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Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow.
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

3 Blacks Of 169 Policy Makers To Resign, Hunt May Hire More?

Hill, Lilly
And Bright
In Group

RALEIGH (CCNS) — Governor-elect Hunt's request for the resignation of 169 top state government policy makers only included positions held by three Blacks. Hunt said his "responsibility is to run the government" as he said that many of the career workers would be retained.

Hunt's move to require the top policy makers to resign and possibly be retained by him would allow him to get control of the bureaucracy. The three Black policy makers within the 169 were Dr. Renee Wescott Hill, director of the Division of Social Services of the Department of Human Resources; Harold Lilly, Manager of a Geographic Command Section within the Division of Prisons of the Department of Corrections; and Frank Bright, Field Operations Director of the Adult Probation and Parole Section of the Department of Corrections.

The positions asked to be vacated by the governor-elect included 41 from the department of administration, eleven from the Corrections, ten from Commerce, ten from Cultural Resources, 27 from Human Resources, fourteen from Military and Veterans Affairs, seven from Revenue, 22 from Natural and Economic Resources and 27 from Transportation.

Whether the three blacks in top positions will be re-appointed and more blacks hired in policy making positions to replace the traditional all-white core of policy makers is yet to be seen. Gary Pearce, press secretary for Governor-elect Hunt said that the appointment of Howard Lee, a black, and former mayor of Chapel Hill and Dr. Sarah T. Morrow, to first cabinet appointments indicated a "different perspective."

Most of the positions that Hunt asked to be vacated were management level positions. John Edwards, a member of

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John Lewis Resigns VEP Post, Seeks Fifth District Congressional Seat

ATLANTA, GA. — John Lewis, 36, announced last week that he has resigned as Executive Director of the Atlanta-based Voter Education Project, Inc., and is a candidate for the 5th District Congressional seat soon to be vacated by United Nations Ambassador-appointee Andrew Young.

Over 150 community leaders joined the man who has been called "a living saint" by TIME magazine for the announcement.

Lewis, drew a bi-racial crowd and the veteran civil rights leader played heavily on themes of cooperation and harmony.

"For the past 19 years, I have worked to build what I like to call a beloved community — a community of justice, a community of love, a community at peace with

No Action Is Taken On Patrol

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Reuben "Sonny" Conley
Victim of Trooper Attack



CARTER CABINET APPOINTEES — Carter's new Sec. of Defense, Harold Brown, his new Sec. of Labor, Ray Marshall, and his second female to be appointed Patricia Harris, HUD. They stand after a news conference where Carter made the announcement. (UPI)

RALEIGH (CCNS) — State Transportation Secretary G. Perry Greene fired two Highway Patrol troopers, demoted four patrol members and three civilian patrol members received warnings for their part in the patrol roadblock in which Virginia state patrolman Garland W. Fisher was killed. Greene took no action against highway patrol members who physically abused trooper Fisher's alleged abductor Reuben "Sonny" Conley, 33 year old black man from Atlanta, Ga.

Troopers Robert Williams, 28, and D. H. Matthews, 26, were fired for firing into a police cruiser that was allegedly hijacked by Reuben Conley. The Virginia patrolman, Garland W. Fisher, at the wheel of the vehicle, was plugged with 14 bullets, 4 of which were said at a preliminary hearing to have been fired from a gun purchased by Conley.

Greene said that Major G. D. Russell was demoted to lieutenant for not exercising command authority and demoted Lt. W. Pickard to sergeant for violating patrol regulations and not going to the scene to assume command.

Sgts. Raymond Evans and S. S. Bailey were also demoted

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GRACE

Grace Charged In Assault—Main Sniping Suspect

James Willie Grace, charged on December 23 with impersonating a police officer and assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, has emerged as the main suspect in the Durham sniper case. Four Blacks and one white were either shot or shot at, by a yet unknown assailant, between December 10th and December 27th. Two of the persons shot, Herbert Medlin, 26, of 1206 Scout Drive, and Herbert C. Bradshaw, 68, of 1107 Vickers Avenue, were killed. While James Grace has not been charged as the "sniper", according to Durham Chief of Police Jon Kindice, he is the main suspect in the shootings. Most of the suspects, according to Kindice, are black.

men were shot with what autopsy reports indicate were rifle bullets. However, Grace is charged in the assault warrants with firing a handgun at the youths.

The assailant was unknown in all of the sniping cases that Durham police claim to be related. However Brown charges that Grace walked to the opposite side of the corner, well in his and the other youth's view and began shooting. The assailant did not present himself in the sniping cases.

Grace has a long police record of violent crimes all of which indicate pistols. Assault with deadly weapons and armed robberies frequent his dossier.

Grace does match a psychiatric profile of the sniper developed by police. Kindice described the phantom killer as "psychotic" and shooting at random. The three youths who claim to have been shot at by Grace said they had seen him one or two times and did not know him personally. None could give any motive for the shooting.

Grace was committed to Unstead Mental Hospital twice this year. Durham County records show. Once in May, his mother committed him when he allegedly threatened his wife and daughter. In a hearing by Durham County District Judge Gantt, he was ordered released. Later, in October, he was committed to Dorethea Dix Hospital in Raleigh to determine if he was competent to stand trial in charges against him. He was found to be schizophrenic and incapable to stand trial.

Grace is also charged with impersonating a police officer. The warrant indicates that Anne Warren, of 703 Philmont Street, said that he came to her house and represented "that he was a police officer looking for a girl." Bond on that case was set at \$200.

While Durham police admit having no evidence to link Grace to the snipings, Lt. Dick Morris said that he is "90 per cent sure that he is our sniper". Morris said that his experience in investigative work has "pretty much convinced" him but "I could be wrong."

There are many inconsistencies in the case which cast doubt on Grace's guilt of the snipings. Both of the dead

50 Demonstrators Stage Death Penalty Vigils

CHARLOTTE (CCNS) — Fifty demonstrators braved 25 degree weather for two hours in Charlotte, Raleigh, and Durham as they participated in vigils opposing the re-instatement of the death penalty by the North Carolina Legislature. The Charlotte vigil was held on December 22 and those in Raleigh and Durham on Christmas Eve.

The vigils were part of demonstrations in nine southern states coordinated by the Southern Coalition of Jails and Prisons. Demonstrations in most states focused on stopping the executions that are soon to begin unless there is intervention by the courts or governors of the respective states.

Demonstrators in North Carolina focused on stopping the N. C. Legislature from re-enacting the death penalty. North Carolina's capital punishment law was struck down as unconstitutional last July 2 by the U. S. Supreme Court because the law did not have provisions for juries to exercise discretion in imposing death.

While supporters of efforts to stop re-enactment of the death penalty in North Carolina have an impressive list of twenty organizations that are members of the North Carolina Coalition Against the Death Penalty, the numbers of people that came out in the cold to demonstrate were few. Contrastingly the

machinery of government, is set to hastily re-enact the death penalty. Governor-elect Hunt, campaigned just a few short months ago saying that he would support re-enactment of the death penalty. He reasoned that he thought that the death penalty is a deterrent to serious crimes. As soon as he takes office, the Coalition will seek to get Hunt to use his influence to initiate a study to determine whether capital punishment is a deterrent to crime before passing a law that would put people to death.

The judiciary took a rare opportunity on December 19th to pass on a proposal to re-

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SEX BIAS Grievance Committee Says Whiting Guilty

(CCNS) — Mildred Payton, a fired North Carolina Central University (NCCU) law professor, was found by a five member grievance committee

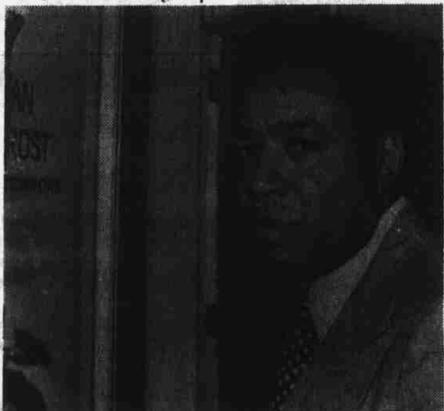
to have been discriminated against by Chancellor Albert Whiting because she is a woman. Whiting, reportedly requested on two occasions to appear before the Committee, did not, but sent Vice-Chancellor Leonard Robinson and Special Deputy Attorney General Edwin M. Spears to represent him.

Mrs. Payton, a black woman, was one of the four NCCU law professors last spring who were requested to sign new contracts although the contracts under which she and the other professors were employed were permanent, unless found by the institution "to be guilty of incompetency, immorality, insubordination, or other offenses recognized as just cause."

Mrs. Payton and Alexander Bott, a white male professor, also in the law school, refused to sign new contracts contending that they are tenured or permanent employees. On September 30, 1976, Whiting fired Payton, but allowed the white male professor to continue to teach, although Bott refused to sign the new contract in the same manner as Payton.

The grievance committee hearing was the second for Ms. Payton.

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CAN'T BE 'TOP DOG'—Alderman Wilson Frost the black president pro tem of Chicago's city council, was booted out of succession to Mayor Richard J. Daley by what is called a "back room deal" worked out by City Hall power brokers, Tuesday. All thirteen black aldermen who had supported Frost for the post, voted for 53 year old Alderman Michael Bilandic (white) as interim mayor. Frost was elected chairman of the Finance Committee, reportedly the second most powerful position in the Cook County Democratic structure. (UPI)

broad enough base of support to succeed Andy Young" and said he, Lewis, has emerged as the frontrunner for the post.

The presence of so many white leaders was seen as an indication Lewis will have vitally needed support from the white community, seen as essential because the district is majority white.

For the past seven years, Lewis headed the Voter Education Project's non-partisan efforts in voter registration and education with minorities throughout the South. A dedicated believer in the philosophy of non-violence as a tool of social change, he was an advisor to two American Presidents, John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson, and in 1975 was awarded the Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace Prize.

itself," he said. "I am particularly pleased with the people who are here tonight, because they demonstrate what the campaign is all about — people from business, from labor, university professors, doctors who have left their practices unattended, and, most of all, working people.

"This campaign is one of hope and optimism, a continuation of my life's work to create a new order in the South. The 5th Congressional District is a very special district. The bi-racial cooperation here provides a positive example for the region and the nation. This district symbolizes a new Southern spirit of hope and harmony."

Political observers at the meeting categorized Lewis as the only black man with "a