

**GALA BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR RODDY SHORT**



AND HE HUFFED And he puffed and he blew out all 8 candles but not before photographer Clint Wright snapped them in full illumination - What a wonderful party Roddy Short had on his 8th birthday when Mom and Dad, Mr. and Mrs. William (Glaydine) Short invited his friends and classmates at St. Viator's Parish Catholic School to join Roddy at Colonel Frank's Li'l Theatre to celebrate the occasion.

In upper photo right, the birthday celebrant poses with all his "loot" as Colonel Frank (left) and Mom and Dad share his obvious pride and pleasure... In lower photo Colonel Frank and his own youngster keep a watchful check to see if "everybody's happy" - And you just know they were, even those out of camera range in this shot. More than 40 bright-eyed youngsters were Roddy's guests at the Party -- Happy Birthday, Roddy!



**N.Y. Governor Expected To Open New Job Pool**

NEW YORK - (NPI)--Civil service jobs for 15,000 black people in this state may be the upshot of an employment discrimination complaint presented to Gov. Nelson Rockefeller by a group of Harlem leaders.

Too few Negroes hold policymaking positions in state and city agencies, the Citizens Committee for Equal Opportunity in Public Employment charged, during a meeting with the governor.

Rockefeller was said to be aware of discrimination in state agencies but not its extent.

Jackie Robinson, his special assistant, said the governor was impressed with the reasonableness of the job proposals presented by the committee.

"WE DON'T mean to suggest that there'll be firings," said Robinson. "No one wants to see whites fired and replaced by Negroes. But there will be more jobs."

Equally optimistic was Jeff L. Greenup, chairman, New York NAACP branch, who said the meeting with the governor, in his New York office, had been "highly successful."

"There is every reason to believe that a new job pool for Negroes will be opened by the governor in the civil service," said the Rev. Henry Dudley, New White Rock Baptist church, who joined other committee members in meeting with the governor.

The committee represents the NAACP, the Federation of Negro Civil Service Organizations, the Urban League, and other groups.

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 Council Chairman Mrs. Willie Banks requests that all members bring canned goods to the meeting to help make up Christmas Baskets to be distributed to needy families. Further information on Council activities may be obtained by calling Highland Neighborhood Council Service Worker, Mrs. Rosie Smith, at 642-2616.

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