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People, People United To Save Humanity, the Southern Voter Education Project, Southern Christian Leadership Conference and 85 more national organizations).

In both, the District of Columbia and Prince George's County, Maryland, the 35 percent voter turnout indicated that black voters may go to the polls in greater numbers than ever this year because of the political and economic issues facing the public. But "race" voters did not intend to necessarily vote in "racial" blocs if the results accurately forecast any trend.

In the capital, with a 70 percent black voter registration, citizens rejected an all - black government by electing white civil right activist David Clarke City Council Chairman over middle class Black incumbent Arrington Dixon. And, in Prince George's County, the solid, black - controlled democratic organization "delivered" the votes to traditional white incumbents and newly emerging black liberals challenging the system.

What some observers and most of the metropolitan media has failed to notice or chose to ignore in all these recent elections is that candidates who challenge the status quo and seek to broaden the political — and economic base of "the system" are getting the new black vote, whether they are black or white — or even a little gray . . .

Amidst the growing debate over Federal support for education, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Samuel Pierce called in a score of black college presidents to show off a minor $450,000 grant to several institutions of higher learning . . . And the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education held a Capitol Hill reception honoring Dr. Thomas P. Malady, assistant secretary for post secondary education for his efforts in implementing President Reagan's Executive Order No. 12320.

The order requires all Federal agencies to initiate programs to aid historically black colleges by providing research, construction and business grants to the schools along with the multi - millions projects provided other major institutions.

Last year NAFEO criticized the ineffectiveness of the so - called White House Initiative, but Dr. Samuel L. Myers, president of the organization, says the historically black institutions are now beginning to share in the results of the contracts provided by such agencies as HUD, Health and Human Resources and the Department of Defense, which awards billions of dollars in contract annually to the nation's colleges . . .

Rep. Walter E. Fauntroy Jr. (D - DC) whose father died during the recent Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Weekend, opened his new half - million dollar Bethel Baptist Church in the heart of the inner city . . . The minister - politician does not devote all of his efforts in Congress to CBC affairs as chairman of the group . . . Also, as chairman of the House Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy, Cong. Fauntroy recently called for hearings on bank and loan interest rates on amounts ranging from $300 to the trillion dollar national debt. The Congressman called for legislation which would limit the interest rates on all loans to ten percent a year and provide annual discounts on the amount for quick payment of debts . . . Check it out with your Representative . . .

Congressman Fauntroy is also introducing legislation affecting the Federal Reserve System by seeking greater control over bank mergers and stock corporation such as the recent Martub - Marietta - Bendix - United Technologies stock ownership battle.

Our guys are moving into the mainstream power structure on another front . . . As the chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus repeatedly states . . . "At first, we did not like the Congress Seniority System . . . but the longer we stay, the better it works . . ." Members of the Congressional Black Caucus are now chairman of several key committees in the House of Representatives . . .

Best Bet— Thrift Shops

Beige hat trimmed in rhinestones tops off evening look from Maxine's Demode' Collections.

White featured felt hat with navy worsted wool 2 pc suit worn by Valerie Carter.

Red Fox collar thrown elegantly over 20s claret velvet evening gown with slit sleeves.

Early 40s dark brown hound-stooth check, peplum jacket with matching taupe wool skirt.

By Paula Brooks
Photos by Thunder

Have you ever been in a thrift store? If you haven't been making the rounds in your town, chances are you've been missing out on some fabulous, CHEAP, finds — that could be just right for your lifestyle.

The best are havens containing a little bit of everything — from household furnishings to lingerie — in a crazy hodge - podge, that's fun to look through for hidden treasures.

It's amazing that something one person no longer wants, can be just what someone else has been longing for! Three straw bags found their way into my closet, all for under $5, and one had never been used. They were all stylish designer pocketbooks, made from quality materials, which would have cost at least $60 brand new in a department store.

The Pointer Sisters were the first to explode on the international scene, sharp as three tacks, and decked out in early thrift, from head to toe. They told how they were forced by their economic conditions to shop thrift stores as children, and how they grew to love the glamorous, dramatic clothes of the early 1900's.

Garrae Moore, manager of Nostalgic Collections (owned by Louvenia Lane in Baltimore), had this to say about what kind of person shops at second hand shops. "Everybody comes. There's no set economic or social class, all kinds of people come here. We even have customers like Grace Jones, who likes tuxedo jackets with great padded shoulders, and Patti Labelle, who likes the silk robes and lingerie (no polyester or nylon), and we just sent Sarah Dash a beautiful, antique lace blouse."

Garrae went on, "If a person can find quality clothes at vintage prices, she will be happy. We carry the finest fabrics, such as silk, velvet, and taffeta. All have been well taken care of, and are in good condition. We have buyers in two states who search for finds, as well as customers who bring us merchandise."

The trend towards recycling

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