

## Mayor Lee's Conference

It is truly our hope that the conference and workshop called by Mayor Howard Lee of Chapel Hill and held in Raleigh April 9-10 to host a cross-section of blacks, conservatives, liberals, college presidents, educators and religious leaders from across the U. S., will only be the opening of many similar ones to be called by black leaders of the nation in the next few weeks ahead.

Mayor Lee stated that the conference will be concerned mainly with four major purposes, which will include principally: what to expect of the General Election of 1972 and how it will affect, not only this and other southern states, but black people throughout the U. S. A. and pointed principally at the proposals, the confusions and how to develop strategies and solutions, for today's conflicts, both racial and otherwise.

It is important to point out to white leaders throughout the nation that for leaders they are being handed the very choicest of blacks in all walks of life. Let it be understood here and now that neither black voters, nor their followers, ever intend

to consider for any important post in this country a black leader who will approve of a violent program or campaign for his people in this country that includes the shedding of blood or the taking of human life. Blacks are satisfied that the Man of Galilee spoke the truth when He declared over 2,000 years ago that "he who fights with the sword will perish with the sword." Further, we are satisfied that when He left the simple message of "Love one another" with his disciples in the upper room it had more power behind it than its human foundation or its human significance.

So we again call upon blacks, from all over the nation and the world to rally in the fight ahead and release the power in the sword of love rather than the sword of hate. It may be that Mayor Lee will also point out to our beloved white brethren that the leadership of mankind has nothing to do with the color of one's skin or the origin of his race. Who knows but that the blacks in America have not been brought to this nation for such a history-making hour as now faces the world?

## Well Deserved Right

Once again, police-state-type dictation over private citizens by the federal government has been proposed in congress - in the form of oppressive federal registration and licensing of all guns. For most gun owners, passage of the law would mean disposal of their guns within 180 days - unless they wished to submit to stringent registration and licensing procedures. One provision of the latest anti-gun proposal magnanimously offers the payment of "reasonable value" for firearms voluntarily relinquished to the Treasury Department.

A great many members of the national legislative body now realize that a federal law aimed at depriving all citizens of the basic right of gun ownership is as unworkable as that ancient atrocity, prohibition. Senator Theodore F. Stevens, for instance, of Alaska has urged a reexamination of the federal mandatory prison terms for persons who use firearms also introduced a bill calling for mandatory

prison terms for persons who use firearms during the commission of a federal crime. He declares, "My bill... would punish those who misuse firearms while preserving the constitutional right of law-abiding citizens to purchase and own guns and ammunition... More restrictive legislation would do nothing more than create a more lucrative black market in the sale of guns and ammunition..." and "leave peaceful citizens at the mercy of gun-brandishing hooligans..."

Law-abiding gun owners have been the moving force behind the century-old work of the National Rifle Association to promote firearms safety, sportsmanship, conversation and marksmanship training. In short, gun owners have demonstrated an outstanding record of responsible citizenship that should put them beyond the reach of antigun fanatics in the exercise of a right that goes back to the founding of the nation.

## In A Good Cause

The Post Office Department deserves applause for its latest stamp design, a red and blue one saying "giving blood saves lives." If only a tiny percent of all the people who will lick or see these 130 million commemorative stamps honoring the nation's blood banks are moved to become regular blood donors, an adequate supply of blood should be assured.

Dr. John B. Henry, president of the American Association of Blood Banks, has pointed out that both the lifesaving idea of the blood bank and the practical thought of having a stamp carry a message, as well as the mail, originated in the United States. The first blood bank was started in Chicago

in 1937, and commemorative postage stamps date from the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition in 1876. Until then a stamp collector had little choice. Unless he liked the looks of Queen Victoria, there were no British stamps for him. We offered Benjamin Franklin, George Washington and little else. But when special stamps made successes of world's fairs, even in depression years, there number increased. They were issued in behalf of many other causes, now happily for blood donation.

If you are in good health and between the ages of 18 and 66, you will be welcome at your local blood bank or collection center. Remember, your donation could save a life.



## THE FISK JUBILEE SINGERS

SEVEN OF THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WERE BORN IN SLAVERY—THE FISK SCHOOL, FOUNDED 1866, IN NASHVILLE, TENN, ORGANIZED THE CHORUS IN 1871... THEY TOURED

THE COUNTRY, A SENSATION, AND IN 1873 THEY MADE THEIR FIRST EUROPEAN TOUR—PERFORMING FOR ROYALTY AS WELL. THEY RETURNED WITH MORE THAN \$150,000.00 TO ASSIST THEIR STRUGGLING SCHOOL.

CONTINENTAL FEATURES —

## Back Law Enforcement..... Don't Let Black Communities Become Jungles

"WE HAVE A RIGHT TO SAFETY IN THE STREETS, HALLWAYS, APARTMENTS AND BUSINESS PLACES OF OUR COMMUNITIES." "WE ARE MORE CONCERNED WITH THE RIGHT OF DECENT PEOPLE TO GO TO SUPER MARKETS THAN THE SUPPOSED RIGHTS OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF CRIMES... IT IS THE SAFETY OF THE NON-CRIMINALS THAT MUST BE PARAMOUNT."

SAID VINCENT BAKER OF THE NAACP CRIME COMMITTEE N.Y.C.



## --Robinson

(Continued from front page) She was a member of the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church and was an employee of the Wee Shop for 15 years.

Mrs. Robinson is survived by her husband, Henry Robinson, Jr.; one daughter, Miss Rosita Robinson of East Orange, N.J.; five sons, Larry, Frederick and Kenneth Robinson, all of Durham; Randolph Robinson of New York City and Robert Verbal of Aberdeen; three sisters, Mrs. Mary F. Hardway of Newark, N.J., Mrs. Lora J. Mobley of E. Orange, N.J. and Mrs. Catherine Dunaway of Maryland; three brothers, Jacob Steele, Jr.; Allen Pratt of Newark, N.J., and Charles Coles of Southern Pines; and three grandchildren.

## --Goodloe

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Mr. Goodloe said the first step in his proposed program would be to form a "Task Force" under the banner of "Operation United Service" among the members of the Newark Chapter of Frontiers International. "Initially the Task Force would make personal contacts with other Newark service clubs. Those responding favorable would proceed with the development of mutually acceptable programs, joint meetings, joint projects, etc., with the other service clubs."

## --Project

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vantaged persons. The ultimate purposes of the project are to encourage and stimulate the growth and expansion of businesses located within minority communities, to increase business entry on a sound basis with increased probabilities of success, to develop the most viable of such businesses into sources of owners into responsible community leaders who can plan the economic growth and development of their communities. The current projects envisage the establishment of a local development corporation (LDC) which will (1) make possible a more comprehensive and effective program for minority economic development that has been true to date; (2) combine all the components of economic development into one program in order to achieve the most synergistic effect with regards to minority economic development; (3) foster the growth and expansion of existing and new indigenous business enterprises, and attract new industry from outside the minority community which will create jobs and reduce or eliminate minority underemployment and unemployment; and provide the means for minority community residents to invest in themselves and their own economic development, thus to exercise some degree of control over their individual

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Projects Outreach and BOLD are funded by the Department of Commerce through The Economic Development Administration. The project offices are located at 507 Linwood Avenue.

## --Law

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the Student, the Law School and the Profession." The fraternity assists the law school in supplementing the normal law school education. Several of the professional activities practices by Phi Alpha Delta are: Mock trial and court programs; speaker forum programs, orientation programs for first year law students; faculty-student directories, sponsorship of loans and scholarships, lending libraries, legal files, and District Conclaves which help orient law students in more practical aspects of the law. Charter Chapter officers are Archie Elliott, Justice; John Taylor, Vice Justice; Miss Mable Minor, Clerk; Charles McNeil, Treasurer; Bryant, Marshal; Professor Daniel Sampson, Faculty Advisor; and Attorney Sammie Chess, Alumni Advisor.

The name of Raymond Watkins was selected as the Chapter's name in honor of the late Professor Raymond Watkins, a former Professor of Law, at North Carolina Central University's School of Law. Professor Watkins received his L.L.B. and J.D. Degrees from John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois. He served in the U. S. Army from 1921 until 1960 when he was promoted to Brigadier General upon retirement. Professor Watkins (known to law students as General Watkins) passed in January, 1970 as a result of an automobile accident.

Never add liquid starter to a fire that has died down and needs reviving. A dangerous flare-up may occur. Deaths of tittle liquid.

## --Honored

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has worked with the North Carolina Textbook Commission and helped edit the "Consumer Education in Home Economics Guide."

Mrs. Taylor has been cited by the Durham Chapter of the American Red Cross for five years of meritorious service.

Mrs. Taylor is currently serving as home economics teacher at Southern High School where she has in one year time expanded the program. In addition to her classroom duties, Mrs. Taylor serves as Student Council adviser and is in charge of Junior Marshalls at Commencement.

She is a member of St. Titus Episcopal Church, having served locally as vice president of the Episcopal Churchwomen.

She is married to Thomas Taylor, Jr. assistant principal at Shephard Junior High School in Durham, and they have one son, Thomas Kenneth.

## --Michaux

(Continued from front page) of Law as a visiting professor.

He served on active duty with the United States Air Force Judge Advocate General's Department, during which he earned the National Defense Service Medal, Viet Nam Service Medal, Viet Nam Campaign Medal and the Bronze Star.

During his military service, Michaux attained the rank of Captain, a rank he currently holds in the United States Air Force Reserves. Michaux is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Michaux of 408 Formosa Street in Durham, and is married to the former Della Ann Dafford of Dunn. The Michaux's are members of St. Joseph's A. M. E. Church, where he serves as a steward.

## --Beautify

(Continued from front page) Pasquale, President of the Tobaccoland Kiwanis Club.

Contributions are tax deductible and may be sent to either the Hands Program or the Kiwanis Club. Interested citizens may obtain information by calling Mrs. Kenneth Daber, 383-1197; Mrs. Madison Yarborough, Jr., 383-2202, or Mrs. R. P. Randolph, 682-4961.

These ladies are donating their time for this project and are working with Kearny Andrews.

### TAKING A CLOSER LOOK

By JOHN MYERS

The U. S. Table Tennis Team has just returned from Red China where they were engaged in table tennis matches with the Chinese team. They were accompanied by news reporters who filmed parts of the matches and their journey through the country.

This trip broke a seven year policy of isolation for the Chinese government. This was the first time in seven years America had been let in side the Great Wall of China.

President Nixon even received a telephone call from China's Chairman, Mao Tse-tung. The press went wild.

Upon their return to the U. S., the table tennis team was interviewed, questioned, and stripped for their knowledge of China, her peoples, and the government. Unveivably, this entire situation occurred because of a three foot by six foot, green table, a small, round, plastic ball, and two wooden paddles. For seven years we were unable to sit down and talk with a neighbor and suddenly we are invited for a game of table tennis.

Looking at the situation practically, you can not cast all the blame on the Chinese. The Chinese are men and evidently this is what man has degenerated to. Again, the question arises, what has man become?

Personally, I do not disagree with policies of isolation but something forces Red China into it. You can not condemn one country. We are all men and evidently born with an inherent quest for power.

It is seemingly impossible for a single man to exist on this earth, without trying to obtain power, of one form or another, over another man. When this trait is applied to world governments, as it so blatantly is in the world as we know it, man is in for trouble.

Presently, Chairman Mao Tse-tung and President Nixon are considering a meeting of the two tribal chiefs to be held in Peking. After seven years of "not speaking to each other," they suddenly wish to gather at the old white picket fence and make up.

If we could assure that their talk would be something like, "let's kiss and make up... let's be friends," we might have a chance. But, after seven years, it is quite inconceivable that two world leaders are discussing the weather. More likely, the power structures will be reviewed, and plans presented as to how we can strengthen and enlarge the scope of our power by uniting.

If that be the case, and we can skillfully decide to join one of the world's other largest countries, we could defeat mankind. If, as the ultimate stretch of man's imagination would have it, we are successful in this venture, it will be one whale of a tennis net to jump for victory.

## To Be Equal Can System Work?

By HAROLD R. SIMS  
Acting Executive Director, National Urban League

MANY people who are working for constructive change in America have been burdened by those within their ranks who exhibit political immaturity and a great devotion to radical verbiage rather than to effective results.

But there are signs now that a new-found awareness of the political facts of life is beginning to take root. It's hard to generalize from one town's local elections, but the nationwide publicity given to the ballot results from Berkeley, California, stems from its demonstration that coalition politics can work, that the "outs" in our society do have recourse to methods of making the system become more responsive to them, and that there is no substitute for hard work of organizing the grassroots community on issues that count.

The victors in the Berkeley election have been styled "radical" by the press, but the extent of their "radicalism" is subject to question. In any event, ideology wasn't stressed. If it had been, they probably would still be the "outs."

Instead, they talked about people's need for parks, better municipal services, and more responsive government. No one is interested in debating the finer points of this or that ideological line.

### They Did Their Homework

The victors built a coalition around students, professionals, and blacks. And they did their homework, too. Canvassers were out in force getting people interested in voting.

There is no substitute for this kind of community participation. The old-line political machines used to keep up this kind of intensive voter contact, but reform groups too often want to get home in time for dinner. You don't change things with such a casual attitude.

I don't know much about the Berkeley race, but regardless of the particular issues and personalities, the general lesson is there to be seen. Let's forget about ideological rhetoric and don't blow up the differences among factions working for change. Instead, forge the kinds of coalitions that will result in victories, not ego trips.

This whole issue of the power of the ballot and coalition-building is of intense significance to the black and brown communities now. The moderate tone evidenced by so many Southern governors is a direct outcome of the black vote in the South — a vote that can make or break a politician.

It's a lesson to black folk to become engaged in political action in all parties, to gain the leverage that can be used to benefit black communities. The need to register isn't limited to the South — it's important everywhere. And now is the time to talk about it and educate people to the importance of voting November is too late.

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