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BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE — Signing for a \$94,980 federal grant to help the Trade Union Leadership Council (TULC) train more Negro apprentices are Robert (Buddy) Battle III, TULC president (left), and William C. Webb, regional director of the Labor Department's bureau of apprenticeship and training. Looking on is Jack Wood, secretary-manager of the Detroit Building Trades Council.

Grant Aids Negroes in Building Trades

A government-financed program to bring more Negro youths into the building trades has been launched with a \$94,980 federal grant to the predominantly Negro Trade Union Leadership Council (TULC).

The TULC and the Detroit Building Trades Council joined forces to prepare 200 Negro youths for apprenticeship programs — the first major ef-

fort to introduce such a program in the building trades.

The federal grant was approved in a formal contract-signing ceremony in the TULC office, 8670 Grand River.

Taking part were William C. Webb, regional director of the U.S. Labor Department's bureau of apprenticeship and training; and Robert (Buddy) Battle III, president of the TULC.

Jack Wood, secretary-manager of the Detroit Building Trades Council, and Neil B. McArthur, the Labor Department's deputy assistant manpower administrator, also were present.

Webb said the project is intended to bring more minority group members into apprenticeship programs and to prepare youths for apprenticeship tests.

The building trades council and TULC will develop job opportunities in apprentice occupations and recruit applicants for these jobs.

Qualified personnel will be recruited to assist in tutoring applicants.

Classes will be designed for between 25 to 75 youths, depending on apprenticeship opportunities available. Classes will run from four to 10 weeks prior to the apprenticeship test date.

One feature of the program will be mock interviews to prepare applicants for the actual screening sessions conducted by the various apprenticeship committees.