanism or any other political consideration water down their blackness. We must help each other.

Mr. Robinson noted that "there are bad people in both parties, we must ignore such problems and negotiate and work to improve the lives of all people. "Only then," Mr. Robinson said, "can we overcome the difficulties that we experience in this racist society."

On Saturday panelists Bill

Sexton, Phillip G. Smith, Human Resources and 21st Ward Independent; Dr. Arnita Boswell, League of Black Women; A.A. Sammy Raynor, former Independent Alderman; Theresa Hooks, Residential Manpower Job Corps; Mr. John Thompson, HUD; and Attorney John Dixon, 21st Ward Republican Committeeman, conducted productive workshops sessions.

Charles Ellie Gaines, Assistant to Illinois State Attorney General, was panel moderator. Other conference participants and panel guests were Joseph Simon, Staff Placement Action Corp., and Stan Scott, Assistant Director of Communications.

Dr. Boswell presented the case for women's liberation at the Saturday panel-workshop, describing women's role in politics and urging reform in many areas of politics and government. The Black League of Women has grown in less than a year from 12

founders to a vital organization of more than 1,000 members, Dr. Boswell said.

Five hundred guests attended a Floor Show, Fashion Show-Dance in the Roberts 500 Room on Saturday evening. Ben Branch's Operation Breadbasket Band furnished the music, with Victor Johnson vocalist. Mr. George Williams, whom critic have described as one of the most promising voices in show business, also entertained.

Herb Jubirt comedian was his usual vibrant self despite some hecklers in what was otherwise a beautiful audience.

Strategy developed at the conference will be put into immediate action participants said.

Specific plans were developed for assisting minority businessmen to get available funds from federal agencies. Because, noted Bennett Johnson, Midwest

OMBE, "the line of demarcation between politics and economics is very thin."

A program, to get young people into Republican politics this year, was also developed. The conference participants agreed that ward committeemen should be young voters to "remove old deadheads from these positions because they have cooperated with Democrats to keep all Chicago blacks in slavery.

Participants leaving the conference declared that the meeting was "revolutionary."

"The conference has opened eyes, and will bring change both in Chicago and in the nation," said Mr. Armstrong after special strategy sessions, held Sunday, ended the conference.

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BLACK REPUBLICAN STRATEGY CONFERENCE

Serious Business!



Members of the Conference getting their heads together.



Mrs. Truman Andrews discusses womens roles in Building Republican Party.



Roger Crawford, Deputy Coordinator of Conference, makes important announcement.





U-P Independence Bank— Brother Simmons addresses Conference.



Conference Audience Rapt in Concentration.



Charles ARMstrong Black Republican Strategy Conference

Co-sponser telling it like it is.



Armstrong's cabinet in consultation.



Charles A rmstrong maps out strategy as Roger Crawford, Bennett Johnson & others listen.

BLACK REPUBLICAN STRATEGY CONFERENCE

On The Light Side!



Loretta Newton with one of her models during Fashion Show.



Charles Armstrong — Coordinator of Conference, Mr. And Mrs. Taylord Hammonds,



Model — Eloise Artis displays latest fashions.



Ed Sexton enjoying self at floor show.



Ben Brandi's SCLC Band Intertains the Conference Soul style.

Charles Armstrong — Coordinator of Conference, Mr. And Mrs. Taylord Hammonds, Bennet Johnson and State Official John Robert Dykes.



Victor Johnson gets a little help from his friends.



Honored guest, along with Charles Armstrong take five at strategy Conference.



Just like a natural woman, seems to be appropriate
 for this, lovely and talented young singer.



Lovely model "walks tall"
 as strategy Conference guests look on.

Ben Brandi's SCLC Band Intertains the Conference Soul style.



"Getting It Together"



Sister doing her thing backed by Ben Branch & his SCLC operation Bread Basket Orchestra.