

# COLOR BARS FALL IN DURHAM JOBS



**FREEDOM'S STEP-CHILDREN**  
—Children of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Lee Mason, great the latest arrival to their family, delivered by midwife, in their

"Tent City" home in Fayette County, Tenn. Their parents are among those who sought the bail in Fayette and neighboring Haywood County.

NAACP personnel covering civil rights storm center report that the Mason family must share one crude bathroom with other "Tent City" families.

Fifty-six children live there NAACP is spearheading coordination of national relief operation.

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### Demonstration in Security Council

## Congo Spurs UN Uproar

NEW YORK—The United Nations debate on the Congo crisis was interrupted early Wednesday by a crowd of nearly 400 Negroes who battled U. S. guards and forced a recess of the Security Council.

The demonstration erupted as U. S. delegate Adlai Stevenson was making a speech declaring Russia's demand for the dismissal of Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld and termination of the U. N. effort in the Congo a "declaration of war on the U. N."

Without warning, Negroes seated in the gallery jumped up and began screaming. U. N. guards rushed down the aisles to remove the demonstrators who refused to go without a scuffle.

The melee continued in the corridor after several were ejected. Several Negro women remained in the gallery, continuing the shout-

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**OMEGA CHECK AWARDED GABRIELLES** — Attorney Herbert E. Tucker, left, chairman of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's National Social Action Committee, is shown here presenting \$250 check to the James Gabrielle family for their "contri-

butions to democracy." Award was presented at Freedom House, Boston, as part of program of the NAACP's February meeting. The Gabrielles refused to withdraw their daughters from an integrated New Orleans School. Segregationists caused Gabrielle

to be fired as water meter reader in New Orleans. Family has since established residence in Providence, R. I. Omega's award was voted at the December convocation held in San Antonio, Tex. Photo Courtesy Boston Graphic.

### Man of Year For 2nd Straight Time

For the second consecutive year the Durham Housewives League's "Man of the Year" award was won by Attorney F. B. McKissick. The award was presented Monday evening at 8:30 at a meeting of the League held at the home of Mrs. Gladys Dawkins, 1105 Fayetteville Street. Mrs. Callie Days, well known beautician of the city presented the award to Attorney McKissick.

Another feature of the Monday night's meeting was crowning of the Queen of Trade Week which was won by Miss Judy Burton by Miss Carolyn Holmes, runner-up in this year's contest.

The program was presided over by Mrs. Magnolia Leak, president of the League.

### Daye Elected To Political Unit of CONA

The Durham Committee on Negro Affairs re-elected John H. Wheeler as chairman for another year at its meeting Thursday night.

It also re-elected a majority of its officers to their positions for another year.

In the only major change in its organizational slate, the Committee elected Walter O. Daye, co-chairman of the Political subcommittee to replace Attorney C. O. Pearson.

Pearson had asked that he not be renominated.

Aside from Daye, there were no other changes in the make-up of CONA's five major subcommittee which handle the bulk of the Committee's work.

Economic: F. B. McKissick, chairman; N. B. White, co-chairman; Civic: L. B. Fraser, chairman; J. Fred Pratt, co-chairman; Education: D. Eric Moore, chairman; Rev. J. A. Brown, co-chairman; Legal Redress: M. Hugh Thompson, chairman; W. A. Marsh Jr., co-chairman Political: Ellis D. Jones, chairman; Days, co-chairman.

Executive officers, in addition to Wheeler, who were re-elected are Guy Marxick, co-chairman; Mrs. Habel Weeks, co-chairman; Dr. D. B. Cooke, treasurer; Dr. C. Elwood Boulware, executive secretary; and Mrs. Josephine Strayhorn, secretary.

Wheeler, president of Mechanics and Farmers Bank, was first elected chairman of the Committee in 1957. He replaced J. S. Stewart. See PAGE 6-A

## Prosecutor Not Sure What Charge Will Be

KINSTON — Plans for the prosecution of Winston Phillip in connection with the Christmas holidays death of a Kinston school teacher appeared indefinite this week.

Phillip, who has been indicted on a charge of first degree murder, was granted bond on a writ of habeas corpus last week.

A Superior Court Judge, who granted the bail, ruled that there was insufficient evidence to hold the Durham business man on the charge.

In the wake of this event, District solicitor Walter Britt, the man who will prosecute the case, said from his home in Clinton Wednesday that he was uncertain as to what charge the prosecution will seek now in the case.

"I don't know what the plans are for prosecuting the case," Britt told the TIMES.

He did say that Phillip will be tried.

Trial is scheduled for the March 20 term of the Lenior County criminal court.

Legal minds speculated that the prosecution might think of dropping the charge of first degree murder since Phillip has been

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### GOODLOE AND CLEMENT

## Mutual Executives in California To Plan West Coast Opening

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Two North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance company executives arrived here last week to lay the groundwork for the opening of a branch of the firm here.

Senior Vice president and Secretary J. W. Goodloe and Agency Director William A. Clement told newsmen they had come to confer with West Coast business leaders and Los Angeles officials to select a site for the company's new branch office here.

They will also set up procedures for recruiting personnel for the new office.

Announcement of the company's plans to open a west coast office were made during the annual policy holders meeting at the home office in Durham, N. C. in Jan.

Company president A. T. Spaulding said California offered a fertile area for the firm's future

growth.

Spaulding said:

"California's population has increased by over 100 per cent in contrast to the national growth rate of 29 percent with almost 1,000 new residents.

"The Negro population in Los Angeles has increased in the period 1940-1955 147 percent. Keeping pace with the population is a must for an expanding economy.

"North Carolina Mutual feels it is in a position to accept the challenge presented by this growing state in expanding its operations there."

Although Goodloe and Clement would not elaborate on plans for staffing the new office, it is reported that a nucleus of veteran personnel will be imported from the home office in Durham and over district offices throughout the

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### CONA Backs Students in Movie Protest

The Durham Committee on Negro Affairs voted unanimously last Thursday to endorse the student-led demonstrations against segregation in seating at two Durham movie theatres.

It also voted to ask the Mayor's Committee on Human Relations to start immediate negotiations to settle the issue.

The actions came after student leader John Edwards explained the meaning of the protest to the Committee.

The Committee also made a financial contribution to the student movement.

Formal endorsement of the students' movement came after Edwards had told the Committee that the protest is a small but legitimate part of the overall goal of establishing the right of freedom of movement of Negroes in this country.

Dr. C. E. Boulware, CONA's executive secretary, was authorized

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### Break Through Seen

## Durham Store Hires 2 Clerks

A campaign to secure widened employment opportunities for Negroes in the Durham area met with its first substantial success recently, a spokesman for an organization supporting the movement said this week.

It was disclosed last week that one of the largest downtown department stores promoted four of its Negro employees to jobs which in the past had been restricted to white workers.

In addition, two other downtown stores have indicated a willingness to follow suit, it was revealed also this week.

Two were promoted to sales clerk and two others were upgraded in other departments at the large department store. Previously, the store had used Negroes as janitors, maids or elevator operators.

The store's management said "no comment" when asked to elaborate on the promotions.

The store remained unidentified at the request of Durham Committee on Negro Affairs officials, who are quietly working on a movement to get other stores to break their color barriers in jobs.

Attorney F. B. McKissick and N. B. White, head of the Economics subcommittee said after an interview with the store manager they were pleased with the store's action but urged a cautious attitude toward the move.

Although they admitted the

store's action constituted a major break through in the employment situation, they added it was too early to determine if the action in upgrading four Negro employees would become official store policy. The store was ready to adopt a policy of non-discrimination in hiring.

They also said two other stores contacted recently in the campaign to eliminate job discrimination gave favorable responses this week.

The CONA Economics Committee has quietly been working for the past three years in an effort to break the traditional color bar in employment in Durham.

CONA officials were quick to admit this week that success in the project seemed far off until the recent wave of "selective buying" campaigns were launched in various cities in the South.

"Selective buying" is a term used by organizations fighting racial discrimination on many fronts to describe the organized action of Negroes in refusing to purchase from stores which discriminate in service and hiring policies.

Speculation made the round that the store which made the break through in Durham feared it might become the target of a picket or "selective buying" campaign.

CONA officials also pointed to

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**MUTUAL OFFICIALS ON WEST COAST** — North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance com-

pany executives J. W. Goodloe and W. A. Clement are pictured here in Los Angeles with

Mrs. Julia Holder as they two prepared to lay the groundwork

for the opening of a branch of the firm in California.