

# INTERRACIAL VICE RING SMASHED

## IN RACE STRUGGLE

# Durham Discovers 'New Unity'

## Nearly 1,500 Take Part in Bias Protest

The NAACP and CORE announced this week that it is seeking to open negotiations with the management of Howard Johnson's restaurant in Durham.

A spokesman for the two organizations released this week the contents of a letter sent to the restaurant manager asking for a conference to discuss the issue.

The letter pointed out that the demonstrations of the past weeks... vividly display the gross discontent of Durham citizens over the segregated policy of the restaurant.

The letter suggested a conference between NAACP and CORE representatives and the restaurant management, stating that the two organizations are ready and willing to cooperate... in order to end segregation at Howard Johnson.

The offer for negotiation followed a massive demonstration Sunday in front of the restaurant on the Chapel Hill boulevard in which more than 1,500 persons gathered in front of the eating facility.

The demonstration was described by some veteran Durham observers as "one of the greatest displays of racial unity" shown in the city.

The demonstration began at a "freedom rally" held at St. Joseph's A. M. E. Church at 10:30 a. m. which drew a large crowd of the city's leading figures in the struggle against segregation were featured speakers.

They were Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the NAACP, James Farmer, national director of CORE, and the Rev. B. Elton Cox, of High Point, N. C. field secretary for CORE.

A crowd estimated at 1,000 crowded the church for the rally. Near the end of the meeting, Rev. Cox suggested that the rally be continued in the form of a demonstration at Howard Johnson restaurant.

More than 200 private automobiles and four buses transported the estimated 1,500 people to the restaurant where further brief remarks were made by Wilkins, Farmer and Rev. Cox.

The crowd represented a cross section of nearly every segment of Durham's Negro community. Included in the group were North Carolina Mutual executives L. B. Frasier, W. L. Clement and Maceo Sloan, city Councilman John S. Stewart and attorneys, clerks, taxi drivers, factory workers, teachers, housewives and students.

A team of sheriff's deputies were on hand for the demonstration, and ordered the first members of the group to arrive to leave. They did not attempt to make any arrests.

The demonstration was orderly and lasted only about 20 minutes.

CORE director Farmer said in a news conference on Monday See UNITY, 2-A

## Another Rally Planned Sunday

Another freedom rally has been planned for Sunday afternoon by the NAACP and CORE, according to a spokesman for the two groups this week.

The rally, to be arranged similar to the one of last Sunday, in which more than 1,000 persons crowded St. Joseph's A. M. E. Church and later went to Howard Johnson's restaurant, is scheduled for St. Mark at four o'clock.

Dr. W. G. Anderson, leader of the Albany, Ga. movement is scheduled to be the featured speaker.

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**RALLY AT HOWARD JOHNSON RESTAURANT** — James Farmer, CORE field secretary, addresses a crowd of more than 1,500 who turned out at Howard Johnson restaurant near Durham Sunday for a mass demonstration. Listening are, left to right, Roy Wilkins, NAACP Secretary, Aaron Smith and Alvin F. B. McKelrick. Veteran observers said the demonstration was the "greatest" shown in Durham.



**MARCHERS APPROACH** — Shown here is the vanguard of more than 1,000 persons who demonstrated in front of Howard Johnson's restaurant in Durham Sunday afternoon. The demonstration, which drew more than 200 private automobiles and four buses, attracted participants from every segment of Durham's Negro communities, including business executives, factory workers, housewives, clerks, students, lawyers, teachers and ministers.

## In Vote Denial Mississippians Seek to Unseat Congressman

CLARKSDALE, Miss. — Negroes denied the right to vote in the Second Congressional District are trying a new way to win representation in the Congress of the United States. They are signing petitions stating that if they had been permitted to vote in the June primary election they would have cast ballots for the Rev. Merrill W. Lindsey.

Lindsey, a Negro, got 1,478 votes in the Democratic Congressional primary while two white opponents obtained a total of 66,443. Jamie Whitten won with 42,876 votes.

Integration leaders seek over 65,000 names on their petition, which will be more than the difference between Lindsey's vote and that of his two opponents.

The petitions will then be presented to the Speaker of the U. S. House with a request that Whitten's election be declared null and void and Lindsey be seated as the winner. See UNSEAT, 2-A

## State's Ushers to Gather Next Week in Chapel Hill Convention

The Thirty-Eighth Annual Session of the Interdenominational Ushers Association of North Carolina will be held August 23-26 at the St. Joseph C. M. E. Church in Chapel Hill.

The convention will open on Thursday morning twelve noon with Clifton Stone of Orange County District leading the devotions. Registration of delegates will begin at 12:20 p. m. State President, L. E. Austin, will preside.

C. R. Craig, State Chairman, will conduct the Supervisor's Meeting at 3 p. m. The meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at 4 p. m. with A. D. Clark, Chairman, presiding. Rev. W. R. Foushee, Host Pastor, will join in welcoming the group during the Thursday evening session. Other representatives from the Chapel Hill area to welcome the delegates are Hubert Robinson, Mrs. Susie Weaver, Henry Atwater, Rev. J. C. Burnett, Rev. J. R. Manley and Mrs. Roxie Small. L. E. Austin, State President, will give the response.

Vice President, J. D. Rooks will preside at the Friday morning session. Report on the budget and Usher's Home will be submitted.

Mrs. Viola Brodie will discuss "Aims of Arts and Crafts" at the Friday afternoon session. Mrs. G. F. Wilds, president, will be in charge. Exhibits and a review of fashions in dress, crafts, and music will be presented.

Smith graduated from Aberdeen High school as the 11th ranking member of his class. Son of Lt. Colonel and Mrs. Merle Smith, of Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., Smith won varsity letters in football and track in high school. See USHERS, 2-A

## King, 3 Others Are Given Suspended Terms In Albany

ALBANY, Ga. — Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and three other leaders in the Albany segregation struggle were given suspended sentences this week on charges growing out of protest demonstrations.

They were given 60 day sentences, but the sentences were suspended.

In the meantime, King and Dr. W. G. Anderson, president of the Albany Movement, revealed that they had sent a telegram to Mayor Asa Kelley, Jr., seeking to open negotiations between city officials and the leaders of the movement.

## Delegates

Miss Thomasine Ruffin and Mrs. Viola Nichols were scheduled to leave this week for Indianapolis, Ind. for the annual convention of the Tau Gamma Delta sorority.

The convention was to open on August 14 and close on August 18. Miss Ruffin and Mrs. Nichols are representing the (Durham) Lambda chapter of the sorority.



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## TWO DEAD IN VIOLENCE

# Hatchet, Shotgun Used In Killings

A fight between two Durham men at a "bawdy house" resulted in the shotgun death of one and the arrest of the other on charges of murder. O'Neal Reams, of 402 Macon St., was being held without bond in the Durham jail this week on charges growing out of the shotgun slaying early Sunday of Douglas Pratt, 29, of 802 Elizabeth St.

According to police, the shooting occurred early Sunday outside the residence of Miss Doshia McNeill, 53 year old woman of 1401 Faye St. Pratt was struck in the chest and died.

The second violent killing in two days in the "Albright" section of Durham took place late Monday when a 39 year old man was chopped to death with a hatchet. Cleveland King, 39, of 225 South Miami Boulevard, was pronounced dead on arrival at Lincoln hospital shortly before midnight Monday. Hospital authorities reported that he died from four severe wounds on the head. Sheriff's deputies said the wounds were made by a hatchet. Lafayette Turrentine 32, of 225 and one half Miami St. See HATCHET, 5-A

## Durham Bus-Train Accident Victims are "Out of Danger"

A 50 year old man, the most seriously of five persons hurt when a Southern Railway freight train smashed the rear end of a Duke Power Company bus, was shipped out of critical condition at Duke hospital Wednesday morning. Hospital authorities said Alfred Finch, 50, who sustained a fractured skull in the wreck had been removed from the critical list and his condition was reported as "fair".

Finch was one of five passengers on the Duke Power Co. operated city bus when a fast moving, 188 car freight struck in the rear, on Friday morning. The bus had been stalled on the tracks by traffic in front of it waiting to enter Pettigrew street.

The four passengers, all of whom were injured, were Viola Upchurch, of 106 Umstead St.; Walter Lawrence, 21, of 515 and a half Burlington avenue; Austin Washington, 20 of 312 Dunstan St.; and Melvin Nelson, of 108 Duncan St.

Mrs. Upchurch was listed in "good" condition at Duke hospital Wednesday where she was taken following the accident with a hip injury. The others were treated at Duke hospital and released. According to witnesses the bus was forced stop with its rear end on the last tracks by two See VICTIMS, 5-A

## Shriners Back JFK's Plan For Medical Care

MINNEAPOLIS — Two of the nation's largest Negro fraternal organizations have endorsed President Kennedy's program for Medical Care to the Aged Under Social Security. At their annual conventions held last week here, delegates to the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles and Daughters of the Mystic Shrine and the Order of Eastern Stars unanimously approved resolutions calling upon Congress to speedily enact legislation health benefits to be administered through the Social Security System.

Both resolutions noted that retired Negro workers will stand to gain the most benefits with assurance of adequate medical care and freedom from the fear of insecurity of old age.

Imperial Potentate Booker T. Alexander of Detroit and Grand Worthy Master, Mrs. Lavonia Brown of Chicago voiced the sentiments of the bodies when they praised the Kennedy sponsored legislation as a "giant step forward in the human-

See MEDICARE, 2-A

## Call Girls In Chapel Hill Get Jail Terms

CHAPEL HILL — An interracial vice ring which featured Negro "call girls" for University of North Carolina male students was broken here this week with conviction of three Negroes.

Convicted in Recorder's Court here on charges of prostitution and for procuring and aiding and abetting in prostitution were Miss Lucille Rice, 30, and her sister, Miss Ella Mae Rice, 31; and Robert Quick, 25.

A fourth defendant in the case, Walter Dukes, 27 pleaded guilty to charges of procuring and aiding and abetting in prostitution and was given a 12 months suspended sentence.

The Rice sisters were sentenced to four months each and Quick received six months. Attorney M. C. Burt, Jr., of Hillsboro a counsel for the defendants, served notice of appeals in the convictions of Rice sisters and Quick.

The four were arrested after an undercover investigation conducted by special Chapel Hill police and agents of the State Bureau of Investigation. Sheriff's deputies said the wounds were made by a hatchet.

SEI agents testified during the trial this week that they made contact with Dukes through a telephone number he had left available in several places around town.

The agents arranged for Dukes and Quick to bring the women to a house on the night of July 21. They testified that they discussed with the women and Dukes and Quick prices and how long the women could stay.

Defense testimony attempted to show that the women thought they were going to a party and did not know what kind it was.

Informed sources said this week that the girls were being procured for University of North Carolina male students. The source also reported that a number of parties involving the girls had taken place at a fraternity house on the UNC See VICE, 2-A

## Five Arrested In Two Deaths By Poisoning

LOUISBURG — Three men and two women were arrested in two counties here last week in connection with the poisoning deaths of two men. The victims were husbands of the women.

Jailed in separate arrests by state police in Warren and Franklin counties last week are Mrs. P. Perry, 35, of Warrenton; John Henry Harris, 26, of Warrenton; Mrs. Maggie Alston, 54, of Rt. 2 Franklinton; Lenwood Alston, 33, of Rt. 2 Franklinton; and William Alston, Jr., 34 of Zebulon.

All five have been charged in connection with the July poison death of Vance Perry. In addition, the Alston woman is charged with the 1961 murder of her husband, Kinchen Williams.

Police first became suspicious when an autopsy performed on Perry's body after his death in N. C. Memorial hospital on July 18 revealed a large quantity of arsenic in his stomach.

Mrs. Perry and Harris, her boyfriend, were charged with doing away with Harris, and Mrs. Alston was charged with helping. Police said Mrs. Perry and Harris hired her to assist in the poisoning.

William Austin, of Zebulon, and Lenwood Alston, of Franklinton, are charged as accomplices in the Oct. 3, 1961 death of Kinchen Williams, late husband of Mrs. Maggie Alston.

In the Perry case, police said the Alston woman was offered \$140 to obtain poison to kill Perry. She said she secured a type used in exterminating rodents from a rural store in Franklin county and reportedly told Harris and Mrs. Perry to See POISONING, 5-A

## Brown Due Back Sunday From Holy Land Trip

Rev. James A. Brown, pastor of Durham's Ebenezer Baptist Church, reported in his first communique since leaving Durham for the Holy Land two weeks ago that he had stood at the spot where the apostles Peter and Paul were buried.

Rev. Brown is due to arrive at Raleigh-Durham airport Sunday at 2:30 p. m. The Durham minister is in the near east on a three week tour of southern Europe and the Holy Land. The trip was his prize for placing first in the Carolina Times Minister Popularity Contest.

The partial text of his letter is as follows: "I am in Athens, Greece. I left Rome yesterday by BEA (British European Airways) jet plane. The people in Rome were See BROWN, 3-A