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People feel lonely on the job because they often build walls around themselves instead of bridges.  
—Anonymous

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## DURHAM MAN SAYS

# FORCED INTO SLAVE LABOR

William "Bill" Quill, 63, of Durham tells a frightening account of "bad luck" and exploitation he has suffered since he arrived in Durham on Trailways Bus September 5th. In a short month, between his arrival and October 11th, he was mugged, ripped off of his entire earnings, recruited into a slave labor camp and kept in fear of his life.

"I was walking down Pettigrew Street from the bus stations, looking for a room for the night, when somebody mugged me and took all my money," the articulate Quill explains.

He had lived in Durham during the early 1950's and 60's at 2708 Hay Street, but had lived since then in Newark, N. J., where he operated a small appliance shop.

Quill said he was returning from Newark where he had

been imprisoned nine months for defending himself in a night intrusion in his radio and television shop. Quill stabbed the man and was put in jail for seven months for murder. Charges against him dropped, his business "gone to pot", he decided to come back to Durham, partially to get away from Newark's violence and live on his disability check.

A lump on his head from his Pettigrew Street mugging, no relatives, and after nearly twenty years, no friends to take him in, he slept on window sills of abandoned buildings on Pettigrew Street. Quill then heard good news - a farm in Johnston County that employed farm hands to pick sweet potatoes for seventy cents per bushel, which provided living quarters and good food, needed help.

The evening of September 8th Quill was on his way to the good times ahead in a brown and gray Ford Econoline van, not alone but with several others from Durham to become unknowingly, a part of the U. S. east coast "migrant stream."

"When we got there I was shocked. The mattresses were filthy... no grass in the windows... no heat at night... and the food was terrible," said Quill as he described the conditions that he lived for nearly five weeks as he harvested sweet potatoes on a farm 10 miles north of Benson. The bed that he slept in at night was urine stained/worn mattress on a cold floor, and no sheets.

Work began at five thirty every morning and continued until often ten thirty at night

## Blacks Participate In Inauguration



HOWARD LEE

GOV. JAMES HUNT AND WIFE

RALEIGH (CCNS) — Blacks participated in the inauguration of Governor James Hunt in numbers unprecedented by previous administrations. Democratic or Republican. Beginning with the inaugural party on Friday evening at Reynolds Coliseum, Black bankers, businessmen, educators, lawyers, precinct workers, and observers dotted the marathon of ceremonies that finally ended Monday morning with the swearing in of the Council of State.

Hills, with his southern, hill-billy humor. Jokes that drew laughter from the thousands that attended often poked light humor at women.

Square dancing, symphony music, ballet dancing and a medley of songs accompanied Griffith's humor.

Governor and Mrs. Hunt and the Council of State and their wives marched down the aisle in tails and gowns to a long table before the floor where the entertainers performed.

### INAUGURAL BALL

The affair was sponsored by the Junior League of Raleigh and the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra. Those seated on the main floor of the Coliseum had purchased tickets of \$25 and \$50. Proceeds for the evening will go to charity.

Not many of the blacks interviewed expressed a great love for Master of Ceremonies Andy Griffith "Mayberry" and Beverly

Several prominent blacks were scattered throughout the Coliseum. Some of those in attendance were: Secretary of Natural and Economic Resources Howard Lee and wife Lillian; Senator and Mrs. John Winters, Sr.; Vice President of Mechanics and Farmers Bank, J. J. Sansom and his wife, Vivian; a Shaw University professor; Fayetteville State University President Dr. and Mrs. Charles Lyons; Dr. and Mrs. Sidney Barn-

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## Anne Turner, Wilmington Ten Defendant Paroled

RALEIGH (CCNS) — Anne Shepard-Turner, has been paroled from her 7-10 year sentence for conspiracy to burn

Mike's Grocery in Wilmington in 1971. The conviction of the nine other defendants with her has become known as the

Wilmington 10 case, now considered internationally as an example of the gross miscarriage of justice matted out to civil rights fighters.

### Wheeler Honored

Durham business and civic leader John H. Wheeler recently received added honors in the field of finance this month as he was selected as the recipient of the Black Enterprise Annual Achievement Award.

The announcement was made in the January issue of the black business magazine published by Earl G. Graves Publishing Co.

Citing his many civic and business interests, the article said the award was made for his "distinguished contributions to the field of finance."



WHEELER

Ms. Turner is expected to return to her family this week. Since her conviction she has married Lewis Turner who is very active in prison reform in North Carolina.

Anne Shepard Turner a white anti-poverty worker received the lightest of the sentences in the Wilmington 10 trial. The other Black defendants received sentences ranging from 24 years to 34 years, and will have to serve one-fourth of their sentences before they are eligible for parole.

Ms. Turner's parole came at the first review of her case by the N. C. Parole Commission. Louis Powell, Superintendent at the North Carolina Correctional Center for Women where Ms. Turner was incarcerated as an honor inmate with privileges of weekend leaves, said that she was "a very good inmate." She is also enrolled at Wake Technical Institute where she travels daily to study.

Governor Hunt has been called on by the National Wilmington 10 Defense Committee to arrange bail for the other Wilmington 10 but the Governor has not yet responded. Before the inauguration Hunt said that he would study the Wilmington 10 situation immediately after taking office.

## Governor Hunt Asked To Release Wilmington 10

The Wilmington Ten Defense Committee announced the delivering of a plea to the Governor of North Carolina on his inauguration asking for his participation in resolving the case of the Wilmington Ten who are incarcerated in North Carolina prisons as political prisoners. Immediate executive action is being called for as the Reverend Ben Chavis and his nine co-defendants (The Wilmington Ten) have been unjustly imprisoned since February 2nd of last year (1976).

The message to Governor James Hunt was accompanied by additional petition signatures from residents across the country including several from students at St. Augustine's College in Raleigh.

The plea to Governor Hunt said, "you too have a major responsibility in resolving the issue of political pri-

soners who languish in the prisons of North Carolina."

"May we remind you of the recent North Carolina major newspapers which have gone on record in support of a new trial for the Wilmington 10, the many thousands of letters and petition signatures from citizens of North Carolina and the States from coast to coast, members of the U. S. Congress and the growing international show of support from Amnesty International and other world bodies.

Yes, the entire world is now watching to see whether your administration will in fact right the wrongs of the past. The entire world is watching to see if there is any humanity in the so-called "new south" or whether you too will allow innocent people to waste away in prison because of their efforts to bring about positive change in North Carolina through peaceful means.

We would like to suggest that you have a mandate not only from the citizens of North Carolina, but also from the citizens throughout this country to take Executive Action immediately and clean the blemished slate of North Carolina by granting releases and exoneration to Reverend Ben Chavis, his 9 co-defendants (The Wilmington 10), Dr. James Grant, his 2 co-defendants (The Charlotte Three) and the many other political prisoners across the state. Their release should be a priority in your new office.

Finally, may we wish progress and prosperity for the State of North Carolina under your leadership as Governor making it as beautiful as the landscape - after the political prisoners are released, of course."



INVITED — Texas prison inmate Mary Bradix, 55, proudly holds an invitation received inviting her to the presidential inauguration of Jimmy Carter on Jan. 20. Mary wrote a letter, about two months before the election supporting Carter, saying "I can't vote but I can pray for you." She received a note from Carter thanking her and then January 13 she received the invitation. (UPI).

## PUBLIC WORSHIP TO HONOR DR. KING

Martin Luther King: His Dream Is Today's Perspective, Tomorrow's Hope. This will be the theme of a public worship service honoring and celebrating his life. The service will be Monday, January 17, 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, on the corner of Roxboro and Main Sts. in Durham.

The Rev. William Basley, pastor of St. Joseph's AME Church, will deliver the sermon. Chorus from St. Joseph's AME and First Presbyterian Church will sing.

The service will be interracial and ecumenical, following the example of King's ministry.

## N. C. Highway Patrolmen Fired At Their Own Comrade

(CCNS) — Several highway patrolmen fired at their Virginia comrade, Trooper Garland Fisher, because they were mistakenly informed that the driver of the car was alleged kidnapper Reuben "Sonny" Conley, a black escaped mental patient.

Major Jack Cabe read the transcript of communications between North Carolina and Virginia command stations and the North Carolina command and several officers while they deliberated about how to rescue Fisher from his captor without unnecessarily endangering Fisher's life.

C. G. Benfield, a N. C. Highway Patrol telecommunicator in Raleigh answered a phone call at 12:02 a.m. the morning of November 15. On the line was Sgt. Shoal of the

Virginia State Police informing him that Fisher had been kidnapped by a black mental patient and had been shot. He said that the kidnapper had ordered the trooper to drive to Atlanta and that he did not want to see any patrol cars or he would kill the trooper.

When Benfield asked who was operating the vehicle Shoal replied, "This fellow that kidnapped Fisher is operating the vehicle; however, we do have a car behind him."

One hour later a faked wreck had been staged in Granville County on Interstate 85 and more than a dozen patrolmen were ready to ambush the driver of the vehicle and rescue the kidnapped rider, Garland Fisher.

But only moments before the showdown at the roadblock the Virginia Sgt. Shoal called back and said that Fisher was driving the car rather than Conley. At the showdown the driver's side of the unmarked patrol car was torn apart by a volley of bullets that began as the car attempted to go around the roadblock. Fisher was killed with 14 slugs in his body.

Conley, according to officers at the scene was crouched in the floor on the passenger side of the vehicle which the medical examiner says could have been the direction from which the fatal bullets came.

An autopsy report indicates that the bullets that were fatal to Fisher were slanted upward from the floor of the car. Conley, his kidnapper, is charged with his death.

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell (D-7th - Maryland) will address the Annual Awards Banquet of the Durham College Alumni Association on Friday, January 14, at 7 p.m. The Banquet, to be held at the Durham Civic Center, will be highlighted with a keynote address by the Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, Representative Mitchell and an address by Congressman Ike F. Andrews (D-N.C.).

Congressman Mitchell will speak to the "Issues of the 95th Congress as They Relate to Black America." Employment, skill development, housing and minority business enterprise have been the major focuses of the Maryland Congressman in his tenure in the United States Congress. As Chairman of the House Budget Committee's Human Resources Task Force, Mitchell introduced amendments that provided

one million summer youth employment jobs for economically disadvantaged teenagers; allocated an additional 125,



PARREN MITCHELL

000 jobs under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act for the victims of the current depression/recession that has permeated the economic core of America; increased housing programs for low and moderate income families; allocated more funds for institutional assistance in higher education for programs as University Community Services, Trio-Special Programs for the Disadvantaged, Work-Study and University Community Services. He commented, "There exists an efficiency argument that creating jobs must be accompanied with skill upgrading, consequently the programs that are implemented by institutions as Durham College complete a viable, effective employment development scheme." The Maryland Congressman alluded to his colleagues of the seventeen member Congressional Black Caucus in stating, "We

are elected to represent all of our constituents. In doing so we have placed, as top priority the issue of employment and attacking the racial disparities that have long forced Black America to be victims of an insensitive economy." The Caucus Chairman continued, "We must inspire the basic resource of Black America, which is 25 million black people, to increase the potential to contribute to the economy."

Congressman Mitchell, who also serves on the House Banking Currency and Housing Committee and is Vice Chairman of the Joint Committee on Defense Production, was quite honored to be selected to address the Durham College Awards Banquet. He expressed reverence for the founder, Dr. L. M. Harris, and the principles upon

which the College was conceived.

Others to appear on the program are: Dr. John R. Larkins, Special Assistant to the Governor of North Carolina, Mayor Wade L. Cavin of Durham, Harold Webb recently appointed Director of Personnel for the State of North Carolina, John H. Wheeler, Chairman, Durham Committee on Black Affairs, and Dr. L. M. Harris, Founder and President Emeritus, and Dr. J. W. Hill, President of the College.

In addition to the awards presented to outstanding alumni at the banquet, the annual L. M. Harris Teacher of the Year Award will be presented to an outstanding faculty member. Reservations may be made by contacting the College's Development Office.

## Black Caucus Official To Address Banquet