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Heat turned up on Edison after 3rd power outage

The heat is being turned up on Commonwealth Edison following a third power outage on Chicago's Westside. The electrical failures come at a very bad time for Edison since the utility's multi-billion dollar franchise agreement with the city is up for renewal and is now being negotiated.

Westside Aldermen and other elected officials are outraged that their constituencies can no longer depend on the reliability of Commonwealth Edison. Among other demands being made is one which would have the city take over the Edison function of delivering electrical power to the city.

Those in the know say that there would probably have been little reluctance to renew the franchise before the outbreak of power outages. But now the whole matter is up in the air.

Mayor Daley has offered to extend the Edison franchise for one year while the city conducts an in-depth investigation of the electric utility. But Edison is being coy about this offer and has made no response to it.

Set to expire at the end of December, the Daley offer was scheduled to be considered Thursday by the City Council's Committee on Energy, Environmental, Protection and Public Utilities. Some Aldermen are very unhappy with the entire mess and think it is outrageous that Edison has even been stalling about the one-year extension offer made by Mayor

Daley.

"With all that's happened in my wards and in other wards, Edison should be on its knees begging the city for a year's extension," Ald. Ed Smith (28th) said.

Although Daley seemed to show annoyance at the fact that Edison has not responded to his offer, Ald. Robert Shaw (9th), a constant Daley critic, said he believed Daley and Edison are in bed together.

"The Mayor and the Company are working in cahoots on this. It's all show biz," Shaw said.

Despite the power outages and the high cost of electricity in Chicago, there does not appear to be a ground swell of support from citizens to have the City take over the Commonwealth Edison functions.

In a man-on-the-street survey made by the Chicago Metro News, a reporter was unable to find a single Chicagoan who favored a city take-over. The citizens interviewed said unanimously that they would be skeptical of the City delivering electricity to Chicago's homes and businesses.

"The City can't even pick up garbage right and keep the streets clean," one Westsider said. "I'd be scared to death if we had to depend on the city to get our electricity."

Reminded that there have been three power outages on the Westside in recent weeks, this person said:

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The Barbados Business Opportunity Seminar held at Independence Bank this past week was designed to interest African American business people in setting up off shore business operations on the beautiful island. Shown here (L to R): Nathaniel Clay, Chicago Metro News Editor and Seminar Coordinator; Isabelle Conda, Small Business Center, Chicago State University; and his excellency Sir William Douglas, Ambassador from Barbados to the United States.

Barbados: The Ultimate In Business Opportunity

by Dorothea Drew

Independence Bank of Chicago was host to the "Barbados Business Opportunity Seminar," held this past week with His Excellency Sir William Douglas, Ambassador from Barbados to the United States, providing introductory remarks which included an overview of the country's illustrious history. Alvin Boutte, President of Independence Bank welcomed the distinguished Chicago-area African American business people who were in attendance.

This unique seminar offered substantial insight into business development and opportunity on the most easterly of the Caribbean islands.

Representatives from the Barbados Industrial Development Corporation elaborated on the policies and incentives the government, extends to entrepreneurs and companies considering doing business on the island. Dr. Lawson Nurse, Director, North American Barbados Industrial Development Corporation and John Mills, Business Development Officer of BICD discussed with seminar participants the value of selecting Barbados as a vital place to set up off shore operations.

What makes Barbados so attractive, aside from 85 degree temperatures year 'round?

Barbados has a parliamentary government and is recognized for its political stability and peaceful transfer of power, Ambassador Douglas noted. "The private sector is the most important engine for development," he added.

One might say, that Barbados is centrally located for this beautiful Caribbean island is three and a quarter hours by plane from Miami, four and a quarter hours from New York and eight hours from London.

The island was cited for its highly productive workforce, with a 98 percent literacy rate. Barbados has a well-developed infrastructure with reliable electricity, natural gas, and water distribution systems; modern air and seaport facilities, and outstanding international telecommunications.

In attendance to share firsthand information and experience on doing business in Barbados, was Ron Daley, Vice President, R. R. Donnelley.

Barbados welcomes joint ventures, subsidiaries, branches, contracting, licensing and entrepreneurial initiatives. Tremendous opportunities exist for companies involved in electronics, information processing, textiles and fashion, food, spices and condiments, chemicals,

plastics, handicrafts, pharmaceuticals, garden products, pesticides/herbicides and solid mahogany furniture.

A variety of incentives exist for interested companies wanting to conduct business in Barbados. These incentives include a ten (10) year Tax Holiday; special tax regime for the export industry; exemption from import duties; subsidized factory space; special fax rate of 2.5 percent for data entry companies and cash grants for worker training.

A stable parliamentary democracy, peaceful elections every five years and a serious commitment to private enterprise continue to make Barbados an attractive place to invest, expand and establish commercial operations.

Individuals interested in financial assistance in the area of international trade can contact the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) in Washington, D.C.; Barbados Development Bank or Independence Bank or write to: Barbados Industrial Development Corp., 800 Second Avenue, New York, New York 10017-4709. The latter organization can also provide interested persons with technical assistance and provide information on other forms of economic assistance.

Guiton resigns as White House aide

Bonnie Guiton has resigned as Special Adviser to the President for Consumer Affairs and Director of the U.S. Office of Consumer Affairs to become President and Chief Executive Officer of the Earth Conservation Corps, Washington, D.C.

The resignation was effective September 14.

"With dedication and hard work, you've helped the Office of Consumer Affairs to carry out its mission for the benefit of the American people," President Bush commented in a letter to Guiton accepting her resignation. "Your service in two Administrations-as Postal Rate Commissioner, Assistant Secretary of Education, and as Director of the Office of Consumer Affairs has been exemplary. You will be missed, but I'm

Gubernatorial debate

Republican candidate James Edgar and Democratic candidate Neil Haritgan debate, live from the WLS-TV studios in front of a studio audience. This is the first in a series of debates for the statewide office under the sponsorship of the League of Women Voters of Illinois Education Fund, in cooperation with WLS-TV, Channel 7's John Drury is moderator. Thursday, October 4, 10:30-11:30 pm. on Channel 7.

pleased that you will head the Earth Conservation Corps and devote your talents to helping

that organization achieve its

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Bush signs proclamation declaring National Historically Black Colleges Week

On September 12, 1990, President George Bush signed the National Historically Black Colleges Week Proclamation during a ceremony in the Oval Office.

The proclamation designates the week of September 9th through September 15th as National Historically Black Colleges Week. Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) have provided higher education for Black men and women nationwide for over one hundred years.

The proclamation reads: For more than 100 years, our Nation's historically Black colleges and universities have been committed to opportunity and academic excellence. At a time when many institutions of higher learning barred their doors to Black Americans, these colleges and universities offered minority men and women their best, and

often their only, opportunity to pursue a post-secondary education. Today, while the barriers that led to the creation of separate schools for minority students have been eliminated by law, America's historically Black colleges and universities continue a great tradition of educational choice and diversity.

Since the first of these institutions was established over a century ago, historically Black colleges and universities have played a significant role in the social, economic, and political development of the United States. Thousands of their students worked tirelessly and courageously during the early years of the civil rights movement, seeking an end to racial discrimination and segregation in the United States and calling upon their fellow Americans to uphold this Nation's promise as a

land of liberty and opportunity for all. Their graduates have advanced to distinguished and influential careers in business, government, education, science, engineering, and in virtually every other field of endeavor. Today historically Black colleges and universities offer Americans of all backgrounds rewarding opportunities to gain the knowledge and skills needed to participate more fully in our increasingly technological and competitive world.

In recognition of the exemplary goals and achievements of historically Black colleges and universities, the Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 285, has designated the week beginning September 9 and ending September 15, 1990, as "national Historically Black Colleges Week"

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Gathered around the President as he signs the proclamation are (from left to right): Ted Sanders, Under Secretary of Education; Leonard Haynes, Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education; James Cheek, President Emeritus of Howard University and Chairman of the President's Advisory

Board on HBCU; Dorothy Height, President of the National Council of Negro Women and member of the President's Advisory Board on HBCU, and Robert K. Goodwin, Executive Director of the White House Initiative on HBCU.



At a recent Oval Office meeting, President Bush wished Bonnie Guiton such success in her new position as President of the Earth Conservation Corps based in Washington, D.C. Guiton, one of the highest ranking Black women in the Bush Administration, recently resigned as Special Adviser to the President for Consumer Affairs. The Corps is a national, privately funded, nonprofit organization, modeled after the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930's, that will enlist teens and other young adults to replant the nation's damaged forests and rebuild city blocks.