

## WORDS OF WISDOM

Character is the decisive force in business.  
—E. C. Simmons

Common-sense methods call for sympathetic supervision which adjusts responsibility.  
—R. E. M. Cowie

You can't escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.  
—Abraham Lincoln

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THE TRUTH UNBRIED

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# "PUNISH SYPHILLIS STUDY HEADS" — NAACP

## Tuskegee So-Called Medical Experiment By Public Health Service Labeled Genocide

NEW YORK — The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has called for exposure and punishment of "all persons involved in the conduct of the dehumanizing" Tuskegee Study sponsored by the U. S. Public Health Service in Alabama that utilized some 400 Negro males infected with syphilis as human guinea pigs in an alleged study of the effect of the disease upon the human body.

In denouncing the study, Gloster B. Current, director of branches, said that "This heinous offense was criminally compounded by the deliberate withholding of curative drugs when they became available." His statement, which was sent in a telegram to Elliott Richardson, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, continued:

"It is further demonstration of how cheaply the conceivers and executors of this diabolic plot hold black life. They would never have subjected white persons to such an experiment. The NAACP urges you not only to continue your investigation but also to institute such legal action as may be possible against all

persons involved in the conduct of this dehumanizing crime.

"It is not enough to deplore and suspend it. All perpetrators of this racist crime must be exposed and punished."

### Statement By John Lewis

The Tuskegee Study, conducted for 40 years by the United States Public Health Service as a so-called "medical experiment," amounts to nothing less than an official, premeditated policy of genocide.

This "experiment" can only be described as racist, because the citizens carefully selected for the "control group" were black, poor, and uneducated. For 350 years, a deadly social, economic, and political conspiracy has subjected black people to inhuman conditions of poverty, disease, and lack of education. This genocidal system has contributed to higher mortality rates and shortened life expectancy for black people. To compound this atrocious conspiracy with the hideous act of subjecting the

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The study was started in 1932 by Dr. J. R. Heller, assistant surgeon general in the venereal disease section of the Public Health Service, 10 years before penicillin was found to be a cure for syphilis. Dr. J. D. Millar, present chief of VD branch of the service's Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, who is now in control of the remains of the study, said that he doubted that the project "was a one-man decision."

Despite the availability of the drug, no treatment was offered to the men, who were also kept ignorant of their affliction. At the beginning of the year, 74 of the men were still alive.

Also denouncing the study was Dr. Donald Printz of the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta. He said the project "was almost like genocide."

The Alabama State NAACP is also conducting an investigation of the study.

FRANKFORT, Ky. The administration estimates an average Kentucky family of four will save \$65 yearly under the current biennial budget. The 5-cent sales tax on food will be removed in October while the gasoline tax has been increased 2 cents per gallon.



CHICAGO: Patricia Morton, 12, is the 1972 winner of the Chicago Park District's annual Hula Hoop competition. She won the title July 18th by "hula-ing" a number of hoops and smiling as if it was

easy. By winning the title in the 12 years and older division, Patricia is eligible to compete in other contests leading to the national championship.

## Davis Elected First Prexy Of NASS

NEWTON, Massachusetts—Charles Davis, Academic Counselor, Fayetteville State University, has been elected as the first president of the National Association for Services to Students (NASS).

Davis' election came to the end of a session of the Institute for Services to Education Counselors' Summer Conference which was held on the campus of Newton College of the Sacred Heart in Newton, Massachusetts.

A need for a national organization of Black counselors and student personnel workers



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fostered the birth of the National Association for Services to Students. The organization is concerned about the absence of sufficient attention placed on the problems of the Black student in transition as he relates to the higher education community and society.

The purposes of the National Association for Services to Students are to create a viable professional structure which concerns itself with constructive educational changes; to investigate and assist counselors and agencies who work with culturally different students; and to provide avenues for professional growth in the areas of career opportunities, educational advancement, and increasing the number of black publications.

Membership is open to all individuals who work in the area of student services. Formation of the organization was widely accepted and hailed as a landmark decision on the part of concerned professionals from forty predominantly Black colleges and universities. Other officers are Melvin

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## Chapel Hill Fire Bombers Trial Begins

HILLSBOROUGH — An Orange County Superior Court jury began hearing the final arguments Wednesday morning in the trial of Carlyle (pronounced Carlee) and Lonnie DeGraffenreid, aged 19 and 22 respectively, who have been charged with the March 1971 fire bombings in Chapel Hill.

The two brothers, who were both Special Education (for the retarded) students in school, are being tried on charges of conspiracy to commit arson and unlawful burning of the administrative offices of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools.

Judge Thomas D. Cooper, Jr., Tuesday dismissed the unlawful burning charge against Lonnie DeGraffenreid, stating that the State had failed to present any evidence that he had actually thrown a firebomb at the building.

According to testimony from witnesses, Nathaniel "Deacon" Jones, 19, and Tommy Lee Noel, 20, the DeGraffenreid brothers were seen, along with others, outside of the Roberson Street Recreation Center and in a residential area called "Tintops", filling soft drink bottles with fuel.

Jones and Noel were among seven who pleaded guilty Monday and Tuesday to a variety of charges connected with forebodings which occurred March 26 and April 13, 1971.

Noel testified that he saw Lonnie and Carlyle DeGraffenreid holding their firebombs in close proximity to the building. Jones claimed that when he saw the building burning, he put down his bottle and ran.

Noel testified that he saw both brothers mix firebombs in "Tintops." Each of them was reported to have carried four-two in their hands and two in their pockets as they advanced with a group toward the school administrative offices off Church Street.

It was alleged that Carlyle showed others in the group how a firebomb should be thrown prior to their leaving the recreation center for the school offices and the Institute of Pharmacy, several blocks away, which was also bombed

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MRS. EDWARDS

## Mrs. Edwards Funeralized In Durham

Funeral services for Mrs. Catherine Ruth Edwards, 82 founder of the Music Department at North Carolina Central University, were held Saturday, July 29 at St. Joseph's A.M.E. Church, Durham.

The Rev. C. O. Morales, pastor of the Redeemer Episcopal Church, Greensboro, presided at the funeral. Dr. J. Neal Hughley, college minister at North Carolina Central University delivered the eulogy.

Burial followed in the Mt. Hope Cemetery, Raleigh.

Mrs. Edwards died Tuesday night July 26 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ruth N. Spurlock in Washington, D. C. She had been in declining health for several months.

She was born August 19, 1889 in Greenville, one of five children of Edward Patrick Norris and Sally Hines Norris.

Her late husband, Gaston Alonzo Edwards, was a former president of Kittrell College. Mrs. Edwards attended parochial schools in her home town and later graduated from Shaw University. Afterwards she received the B. A. degree from Durham State Normal School, now North Carolina Central University, and the M. A. degree from Columbia University.

She was associated with North Carolina Central University from 1928 when she organized the first Department of Music at the university until her retirement in 1958. She was active in teaching music and serving as chairman of the department of music during a large part of her career at North Carolina Central University.

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## Oldham Gets New Position With DHA

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Durham announced Tuesday that C.S. Oldham would be returning as a full-time employee of the agency effective August 1, 1972. The Chairman of the Authority, J. J. Henderson, and Commissioner Ross, who make up the Personnel Committee of this Commission, held a special conference with Mr. Oldham at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 1, at which time Mr. Oldham presented a letter form his physician in which Mr. Oldham's doctor informed the Authority that his health condition had improved sufficiently and to the extent that Mr. Oldham would be able to return to his employment.

Mr. Oldham's new duties will be that of Special Developmental Officer for the Authority. The Authority is at present engaging in a substantial expansion program and has three turnkey projects in development which will require a great deal of Mr. Oldham's time. In addition, thereto, HUD recently approved the construction of the high-rise

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## Col. Mills To Receive BPW Award

NEW YORK CITY — Colonel Mary Lee Mills, Nurse Director, U. S. Health Service, heads the 1972 list of awardees to be honored by the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs at its annual convention, to be held August 1-6 at the Americana Hotel. The awards will be presented at the formal closing banquet on Saturday, August 5th.

Miss Mills, who will receive the National Achievement Award, is being recognized for her outstanding accomplishments in the health field, both in America and abroad and her leadership efforts to get people involved in their own health and medical care.

Others to be honored are Mrs. Margaret L. Belcher of Columbus, Ga., past national

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## HEW Chief Elliot Richardson Key Speaker At Urban League Annual Conference

The Honorable Elliot L. Richardson, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, addressed a Federal resources luncheon on Monday afternoon, July 31, at the National Urban League's 62nd Annual Conference, which was held July 30-August 2 at the Chase-Park Plaza Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri.

Secretary Richardson, who was sworn into office in 1970 as this nation's ninth Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, discussed the Federal government's role in assuring equal opportunity for all Americans.

His appearance was preceded on Monday morning by the opening plenary session with Dr. George A. Wiley Executive Director of the National Welfare Rights Organization, as the guest speaker.

The keynote address was delivered on Sunday night, July 30, by Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., who was named Executive Director of the League following the death of Whitney M. Young, Jr.

On Sunday afternoon, State Senator Barbara Jordan of Texas addressed the annual luncheon of Urban League Guilds.

Rev. Leon H. Sullivan, Chairman of the Opportunities Industrialization Center, was the guest speaker at the Tuesday morning plenary session that dealt with "Black Economic Development in the Seventies."

The annual Business and Labor Luncheon was held Tuesday afternoon with Lane Kirkland, Secretary-Treasurer, AFL-CIO, and Donald H. Mc-

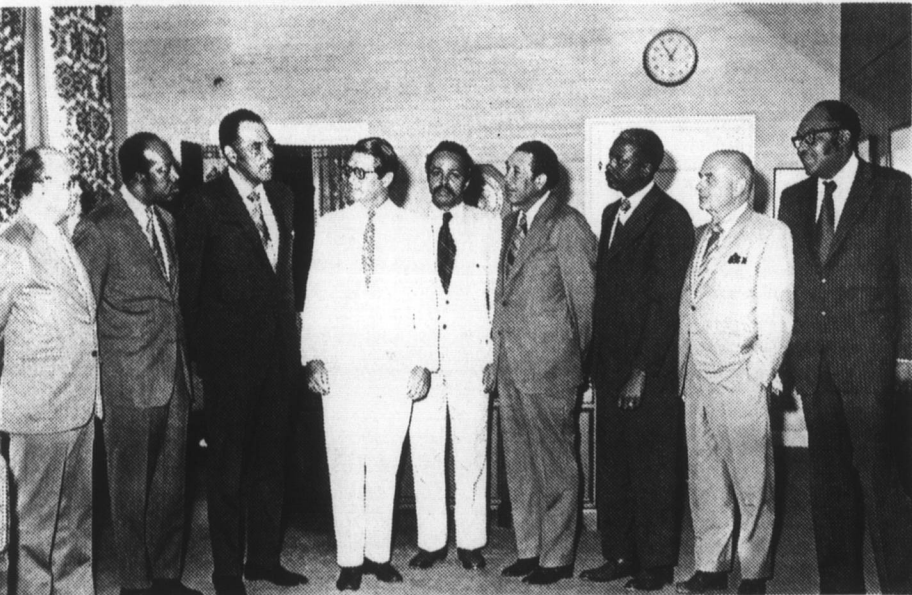
Gannon, NUL Vice-President and president and chairman of the Board, Westinghouse Broadcasting Company, as guest speakers.

At one of the series of workshops that followed the luncheon, Benjamin L. Hooks, the first black Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission, was the guest speaker.

At the Tuesday evening plenary session, six prominent black mayors were questioned by a panel of distinguished newsmen.

The mayors were: Robert B. Blackwell of Highland Park, Mich.; Charles Evers, of Fayette, Miss.; Kenneth A. Gibson of Newark, N. J.; Richard G. Hatcher of Gary, Ind.; Howard N. Lee of Chapel Hill, and James E. Williams.

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COLLEGE LEADERS SPEAK OUT — Representatives of the black college leadership met with Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Elliot L. Richardson to discuss the participation of black colleges in the development of a plan to implement the President's program to aid developing institutions.

Secretary Richardson emphasized the importance of

close cooperation between representatives of black colleges and HEW in developing guidelines to strengthen these important national resources.

Pictured (left to right) are Luther H. Foster, president, Tuskegee Institute; Prezell Robertson, president, St. Augustine College; Herman Long, president, Talladega College; Secretary Richardson; Miles Fisher, National Association

of Equal Opportunity in Higher Education; Richard Morrison, president, Alabama A. and M. College; Herman Smith, Director, Office for the Advancement of Public Negro Colleges; Joseph P. Cosand, HEW Deputy Commissioner for Higher Education; and Arthur Fletcher, Executive Director, United Negro College Fund.

Other officers are Melvin

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## Garden Club Convention In 23rd Meet

RALEIGH — The Twenty-third Annual Convention of the Federation of Garden Clubs of North Carolina will convene at the Sir Walter Hotel on August 6, 7, 8th.

Following the Executive Board meeting and statewide Presidents' meeting on Sunday afternoon, the official opening of the convention will be held on Sunday, August 6th, beginning at 8:00 P.M. C. L. Blake of Charlotte, president-elect, will preside over the opening session.

The main feature of the Sunday night program will be the President's annual address. Mrs. V. H. Levister of Louisville, state president, will speak on the convention theme, "For Breath and Beauty", and this will be the keynote topic for each session. Also scheduled to appear on the Sunday night program are Mrs. Grace D. Lewis, Greensboro, Convention Chairman; Mrs. S. H. Brown, Warrenton, Convention Hostess; Mrs. George Debnam, Raleigh Civic Leader; Mrs. Carl B. Keck, Greensboro, Immediate Past President; Mrs. Glendora

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MILWAUKEE — Mrs. June Eisenhower, younger daughter of President Nixon, tours the Sickle Cell Center at the Deaconess Hospital in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She is accompanied on the hospital tour by two Milwaukee poster children Eric Wilson and Audrey Cross, both 5-years-old of Milwaukee. Eric grasps the

hand of Presidential Assistant Robert J. Brown while Audrey walks with Julie. Mrs. Eisenhower presented the hospital with a Presidential commendation praising their efforts designed to publicize the disease and the methods by which it may be detected. She said, "I admire the spirit that has

brought the entire community together." Mrs. Eisenhower said that the sickle cell screening program at Deaconess Hospital started in 1968, before the disease drew national attention. President Nixon has asked for \$15 million for federal programs to combat the disease in 1973.