

WORDS OF WISDOM

The chains of habit are too weak to be felt until they are too strong to be broken.
—Samuel Johnson

To be thrown upon one's own resources is to be cast into the very lap of Fortune.
—Benjamin Franklin

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NAACP Files Petition Challenging Calif. Anti-Integration Proposition

ANGELA DAVIS IN CHARLOTTE

Wakefield Amendment Would End Integration in Schools

The NAACP today began its legal challenge to Proposition 21 the anti-school integration measure, with the filing of a court petition in Sacramento calling for the courts to declare the controversial measure in direct conflict with state and federal law and with the U.S. Constitution's Equal Protection Clause.

Nathaniel S. Colley, Western Regional Counsel for the NAACP, filed the petition in Sacramento Superior Court against the Sacramento City Unified School District. Named as plaintiffs with the NAACP are Erna J. Mason, a Sacramento manpower director for the county poverty program, and his two daughters, Loralashone, 6, and Ermajean, 12. Both are students at Camelia Elementary School, which the petition states has an enrollment 90 per

cent Black. The petition states that passage of Proposition 21, called the Wakefield Amendment, forbids the school district from taking affirmative action to end school segregation in Sacramento. It contends further that the measure may result in the federal government's cutting off federal funds to the school district, because Proposition 21 violates the U.S. Constitution, and makes it impossible for the district to comply with its non-discrimination agreement with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

There is no doubt the Wakefield initiative is void, Colley said. "It's really tragic that these emotional issues mean more to some people than the Constitution of the United States." Continued on page 10A



Tony Brown Affair is Set For Dec. 10th

"We are creating an institution," Robert Sprull, of WAFR-FM community radio workshop, Inc. commented recently. He announced the upcoming "Tony Brown Affair" as the latest event in a campaign to solicit stronger community participation and to provide funds for expanded services.

WAFR's service concept embraces varied activities on the drawing boards in addition to broadcasting such as a training program with Durham College granting Associate Degrees in Radio Communications.

Toney Brown, Executive Producer of Black Journal and Dean of the Howard University School of Communications has lent full support to the efforts of WAFR. Brown will be featured guest of a Dec. 10th banquet at North Carolina Central University.

The banquet will include dinner and live entertainment, Sprull said. He added, however: "We hope to come together for a good meal and fun. But the major emphasis is to bring together members of the community sharing a common interest. An interest seeking to maintain one of the most important..." Continued on page 10A

Queen City Host to Rally to Free State's Political Prisoners

CHARLOTTE — Angela Davis will be the main speaker at a rally here Dec. 8 to free all political prisoners in the state.

This will be part of a growing movement in behalf of numerous people, black and white, held in jails and prisons throughout North Carolina.

Movement leaders charge that federal state, and local authorities are working together to stop the struggle for black liberation, especially independent political action.

The North Carolina Political Prisoners Committee says: "The state is conducting a systematic campaign to jail every black leader. They are using the tactics of fabricating criminal charges and purchasing witnesses."

The freedom rally will open at 7:30 p.m. in Park Center, 310 N. King's Road. Other speakers will include Mrs. Elizabeth Chavis, of Oxford, N.C. mother of the Rev. Ben Chavis, one of the prisoners.

Chavis is an organizer for the Commission for Racial Justice, a branch of the United Church of Christ, and a member of the board of directors of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) civil rights group based in Louisville, Kentucky.

Chavis, eight other young men, and a white woman were recently sent to prison for a total of 242 years as a result of a protest movement in Wilmington, N.C., in 1971. Their bonds total \$400,000.

Other prisoners include Jim Grant, an organizer and reporter for SCEF; T. J. Reddy, poet and writer, and Charles Parker. They are in jail here under sentences of 25, 20, and 10 years as a result of a stable fire.

Eleven boys and young men from Ayden, N.C., were sentenced to a total of 133 years in prison after a bomb went off in a school toilet. This happened during the protest over the killing of a black man by a state policeman. There is much doubt as to the guilt of

the young men. Three members of the Black Panther Party were sentenced in High Point after a policeman was shot during an attack on Panther headquarters. The Panthers say he was shot by other policemen. One Panther was wounded.

There will be a state wide conference in Raleigh, N.C. on Dec. 7 to bring together various groups working to free these and other prisoners.

Greenville Man Shot and Killed By Patrolman

GREENVILLE—A white policeman shot and killed a black man Wednesday afternoon, touching off a night of rock throwing and sporadic shooting in this eastern North Carolina university community.

According to Chief E. G. Cannon the death that touched off the violence occurred accidentally after the officer had attempted to make a routine arrest.

Hours later, police and reinforcements from the Highway Patrol and the Pitt County sheriff office manned barricades around a 30-block section of west Greenville, where a steady stream of motorists had reported damage.

Owen Receives Silver Beaver Scout Award

Pictured above is Lewis N. Owens honored, recently, by the Reverend A. D. Mosely, pastor of Mount Gilead Baptist Church. The award was presented at a Pot Luck Dinner held November 6 at the Central YMCA; sponsored by the Durham District, Occaneechee Council.

For the past 16 years, Mr. Owens has made tremendous contributions to scouting at Mount Gilead Baptist Church. He has been the center of leadership, serving as Post Advisor, Post 190, Neighborhood Commissioner, District Cabinet Advisor, District Commissioner Vice Chairman, Cheyenne Leaf District. He received the Distinguished Service Citation in 1958. Many other contributions have been made to the total scouting program in the area of training and recruiting. Mr. Owens, a masonry contractor, is a graduate of Voorhees College, Denmark, South Carolina and Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama. He is a member of the American Legion; Durham Committee on Negro Affairs; NAACP; Tuskegee Alumni Club and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Puerto Rico Voted Bill of Rights In 1952

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — The Puerto Rico Bill of Rights, approved in 1952, provides the right to a free education, prohibits the death penalty and writtapping, designates a workday of eight hours, insures the right of labor to organize and to bargain collectively, and limits imprisonment prior to trial to six months.



SACRAMENTO, CALIF. — Yvonne Braithwaite Burks, 40, attractive, vivacious and chic California State Assembly woman, will be the first black congresswoman from the west

when the new Congress convened. Mrs. Burke, who made her first splash on the national political scene before millions of viewers watching the Democratic National Convention on

television, says she's eager to enter "the smoke-filled rooms" in Washington but "not just as a wallflower or token decoration."

First Black Congress-Woman From West Is Washington Bound

Mrs. Yvonne Braithwaite Burke, the first black congresswoman from the West is eager to concentrate on the untold and bold measures she considers important to her district.

Commercial development of inner cities, housing, child-care centers and increased benefits to domestic workers are some of these aims. Reporting "I do not believe in grandstanding" but in the poverty areas if there is something we need, then I'll go after it.

Unlike Mrs. Chisholm, Mrs. Burke feels she has been discriminated against more as a black woman as woman. Examples she cites could be given by most blacks such as those times when you are not served in restaurants, because you are black or when you cannot find decent housing and employment game, when the position has been given as being filled and a majority member walks in and gets the position. One is well aware of the superficialities listed as to why you had a difficult time in moving into the smoke filled rooms of politics. "If the decisions are made in smoke-filled rooms, that's where I want to be, or token decoration."

It will be called that Mrs. Burke, poised, elegant and with

outstanding legal ability was elected California's first black woman legislator in 1966. Mrs. Burke attributes much of her

political success to luck. She cites the selection of her as Vice Chairman of the Democratic National Convention on page 10A

Dr. Ralph Abernathy to Head George W. Carver Celebration

PITTSBURGH—The Reverend Dr. Ralph David Abernathy will be the guest speaker at the George Washington Carver Day Luncheon and a Gulf Oil Corporation sponsored reception on January 5 at the Webster Hall Hotel.

Both events are included in the annual George Washington Carver Week activities, January 1-7. They will highlight national observances throughout the nation since Pittsburgh was the home of the late Dr. Alma Illery whose efforts helped to have the week authorized.

Reverend Abernathy, who succeeded the late Dr. Martin Luther King, jr. as President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, is the chief administrative officer of the conference, its various executive staff members and the 100 or more field staff across



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the country. Reverend Abernathy rose to national prominence when he and Dr. King led the famous Montgomery, Alabama Bus

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Unbiased Military Justice Is the Goal of Task Force Report

NEW YORK—A Defense Department report which the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People played a significant part in shaping has again called attention to the existence of deep-seated racism throughout the military.

The Task Force Report on Administration of Military Justice, as this study is called, is especially significant in that it is based on findings in all branches of the Armed Services. Previously, studies usually concentrated on racial conflicts in the Army and Air Force. This report was submitted to Defense Secretary Melvin Laird in Washington on November 30.

An earlier study was the NAACP's "Search for Military Justice," which was submitted to the Secretary of Defense in April, 1971. That study was

fully financed by the NAACP. It was primarily based on an investigation conducted among Army bases in Germany by a three-man NAACP team, under leadership of General Counsel Nathaniel R. Jones.

The basic conclusion of the present Task Force is that "systematic racial discrimination exists throughout the Armed Forces and in the Military Justice System. No command or installation—and more important—no element of the military System—is entirely free from the effects of systematic discrimination against military servicemen as individuals and as groups."

Commenting on this latest study, Mr. Jones, who with Lt. Gen. Clair Hutchin, co-chaired the 14-person Task Force, said:

"Certainly, this effort re-

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MORGAN STATE COLLEGE'S president, Dr. King V. Cheek (center) accepts a contribution from Charles R. Hoffman, a partner of Ernst & Ernst, to be used by the College to promote accounting excellence. Looking on, from left to right are: Dr. Haywood Har-

ison, vice-president of institutional planning and development at Morgan State; Gary Carter of Ernst & Ernst and currently on loan as a visiting lecturer in accounting; President Cheek; Mr. Hoffman and Dr. Broadus E. Sawyer, chairman of the College's depart-

ment of economics and business. The grant by Ernst & Ernst, one of the big eight international accounting firms is awarded annually to assist the accounting program within the College's department of economics and business. The stipend, the third such award

from Ernst & Ernst since 1970 is used to promote research by accounting faculty, the acquisition of library holdings and maintenance, equipment and supplies needed in the instruction to accounting, and promotional materials related to accounting.



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