

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

William Burrus

William Burrus was elected Executive Vice President of the American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO, the union's second highest elected office, in November 1980. He served as President of the Cleveland APWU Local from 1974 until his election to national office.

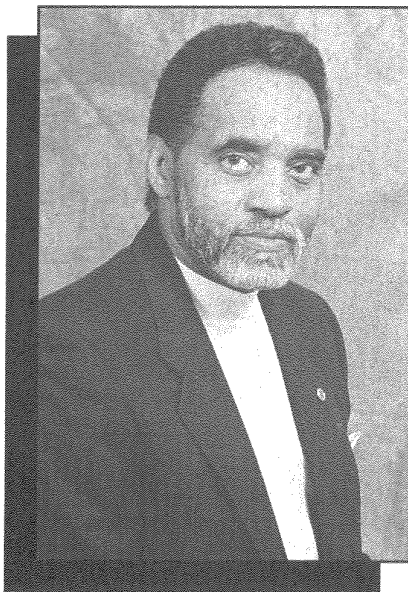
Employed by the U.S. Post Office in 1958 as a distribution clerk, Burrus has held numerous elected and appointed positions within the union. In 1968, he was elected Vice President of the Cleveland Local of the National Postal Union, a former independent postal union. In 1971, after serving on the merger committee that combined five unions to create the American Postal Workers Union, he was elected Director of Research and Education of the Ohio State APWU, and in 1972 received an appointment to the national Human Relations Committee. When elected president of the Cleveland, Ohio Local in 1974, Burrus became the second African American to serve in that position since the establishment of the local. In his capacity as president of the local he served as a delegate to the Cleveland Federation AFL-CIO.

In 1975, Burrus joined with the APWU presidents of New York, Pittsburgh and Detroit to establish the APWU Local Presidents Conference, and was elected its chairman in 1978. During his tenure as chairman he led the rejection by the membership of the 1978 tentative National Agreement, resulting in the renegotiation of the wage package. The negotiators had agreed to restrict the cost-of-living contractual provisions, and the renegotiations removed the previously agreed-to trigger and cap, resulting in additional income for postal employees in excess of \$40,000 over a 30-year career.

In 1980, Burrus was appointed to the Ohio Advisory Board of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, and in 1984 was elected to the National Board of the A. Philip Randolph Institute. Burrus served on the Board of Directors of the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame. He serves as a member of the Executive Board of the National Coalition of Black Voter Participation and represents the APWU as an elected representative to the Communications International organization. He serves on the Federal Advisory Council on Occupational Safety and Health.

Burrus is listed in *Who's Who in Black America* and has appeared in numerous publications, including *Business Week*, *Ebony*, *Jet* and *Black Enterprise*. William Burrus was born in Wheeling, West Virginia. After graduating with honors from Lincoln High School, he attended West Virginia State College. He served in the 101st Airborne Division and the 4th Armored Tank Division of the U. S. Army.

Burrus is married to wife Ethelda and has four daughters, Valerie, Doni, Kimberly and Kristy, a stepson, Antwon, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



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