

Student Call To Washington

Second session of panel discussion with black leaders.

June 18, 1990; Howard University Auditorium, Washington, D.C.

topic: Unemployment, poverty, hunger and homelessness

panelists: Daniel Goodwin; Nat'l Collegiate Black Caucus

Jack O'Dell; Dir., Int'l section of Rainbow Coalition

Rev. James Orange; IUD, AFL-CIO

Rose Sanders; Founder/ Chair of 21st Century

Jesse McDade; professor, Morgan State University

Rev. Tyrone Crider; PUSH/EXCEL

Excerpts from panel member Rose Sanders, founder and chair of 21st Century:

"We must ask ourselves the question: What maintains slavery? We know how we got here and we know about slavery and segregation and all the "isms" but how is it, over 100 years after slavery has ended physically, how is it that psychologically, slavery does maintain itself?"

"Just last week a young brother, one of the protestors, was killed. Now I cannot say for a fact that his death was related to this but we're very suspicious because they say his death was drug related. Everybody knows that Ricky didn't deal drugs. What really made us suspicious, I spent a week in California with the University of Southern California, who sent for me. I was doing lectures 3 and 4 times a day yet the press, when I returned to Selma, said I was there rehabilitating from drugs. Since that time, I have been told there's a plan--I'll say this publicly so you will know--there's a plan to pull some drug scheme on me.