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MINORITY FIRM GETS MAJOR LOAN GUARANTEES



The Carter Administration announced that the American Pouch Food Company of Willowbrook, Ill., has been granted \$5.5 million in loan guarantees the largest ever made for a minority-owned firm in the history of the Department of Commerce. The company will package pre-cooked food in a three-layer pouch to be sold to the Defense Department as a replacement to both the C and K-type field rations for military forces. The loan guarantees, formally announced by Commerce Secretary Juanita Kreps, were approved by the Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration. Joining in the historic

announcement, and holding company brochures explaining the project, and a copy of the loan guarantees agreement, are left to right: Congresswoman Cardiss Collins, chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus; Nadar Ali, vice president of the American Pouch Food Company; Luther H. Hodges Jr., Under Secretary of Commerce-Designate; Allen Cheng, chief executive officer of American Pouch Food Company, and senior White House aide Jack Watson, who is assistant of President Carter for intergovernmental affairs.

CONGRESSMEN FROM 11 SOUTHERN STATES SUPPORTED ONLY 3 OF 6 AMENDMENTS

A black Press study of the Budget vote by Congressmen from 11 deep South states shows that they supported only three of six amendments aimed at helping blacks and the poor.

Receiving the worst defeats were the Theodore Weiss Amendment and the Parren Mitchell "Human Needs Amendment." The former would have transferred a billion dollars from Defense funds to a youth jobs program, and the latter would have increased revenues \$4 billion by closing tax loopholes and used half of the money for domestic social programs and the other half to reduce the budget deficit.

The Mitchell Amendment received from the South only 11 of its 130 votes. And the Weiss Amendment received from the South only four of its 92 votes.

Victorious in cutting \$2.5 billion from the budget

across-the-board to the detriment of blacks and the poor was the Joseph Fisher Amendment. He and the other Virginia Congressmen, with blacks making up from two to 37 percent of the residents of their districts, voted only eight times in favor of budget items for blacks and the poor.

Mississippi Congressmen voted only five times in favor of blacks and the poor. Louisiana, seven times; South Carolina, 10 times; Alabama, 12 times; and Georgia 20 times.

In the study, the Congressional Black Caucus vote was used as a model. The deep South states represented in the study are: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

UGANDAN DETERMINATION ISSUED BY PRESIDENT

Washington -- President Jimmy Carter has issued the determination that the Government of Uganda is no longer committing a consisting pattern of gross violations of human rights. He expressed his personal satisfaction, and that of the American people, that the tragedy endured by Uganda over the last eight years finally has come to an end.

The President said, "All Americans were appalled by evidence of the truly deplorable human rights violations which occurred during the Amin regime. While my Administration publicly condemned this

situation, I would particularly like to commend Senators Hatfield and Weicker and Congressmen Pease and Bonker for the intense concern which they exhibited about human rights situation in Uganda. The breaking of the pattern of gross violations of human rights heralds a brighter day for Ugandans and, indeed, for all in the world concerned with human rights."

The President has sent a memorandum to the secretaries of State, Treasury and Commerce, officially informing them of his determination.

LEGISLATIVE ALERT

FOCUS ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH BLACK COLLEGES

The Small Business Administration (SBA) is presently conducting a pilot project to determine the feasibility of establishing a network of "Small Business Development Centers" (SBDCs) on campuses across the country. It is envisioned that Colleges and Universities would obtain grants from SBA to establish and operate such centers for, quoting from the House bill on this matter:

"...small business oriented employment or natural resources programs; for studies, research, and counseling concerning the managing, financing, and operation of small business enterprises; for technological assistance, technical, and statistical information for small business enterprises; and for the delivery or distribution of such services and information."

The SBDC project has been funded at a total of \$350,000 for two fiscal years for eight pilot projects. However, most importantly, the House of Representatives has passed legislation which would target funding for the SBDC program at \$60 million for fiscal year 1979 and \$65, \$70 and \$75 million for three fiscal years. The Senate passed legislation in this regard which would authorize \$8 million for fiscal year 1979 and \$15 million for each fiscal year from 1980 through 1982 for program grants as

well as \$5 million for each fiscal year from 1979 through 1982 for research grants.

You may write to your Congressmen and Senators at: Congressional Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 or Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. Please congratulate them for their important work and let them know where Black America stands on crucial issues.

TO: CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS
306 House Annex
Washington, D.C. 20515

I would like to help—

- Organize a "Regional Friends of the Caucus" group
- By enclosing a check for \$_____
- By working with my local or nearest black congressional representative in any way that is needed
- (Please send me literature on the Caucus)

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TENTH SESSION HELD ON TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE CAMPUS



Members of the National Advisory Committee on Black Education and Black Colleges and Universities held its tenth session on the Tuskegee Institute campus, June 4 and 5. The discussions during the two-day conference dealt with many of the problems facing today's minority oriented colleges and Universities.