

NATION BEMOANS DEATH OF NAT COLE

Former Member Black Muslims Says Organization Is A Fraud

Ex-Sec'y Blasts Islam Group As Terrorists

NEW YORK — A former Black Muslim official denounced the organization this week as a fraud, and described it as "another little money-grabbing scheme" feeding on Negro frustrations and ignorance.

Aubrey Barnette, who served as secretary of the Fruit of Islam of Boston's Mosque No. 11, said in a Saturday Evening Post article that his career was one disillusionment after another.

"Now, after more than three years as a Muslim, I see the basic contradiction between the Muslims' dogma and all that fine, fond talk about uplifting the Negro."

"The Muslims," he charged, "display a vested interest in failure, in discrimination, in segregation. The Muslims, no less than the Ku Klux Klan, want to keep the Negro in his place."

Barnette, a 1958 graduate of Boston University, insisted that Negroes have been misled by claims that the Muslims have active programs for education, brotherhood, harmony and moral rehabilitation. "All myths," he observed. The organization "is a moneymaking proposition which bleeds its followers dry. When its peculiar quackery fails to bring in money in the name of charity, it resorts to terror, violence and extortion."

The victim of a severe revenge beating after quitting the Muslims last summer, Barnette said "I found every program to be a myth, every claim to be an illusion."

Contrary to reports of vast membership in cities throughout the country, Barnette estimated that the national strength of Muslims totals less than 7,000 men, women and children. And, he emphasized, the population "is not growing. It is collapsing." The public, Barnette stated, has "exaggerated notions" of Muslim strength and power.

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SICK FLORIDA NEGRO BEGS TO BE EXECUTED



THE LADS AND LASSIES of the Winston-Salem Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. (l to r, front to back) Roland H. Hays, Jr., Lois P. Hauser, Rhea J. Gordon, Kathy R. Graves, Aurelia W. Erwin, Gail Brandon, Lisa O. Gaines, Donna E. Oldham, Cheryl R. Jones, Halimena M. Creque, Laretta R. Williams, Carmen Russell and Denise Wade. This photograph was made at the February meeting when the group heard Fay E. Hauser tell of her trip to Bucaramanga, Colombia.

TAVARES, Florida—NAACP Legal Defense Fund Attorneys are still pressing to save young Jerry Chatman from the electric chair in spite of his desire to give up to death.

The 24-year old Negro, along with Robert Shuler, were convicted of raping Charlotte Wass, a white woman. She is now confined to a mental institution, having a history of mental illness.

More than four years ago, Circuit Court Judge D. R. Smith pronounced sentence on Jerry Chatman and Robert Shuler, using the usual line, "may God have mercy on your soul."

After his defense attorneys had exhausted the normal appeal procedures and the death penalty stood, Jerry Chatman decided to seek his own brand of mercy.

In a letter to Legal Defense Fund Attorney Tobias Simon, he said: "I ask you, Sir, as my attorney, to make the arrangements with the governor so that I may be executed as soon as possible."

In the same communication, young Chatman claimed that he is extremely ill and cannot receive adequate medical treatment at the Florida State Prison.

"I haven't become all of a sudden unafraid of death," he continued, "it is just from my illness I suffer every day and from death I can only suffer once so I will take death in place of this madhouse."

Chatman has been kept in "death row" during his four years of appeals.

Legal Defense Fund Attorneys said, "We can well understand the desperation which may have prompted such a letter. However, we find it impossible to voluntarily comply with the request of the defendant, Jerry Chatman."

The attorneys sought and were granted permission, by the Federal District Court, to continue their efforts to obtain a Writ of Habeas Corpus and a new trial.

In the meantime, they are attempting to secure an order setting aside the death penalty and imposing upon Shuler and Chatman a maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

NEGRO ARCHITECTS 3 Bros. to Design U. S. Embassy in Dakar, Senegal

WASHINGTON — William J. Crockett, Deputy Under Secretary of State for Administration, has announced the selection of the Cleveland architectural firm of Madison, Madison, and Madison for the design of the new American chancery (embassy office building) in Dakar, Senegal. The firm will also design a residence for the Deputy Chief of Mission and a staff apartment building in Dakar.

The first Negro architectural firm to be given such an assignment, Madison, Madison, and Madison is a partnership of three brothers, two of whom are architects and the third a civil engineer. Robert P. Madison, A. I. A., and Julian C. Madison are currently in Dakar for discussions with the American Embassy concerning the designs. Construction is scheduled for 1966-67.

Robert P. Madison, senior member of the firm, holds both Bachelor's and Master's degrees in architecture.



BISHOP BABER BISHOP BUNTON BISHOP JONES

BISHOPS OF Three Methodist Groups Use Joint Office In Washington

Former NCC Professor to Receive Ph.D. From Colorado U. in June

BOULDER, Colo. — The Economics Department of the University of Colorado announced this week that Earl W. Phillips has completed all of the requirements for the Ph.D. in Economics and would be awarded this degree at the June Commencement.

Phillips is a former Assistant Professor of Economics and Business Administration at North Carolina College. He taught at the College in Durham for 13 years before joining the faculty at the University of Colorado. He has taught in the University's Denver Center since 1960.

Phillips has the following academic degrees: B.A. from Samuel Huston College, Austin, Texas; M.B.A. from Boston University, Boston, Mass.; LL.B. from North Carolina College Law School, Durham; M.A. in Economics from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and now the Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado.



PHILLIPS

He has earned Certificates of Proficiency in specialized areas in the field of Economics from Case Institute of Technology, Cleveland, Ohio and the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado. See PROFESSOR, 4A

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The ecumenical nature of Washington's Methodist Building was expanded this month as three bishops serving as many Negro Methodist denominations occupied a suite of offices.

They are Bishop George W. Baber, African Methodist Episcopal Church; Bishop Henry C. Bunton, Christian Methodist Episcopal, and Bishop Raymond L. Jones, African Methodist Episcopal Zion.

The trio said the opening of joint offices demonstrates not only their interest in greater cooperation among their own groups but also their "willingness to enter into a large church union."

For all but the CME, this is the first time these denominations have had Bishops headquartered in Washington. The three groups comprise approximately 2,500,000 members in the United States.

The process of working together has grown especially during the past year, when the bishops began conferring. At their respective general conferences during 1964, each named a commission on church union to begin developing a plan of union among them. They also are represented by ob-

See BISHOPS 4A

Noted Singer Succumbs In Battle With Cancer

HOLLYWOOD—Nat (King) Cole, the velvet-voiced singer who was born the son of an impoverished Alabama minister and reached the pinnacle of fame and fortune as an entertainer, died Monday, after a bout with cancer.

The genial, 45-year-old singer had entered St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica last Dec. 8 where his left lung was removed three weeks before he died. Doctors had administered X-ray and cobalt treatments in efforts to shrink the tumor prior to Cole's operation.

Maria, his wife, a oetime band vocalist, and the former Maria Ellington, had kept a constant vigil at his bedside and was with him when he died at 5:30 a.m. PST. Leaving her husband only to spend time "with their five children," she said, of her hospital visits, "This is the time every woman must be strong," and adding the children were depending on her "for strength."

Born Nathaniel Adams Coles, the singer in later years dropped the "C" from his last name and



NAT "KING" COLE

served as pianist with the "Nat Cole Trio." He was given the nickname "King" by enthusiastic fans who said he was, indeed, the "King"—without equal—among popular vocalists.

Known for perfect diction and adept phrasing, Cole began his trek to stardom while leading his trio in 1937 when a tipsy night club patron insisted Cole sing "Sweet Lorraine," his favorite song. Though insisting that he didn't sing, the pianist obliged, and subsequently concentrated on singing. Some 50 million copies of his records have been sold, ranging from his first hit, "Straighten Up and Fly Right," a nonsense ditty, to such tunes as "Nature Boy," "Mona Lisa," "Too Young," "For Sentimental Reasons," "Paper Moon," and "Rambling Rose."

He was often sought by songwriters who knew if Cole recorded their number, they could almost be assured it would become a hit. His smooth delivery, coupled with a high degree of sincerity, could make the most banal lyrics sound like words of wisdom. Urbane, and sophisticated, he was as poised in real life as he was on television, radio, the stage, screen or making a record.

See COLE, 4A

NCC Legislative Committee In Budget Meeting

The Legislative Committee of the North Carolina College Board of Trustees, under the chairmanship of Clyde Shreve, Greensboro attorney, met on the campus Tuesday and discussed the 1965-67 biennial budget request to be further presented by President Samuel P. Massie before the Joint Appropriations Committee of the 1965 General Assembly Tuesday, February 23.

President Massie stated later that while he was pleased that the Advisory Budget Commission had recommended approval of the entire "A" budget requested by the college, he was disappointed as were other state college presidents, in the recommendations. See TRUSTEES 4A

May Boycott Ins. Firms Over Mortgage Bias

NEW YORK CITY — Thousands of collectors, representing some of the nation's giant insurance companies may knock on doors of Negro policy-holders this fall attempting to collect millions of dollars in premiums which will be withheld from them.

This is the prediction made by Dempsey J. Travis, organizer-president of The United Mortgage Bankers of America (UMBA) which held a three-day clinic here.

Main focus of the clinic is the attempt to persuade banks and insurance companies to join in a major onslaught on housing segregation by dropping barriers in

See INSURANCE 4A

Continental Oil Official to Be Luncheon Guest at NCM Feb. 26

L. F. McCollum, chairman of the board and chief executive officer, Continental Oil Company, will be a luncheon guest of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company on February 26.

This announcement was made by A. T. Spaulding, president of North Carolina Mutual. Prior to his Durham visit, McCollum will deliver an address at Shaw University.

A native of Texas, where he graduated from the University of Texas in 1925 with a degree in geology, McCollum has been in the oil business all his life. His first position was with Humble Oil and Refining Company, an affiliate of Standard Oil Company (New Jersey), as a scout and geologist, and was stationed in Wichita Falls, Amarillo and San Antonio, Texas.

In 1947 McCollum was elected president of Carter Oil Company for four years. McCollum is a director of several oil and financial corporations. He holds honorary degrees from the Colorado School of Mines and Texas Technological College and is a member of the board of trustees of the California Institute of Technology and the advisory boards of both the University of Texas' Geology Foundation and department of petroleum engineering.

He is a trustee of the Committee for Economic Development, member of the National Petroleum Institute, the world's largest oil and trade association; and is vice president of the American Petroleum Institute. See McCOLLUM 4A



McCOLLUM

Again, Thanks!

Due to the fact that I have received so many birthday greeting cards and gifts from friends in Durham and other cities all over the nation since I published a card of thanks in the January 30 issue of the Carolina Times, I feel it necessary and proper to again say THANKS to all of you dear friends who were so kind as to remember me in such a tangible way. Un until Tuesday of this week birthday greeting cards and gifts were still continuing to come in. SO AGAIN THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!

\$100,000 Improvement Planned For Hammocks Beach by Teachers

A program allocating \$100,000 for new development or expansion plans approved by the Hammocks Beach Corporation includes plans for a motel, a salt water pool and a nine-hole golf course.

To answer recent criticism against the expansion as proposed and fund raising plans, an amendment to the Hammocks Beach Charter has been arranged and officially recorded. The amendment dissolves the former Hammocks Board of Directors and makes the North Carolina Teachers Association, through its Board of Directors, responsible for the development and operation of the corporation.

Along with the motel, which will cost some \$44,000, and the golf course, to require a \$25,000 investment, the following amounts of money have been earmarked for various projects:

- \$5,000 for a survey of the property and a master plan of development (completed).
 - \$10,000 for an all-weather tennis courts.
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 - \$1,500 for playground equipment.
 - \$2,000 for a trailer court.
 - \$7,000 for a full-time employee to promote and manage the project.
 - \$4,000 for a full-time maintenance man.
- With the reactivation of plans to renovate the project, teachers throughout the state are being asked to pay a specified assessment to aid in financing the program, through the district of the North Carolina Teachers with which they are affiliated.