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That man is indeed a personality pauper who cannot afford a joke on himself now and then.  
—Esther Eberstadt Brooks

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## MITCHELL SAYS:

# CONFRONTATION POLITICS NEEDED

(CCNS) — The Honorable Parren Mitchell, Chairperson of the Congressional Black Caucus spoke at the Durham Civic Center and was honored at a reception sponsored by the alumni of Durham Business College. He was also honored at brunch in the stately home of Soul City Developer Floyd McKissick.

While in North Carolina, the outspoken Mitchell continued his fight against Attorney-General-designate Griffin Bell and took the opportunity to speak out on the Wilmington 10, the crisis of black leadership, and a few local issues

such as the enslavement of a Durham man against his will at a sweet potato farm last October. Mitchell said that the failure of national news media to expose the case of the Wilmington 10 has resulted in the "grossest miscarriage of justice of all times." He said that the lack of interest by national press in major rallies in support of the Wilmington 10 in his own state of Maryland was part of an unwritten agreement among the "racist forces but we should not stop the struggle to free Rev. Ben Chavis and the Wilmington 10 until they are out."

According to Mitchell, one of the causes of black powerlessness is "a kind of self-serving attitude of many of our blacks who have moved into comfortable positions and don't want to rock the boat." He said the move away from confrontation politics endangers all of the gains that were made during the turbulent sixties.

"If my legislature in Maryland decides to redraw the congressional district lines, I'm out now. The same thing could happen to Barbara Jordan, Louis Stokes or anybody."

"There are some blacks that have achieved money. The economic system could work to wipe them out overnight," Mitchell said. He continued saying that the common factor among blacks, "is not the Constitution, not the Bill of Rights, not the appointment to the IBM Board but our blackness."



PARREN J. MITCHELL during his recent speech in Durham's Civic Center.

# Black Legislators Voice Their Concerns

RALEIGH (CCNS)—The first week of the North Carolina Legislature got under way with its six black legislators getting chairmanships and key committee assignments unprecedented since the period of Reconstruction in North Carolina. Four black legislators in the House of Representatives were interviewed on their jobs at the legislature and most have already keenly developed their legislative agenda.

Johnson expects to use the influence of the chairmanship of the Human Resources Committee to "get eligible North Carolinians speedy assistance from the Department of Social Services around the state." Johnson also puts emphasis on developing legislation to prevent ineligibles from receiving assistance, not only welfare clients but professional providers of services who often overcharge the state.

Johnson says he'll work toward passing a fair employment practices act which will outlaw hiring and firing discrimination based on race, sex and religious affiliation. He would support legislation that would set up a fair employment practices commission to enforce the act and give the commission power to subpoena records and witnesses for investigative purposes. A similar bill was introduced late in the last session but did not pass.

Overcrowding in the state's 77 prisons will also be a concern of the veteran legislator. While not primarily interested in "constructing big buildings, I am concerned about medical care and other services to those in prison including rehabilitative programs and early release." Johnson says that many of the state's 13,000 inmates particularly blacks and poor people do not receive fair trials which also would reduce the large numbers in prison.

Representative Richard Erwin of Forsyth County is serving a second term and is Vice Chairperson of the Appropriations Committee and Vice Chairperson of the Courts and Judicial Districts Committee. He is also a member of the Professional Law Enforcement and Personnel Practices Committee, the Committee on Higher Education and the Corrections Committee.

The Winston-Salem native says that his top priority is how the funds of the state are spent and where. His coveted position on the Appropriations Committee on Education will, he believes, give him significant input into the manner in which education funds are spent.

## NATIONAL NEWS NOTES

### MINORITY VOTING POWER

ATLANTA, GA. — Growing minority political power was evidenced in the election of 420 blacks to public office in the South in 1976, according to John Lewis, Executive Director of the nonpartisan Voter Education Project (VEP).

"This is another major step toward an interracial democracy in the South, but the increase of black elected officials and the impact of the black vote in selecting a President in 1976 should not lead to the conclusion that the voting rights battle has been won," stated Lewis.

"VEP research estimates that only slightly over half of the seven million blacks of voting age are registered," Lewis pointed out. "Of that number, approximately 60 to 65 per cent actually voted in the national election in 1976. This is an improvement over previous years, but it means that only 36 per cent, or a little more than one of every three blacks of voting age in the South, actually voted. To have meaningful representation in government at all levels, we must do better."

### USE IRS TOLL-FREE PHONES

GREENSBORO — A large number of North Carolina taxpayers are calling the wrong telephone number for Federal tax assistance, says Robert A. LeBaube, IRS Director.

"Many people are calling the local IRS number listed in their telephone director for assistance on tax problems," LeBaube remarked. "The number they should be calling is the toll-free number 1-800-822-8800. If they are concerned about having to wait for an operator to come on the line, they have no cause for concern. Right now, our average waiting time is less than 30 seconds."

The Director added that persons contacted over the local phone lines are mainly audit and collection employees. Over the toll-free system IRS has a large staff of taxpayer service representatives who answer tax questions all day long.

### NAACP OPPOSES BELL

NEW YORK — The NAACP this week stepped up its drive to block the confirmation of former Federal Judge Griffin Bell of Georgia as U. S. Attorney General.

In testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Wednesday, January 12, NAACP Washington Bureau Director Clarence Mitchell, declared that "it is incredible that Mr. Carter would name Mr. Bell as his choice for the highest law officer in the executive branch of government."

Mitchell's strong testimony in opposition to President-elect Carter's nomination for the Justice Department was supported by the NAACP National Board of Directors, which on Monday, January 10, adopted a resolution deprecating Mr. Bell's record as a law officer in Georgia and a Federal appeals court judge.

On Thursday, NAACP Administrator Gloster B. Current followed up these actions by sending telegrams to key NAACP branches around the country urging them to demand that the Senate Judiciary Committee and their Senators reject the nomination.

# Delta Women Conference To Meet Human Needs

"Delta Women and the Community—Working Together to Meet Human Needs" will be the theme of an all day conference sponsored by the Durham Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. A public service sorority, the Deltas will present challenges and mandates to community leaders in the Research Triangle area on Saturday, January 22, at the Governor's Inn.

Activities are divided into four sessions; the first two, for the members of the sorority, include a Founders' Day Celebration address and a luncheon. The second two sessions, for the public at large, will consist of four concurrent workshops and a reception.

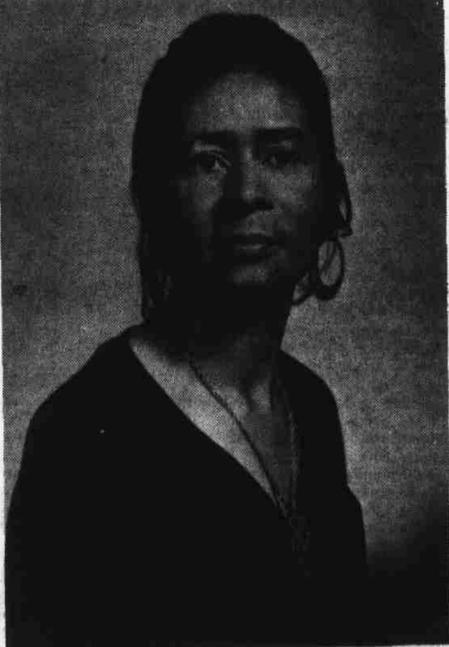
For the first session Mrs. Thelma T. Daley, Delta National President will be the keynote speaker. In addition to presiding over 87,000 Deltas, Mrs. Daley is a nationally recognized guidance and counseling professional. She also presides over 41,000 members American Personnel and Guidance Association.

Currently serving as Director of the Career Education Program for the Baltimore County Board of Education, Mrs. Daley was recently appointed to a three-year term on the 14 member National Advisory Council on Career Education. Her many outstanding contributions at the local, state, and national levels in career education, in personnel and guidance, and in

human resources development have merited her several awards and citations.

At the luncheon — the second session, Durham Mayor Wade Cavin will present a special proclamation to the Durham Alumnae Chapter.

Sorority-community interrelationships will highlight the afternoon sessions. Four concurrent workshops, beginning at 2 p.m. will feature what Delta women, can, should, and must do for their community. [Continued On Page 7]



MS. THELMA T. DALEY, NATIONAL PRESIDENT, Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.

## A New Order For A New Age

ATLANTA, GA. (CCNS) — "We want to be able to say in the years ahead when we meet that we began an agenda for a New Order for a New Age in January, 1977." Coretta Scott King's exhortation in her keynote to over 400 individuals from across the U. S. attending the Full Employment Conference was repeated by the well-known speakers, by leaflets, conference packets, banners and buttons. Some conference participants expressed surprise at the buttons commemorating the event which were produced and donated by McDonald's fast-food chain. Judy Garrison Project Co-ordinator of the Southern Organizing Conference from Birmingham, Alabama, noted that "The buttons don't have a union 'bug' (indicating production in a union-organized shop)." Anne Mitchell, co-ordinator of the N. C. Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression added "... and McDonald's is infamous for the low wages paid its employees, primarily young people."

The Full Employment Conference was organized by the Martin Luther King, Jr., Center for Social Change in Atlanta, as part of four days of celebration in honor of King's birthday. Participants were urged by the enthusiastic speakers to join the demand for full employment, united by the conference theme of "A New Order for a New Age."

National leaders many of whom struggled with Martin Luther King in the 50's and 60's in this country, addressed the conference and together urged pressure be put on the Carter Administration to fulfill the needs of America's minorities and poor.

Joining Mrs. King in keynoting the conference was the Honorable Augustus F. Hawkins, congressman from California and co-sponsor of the Humphrey-Hawkins employment bill in Congress. He reminded the body that "... we must not overlook the extent to which we have made this issue (full employment) part of the success of changing administrations ... We must not surrender our victory now to forces which have imposed on us these economic policies. Those who won stood for economic justice ... it would be a mistake for us to ... wait to think the matter is over. We must insist that we who won (the election) should be included in the economic decisions that effect our lives ... It is necessary to see some black faces, some women some Chicanos ..."

Hawkins quoted Ossie Davis, "It is not the man but the plan." He reminded the audience that we must carefully look at the economic plan, for "administrations come and go, ... and sometimes even friends get pressure to cause them to modification." For full

employment, there must be fair employment, he emphasized, stating as well that the key is "useful employment at decent wages. It is and remains the responsibility of the federal government to fill that right." He closed with the challenge that "we must not wait another moment to unite economic with social justice."

Addressing the relationship of the criminal justice system to full employment, former attorney general Ramsey Clark stated that, "We have a permanent unemployed class of millions, and do we understand that?" He noted that people want to work, and to share their abilities that are needed today ... is economic emancipation ... The profit motive will not be enough."

Introduced by chairperson for the afternoon session David Livingstone of District 65 with the words, "Never was there a time when the voice of Ossie Davis was not heard," Black actor/director Ossie Davis was welcomed with a joyous standing ovation. Addressing the relationship of full employment to the arts, Davis cited statistics and studies to conclusively illustrate the economic role of the theatre in America, "\$53 million goes to the economy of New York City alone." He continued with the sobering statement that, "We are today disturbed in our



OPPOSES BELL — Clarence Mitchell (left) head of the Washington Bureau of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) arrives January 11 at a hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee to oppose the nomination of Griffin Bell to be attorney general. At right is Sen. Charles Mathias, R.-Md. (UPI).