

WORDS OF WISDOM

Greatness lies not in being strong, but in the right using of strength.  
—Henry Ward Beecher  
What one man can imagine another man can do.  
—Jules Verne

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FOR BREAKFAST

## A.M.E. BISHOPS SAY "NO" TO PRESIDENT NIXON

The Council of Bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME), during their recent meeting in the District of Columbia, flatly turned down a political invitation from the White House for the entire group to break bread with the President. The same Nixon who for a full year refused to meet with the 13 elected officials of the Congressional Black Caucus in the election year of 1972 was angling for a meeting with black church prelates obviously in an effort to sell them on supporting him and accepting his history of anti-black behaviors by giving them breakfast in the White House. "Thank you Bishops for not going," said Andrew C. Muse, Assistant to the chairman, Democratic National Convention.

A young pastor who observed the Council of Bishops meeting recalled episodes leading to the fall turn-down. He reasoned that it might have been expedient politically for the bishops to disband their meeting in order to dine with the President and show respect for his high office, not necessarily to show support of Nixon programs and the policies that so denigrate the welfare of the black church and the black community. The men of the cloth have their basic charge the advocacy and maintenance of morality and the Judeo-Christian ethic. Unlike a past era when political candidates too often bought the support of the clergy with small contributions to the church, today is different. The black clergy appears unwilling to compromise with evil and immorality, not even for the pieces of silver a super rich Nixon Administration might offer.

Of course, there are and will continue to be exceptions, for example, the Atlanta preacher who compared Nixon with Jesus Christ. We are glad that ambitious minister didn't go the next step and kiss the hem of Nixon's garment.

The good thing about that exception, the Nixon-loving preacher, is that he got his compunction at the polls. He was soundly trounced last month in his bid to unseat a black Georgia legislator. And his political conduct supporting the nation's first anti-black president provoked criticism from his own profession.

"I still can't understand how... (the Georgia preacher-politician) can compare Nixon with Jesus Christ," wrote a minister from Portland, Ore., "...it's hard for me to believe that Jesus Christ is a bureaucrat, war monger, racist and a hypocrite. God forbid." Continuing his attack, the Oregon minister said: "It's a disgrace to the

whole Heavenly Family for anybody to compare our Lord with Satan (Nixon) and until Nixon changes his life style, he is still the devil, and anybody else who supports him is in the same category."

He said the \$200,000 that the Georgia preacher and some of Nixon's other "colored" supporters helped to raise for the man to wage political war against blacks "should be donated to help the poor people."

I agree. That money would be better spent to help the families of brothers who are unemployed because of Nixon's anti-poor and anti-black economic policies. The reason the AME bishops refused to be taken in by Nixon is not that they believe politics to be inherently evil. To the contrary, they see evil developing because of a lack of broad-based participation that includes the least among us. That is why they have launched a voter registration drive to fight evil with ballots as well as with the Word of the Lord.

In announcing the AME church's voter registration campaign, Bishop Frederick D. Jordan of Los Angeles said the national drive was being mounted "because the ballot box is the only way provided by our system to give the citizens a voice in directing the vast power that affects their lives. Failure to use it will mean that abuses will increase until frustration finds outlet in violent revolution."

During the Nixon Administration, the abuses the Bishop refers to have been increasing so fast that it is hard to keep pace with them. In addition to engineered unemployment, and a raft of domestic problems caused by the Nixon Administration, the President has become the world's greatest bomber, having dropped more than a ton-a-minute to kill non-whites-including women and children-of Indo-China. He has pushed through preventive detention in Washington, D.C. and vetoed child care and dozens of other bills designed to ease the plight of disadvantaged blacks and the poor.

The man in the White House does not understand the needs of this country and has failed to pay the rent due to blacks and other minorities. Eviction day is November 7 when we march to the polls and vote for a change.

### Raleigh Blacks Hear Demons Across The State

If there was any doubt about Black feeling in this election, it was dispelled Sunday night in Raleigh.

The message is simple. Register and vote. In a meeting room of the Golden Eagle Motel an overflow crowd of more than one hundred heard this message repeated by speakers from across the state. Black McGovern-Shriver voter registration chairmen, black candidates, and elected officials discussed campaign strategy in general and voter registration in particular.

"If we were ever afraid, we are now aware," emphasized Elizabeth Coffield, candidate for Wake County commissioner. "Use the churches, the schools, the homes, the poolrooms." Techniques for the final three weeks of the registration drive were shared by such leaders as E. V. Wilkins of the First Congressional District, co-chairman of the state McGovern-Shriver Voter registration steering committee, Dr. Lavonia Allison, chairman of the Durham County Democratic party, and John Taylor of Pitt County, among others. "Registration is the first step towards turning black frustration into constructive action," promised Wilkins. "The Republican party is taking two positions at the same

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## Young Durham Mother Shot To Death



MRS. ALLEN

Mrs. Lula Bell Williams Allen, Durham mother of three young children, was shot to death early Sunday morning in her 143-D Commerce Street apartment. Her husband, Sherman Logan Allen, 27, of the same address has been charged with murder and is now being held in the Durham County jail.

Answering a call to the Allen apartment, Public Safety Officer Harold Southerland said he entered the first floor of the apartment and found Allen sitting in the living room, apparently waiting for the officer, and found the body of Mrs. Allen lying on the floor in the bedroom up-

stairs shortly before 8:30 a.m. She was dressed in a blouse and underwear and the room showed no signs of a struggle, according to the officer.

A 22-caliber rifle was found in the apartment. Mrs. Allen had been shot twice in the chest and once in the leg. Cause of death was attributed to gunshot wounds by the Durham County medical examiner, Dr. Lawrence Virgilio.

Mrs. Allen was a 1964 graduate of Hillside High School in Durham and was employed as Head Cashier at the UDI Supermarket. She was one of the first cashiers employed from the time of the store's opening. She was

the daughter of Walter and Mrs. Eula Williams of Durham.

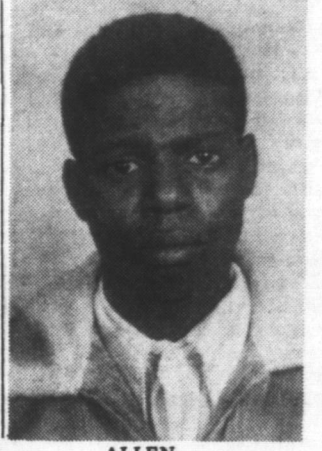
Funeral services for Mrs. Allen will be held Saturday, September 30 at 3 p.m., at the Pilgrim Baptist Church with Rev. Willie Thornton officiating. Burial will be in Beechwood Cemetery. The body will remain at the Scarborough & Hargett Funeral Chapel until moved to the church at 2 p.m., to lie in state until the hour of the service.

Sherman Allen, son of Chester and Mrs. Lucy Allen, was born and raised in the airport section of Wake County. He was a 1963 graduate of Berry O'Kelly School in

Method. An LPN graduate of Durham Technical Institute, Allen was employed at Duke Hospital as a physician's assistant.

### Busing Schedule Set In Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — A federal judge agreed to a Memphis school board request Tuesday and ordered the city to begin desegregation busing of 10 per cent of its pupils next January when the second semester begins.



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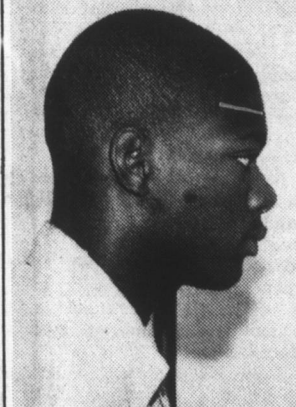
## Blind Man Beaten And Robbed By Two Young Men

Edward Lee Herndon, 20, of 1007 Merrick Street and Paul Allen Clements, 20, of 909 Cleveland Street were arrested Sunday and charged with beating and robbing James Lee Strickland, 30, of 804 Grant Street, who is partially blind. Strickland is an employee of the Lions Club Workshop for the Blind. Herndon was put on probation, less than a month ago, in another case of voluntary manslaughter. He and Clements are being held in Durham County jail in lieu of \$5,000 bonds.

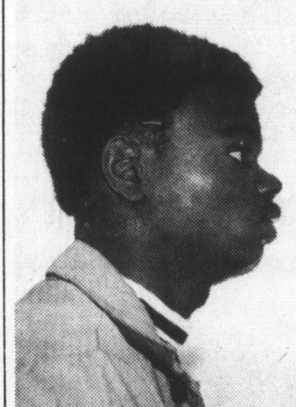
Officers who answered a call to the corner of Walker and Elm Streets late Sunday night went to check the report that someone was being beaten in an abandoned warehouse. They arrested Herndon and Clements nearby and took them to the warehouse where Strickland was found. The victim was bleeding about the head and face.

Strickland said he had just returned from a bus trip to Graham and was walking from the bus station on his way home when he was stopped by two men near the Times Square building on Ramseur Street. According to Strickland, the men threaten to "blow his head off" if he didn't hand over his money, forced him to go to the rear of the building where they took his money, watch, glasses and clothes and beat him about the head.

Herndon's five-year probation from a 15 to 20 year prison sentence was on the condition that he be a full-time student in school or be gainfully employed, violate no laws, and pay court costs of \$330 at the rate of \$30 per month, and started August 29 of this year. He had been a senior at Durham High School.



HERNDON



CLEMENTS

## Five Atlanta Georgia Voters File Suit For More Time

ATLANTA, GA.—Five Atlanta-based non-partisan, non-profit organizations concerned with voter registration and election laws and three individuals today filed a suit in U. S. Federal District Court seeking to extend from Sept. 18 to October 24 Georgia's voter registration deadline for voting for all offices in the November general election.

Bringing the suit are the Voter Education Project, Inc., Youth Citizenship Fund, Inc., Common Cause, Inc., The League of Women Voters, and the American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia, and three individuals, each representing a class of aggrieved parties. Named as defendants in the complaint are Secretary of State Ben Fortson, Governor Jimmy Carter, and Registrar of Fulton County Joseph Honstein.

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## Students Suspension Of Two Reversed By Court

NEW YORK—The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals on Wednesday, September 19, reversed a lower court's ruling that upheld the suspension of three Texas high school students, thus handing the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People a far-reaching victory.

In commenting on the decision Friday, Sept. 22, Charles Carter, NAACP Associate Counsel, said that "This is the first time that the Fifth Circuit Court has ruled in this way. It is significant because we have several similar cases pending."

The case evolved out of the suspension of two black La Marque High School students last February 9 and February 16, respectively, for what the principal, Jimmy Llewellyn, called "inexcusable" conduct. This drastic action was taken before the students were given a hearing, which was required by law.

With the help of the local branch of the NAACP, the parents immediately appealed Mr. Llewellyn's action to the Federal District Court. They contended that the due process rights guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment were violated.

Because of this action, a hearing was eventually held on May 4, by the La Marque school board, which followed the decision of the school superintendent to uphold the suspension edict. The Federal District Court further ruled against the parents and upheld the suspension order.

But the Fifth Circuit Court said that "It seems to us that an even more basic tenet of due process is the notion that punishment cannot be imposed before a hearing is given." Consequently, the court ordered the school board to reinstate the students and clear their records of the suspensions.

## Jordan Charges Quota Issue Designed To Split Labor C.R.

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., executive director of the National Urban League charged today that the "issue of so-called quotas" and the rumored weakening of the Philadelphia Plan seems "a transparent attempt to drive a wedge between black people, who have historically been denied the right to work and to join unions in the construction industry, and the labor movement."

Mr. Jordan made his charge in a speech to the Sixteenth Constitutional Convention of the United Steelworkers of America in Convention Hall, Las Vegas, Nevada.

"Anyone from the man with the shovel to the men contending for the White House," Mr. Jordan said, "knows that without some sort of effective numerical guidelines, no affirmative action plan can work. Already there are self-satisfied state-

ments coming from people in the construction industry about how the removal of firm guidelines will mean they won't have to integrate their union or their work force. An end to the Philadelphia Plan spells an end to the only moderately effective effort to open job opportunities for black workers, but it also spells the end of the very many voluntary hometown plans jointly formulated by the civil rights movement, government and the building trades locals."

"Let us not forget that this country has always had negative quotas against black people who were barred from jobs, schools and homes. Black people today seek no special treatment as special Americans, but assurances that we will not receive the special treatment we've received throughout our history."

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## NCCU Gets Two Million In Grants

North Carolina Central University began the 1972-73 academic year with \$2,457,461 in grants for special purposes, according to Chancellor Albert N. Whiting.

Most of the outside money was for financial aid, Dr. Whiting reported. Nearly 85 per cent of the students at the Durham institution receive some form of financial assistance.

But a large portion of the funds, which break down into \$2,155,819 from federal agencies and \$301,642 from other sources, is devoted to other purposes.

Purposes other than financial aid for which grants are in force include faculty development, administrative improvement, such special programs as N. C. Central's public administration program, cross-disciplinary courses, library programs, and sponsored research.

Not included in the figure are the funds raised in N. C. Central's faculty endowment campaign. The more than half million dollar endowment is invested in securities.

## Senate Leaders Mansfield And Scott Showdown Near Anti-Civil Rights Bill

On Friday, September 15, Senate Leaders Mike Mansfield, for the Democrats, and Hugh Scott, for the Republicans, issued a joint memorandum in which they promised to bring H. R. 13915 (the Equal Education Opportunities Act) before the full Senate, prior to adjournment.

With that, they set the stage for a confrontation on the worst piece of anti-civil rights legislation in recent history.

When will the Bill come up?

We do not know. That determination rests with Senator Mansfield. The best guess, now, is that this session of Congress will end no later than October 13 or 14. If that is so, the bill can be taken off the Senate calendar and made the pending business anytime between now and then. We will not repeat for you, again, our many objections to this terrible bill. We do include, however, an excellent editorial from the WASHINGTON POST (Sept. 13) that points out the dangers of the legislation. (See editorial, Page 8A).

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE?

We must continue to let every member of the Senate know where we stand. At this moment the ways of defeating the bill are technical and complex. But if Senators stand against it, it can be beaten. That is the message we must get to every Senate member. They are, unfortunately, getting many messages urging them to vote for the bill. Typically, the office of one Senator sympathetic to our efforts, tells us "we got a pile of mail on the bill; and only one pro-busing letter." But the issue goes beyond busing, to the heart of our efforts to achieve equality

through democratic process. We urge you once more to keep making direct approaches to Senators and keep sending your messages in. None of us can put this MEMO down with a good conscience unless we resolve to call or wire or write

our Senators at once urging them to do all in their power to defeat a bill that the WASHINGTON POST describes exactly when it calls it "a fraud and a hoax and a cruel hoax at that."

When the school was closed in September 1970, he was not given a principal ship but was assigned as assistant to the administrative superintendent, ostensibly to serve as liaison between that office and the faculty. Most of those he supervised were black. In April 1971 he was informed he would not be retained for the 1971-72 school year. The board granted two hearings, but did not reverse its decision.

In the suit, Reynolds charges that a disproportionate number of black educators have been demoted, displaced, not rehired, and otherwise discriminated against during transition to a unitary school system. Also, a disproportionate number of whites have been employed to fill vacancies as they occur.

The suit alleges that the defendants have not issued nonracial, objective standards governing dismissals, demotions, hirings, renewals and nonrenewals, promotions and staff assignments.

Reynolds asserts in the complaint that white principals and white teachers retained by the district do not have qualifications equal to or superior to his.

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MISS CHESTER

WORCESTER, MASS., Miss Laurie Chester of Auburn was installed today as worthy advisor of the Auburn Assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls. Miss Chester became the first black member of the assembly when she was unanimously elected to membership in 1968. The next year the Supreme Assembly, the national body of the order, notified the Auburn group that it was suspended from both the state and national rolls. The suspension was apparently due to Miss Chester's acceptance into the group but it was never acknowledged by either parent group.