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One who is contented with what he has done
will never become famous for what he will
do.
—Bovee

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MARCHERS — Delegation from North Carolina to "Witness Against Executions" in Atlanta, Saturday, April 10th. Holding the banner in center is John Stroman of Durham.

3000 Demonstrate In Atlanta Against Executions

More than three thousand marched through downtown Atlanta as a part of "a witness against executions" to the Georgia Capitol to hear several speakers and entertainers.

One by one the expert witnesses, all civil rights veterans, spoke out. Each with a message that electrified those who listened just a few feet from a statue of 19th century populist Thomas Watson.

"Georgia has executive more people than any other state in the nation" said Dr. Ralph Abernathy, President Emeritus of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. He continued to attack a notion held by men in the U. S. that "executions will deter crime saying "we cannot correct crime of homicide and killings through capitol punishment. We come closer to correcting crime and homicide . . . by providing jobs and income." He further criticized the arms race and the race to explore and settle outer space saying "(We need to) stop wasting our money on the arms race and sending individuals to the moon and Mars . . . We haven't learned as yet how to live down on this earth."

Ramsey Clark, the first U. S. Attorney General to oppose capital punishment while in office, spoke. Armed with statistics and historical accounts of Georgia executions since 1938, he said that 366 persons were executed in Georgia.

Clark told of James Foster, convicted of a capital crime in 1956 who was later found to have been innocent. There was also Leo Franks who in 1915 was sentenced to die in Georgia. Clark said that Franks' sentenced was commuted when his accuser was found to have committed the murder. Released from prison, Franks, a Jew, was lynched.

Clark urged the listeners

Carl Rowan To Be FSU Founder's Day Speaker

FAYETTEVILLE — Carl Rowan, nationally renowned journalist who was the first black American to sit with the President's Cabinet and the U. S. National Security Council, will be the featured speaker at Fayetteville State University's 100th Anniversary Founder's Day ceremonies April 17 at

2:30 p.m. in the J. W. Seabrook Auditorium.

While a freshman at Tennessee State College in Nashville, he took a nationally competitive examination that led to his becoming one of the first 15 blacks in U. S. history to attain commissioned officer rank in the Navy.

From 1964-65, when he was director of the United States Information Agency in the administration of Lyndon B. Johnson, Rowan became the first black American to sit with the President's Cabinet and with the U. S. National Security Council.

Earlier, Rowan served as John F. Kennedy's ambassador to Finland - at that time the youngest U. S. envoy in the world. Still earlier in the Kennedy Administration, he served as Deputy Assistant

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Judge Lanier Refuses Bail For Wilmington 10

WILMINGTON — Superior Court Judge Russell Lanier denied motions for bail for the Wilmington 10 so they could be free while the Pender County Court begins consideration of recent recantations of state witnesses and requests for new trials for the civil rights activists.

When the post conviction hearing begins on May 9th in Burgaw, nine of the Wilmington 10 remaining in North Carolina prisons will not have been able to confer jointly with their lawyers to prepare their case. Attorney James Ferguson told Lanier that unless he was able to get the Wilmington 10 free on bail that unusual circumstances would lessen the effectiveness of their representation. He said that all of the Wilmington 10 are scattered in separate prisons across the state and to confer with them once would require driving more than 1,000 miles.

Ferguson also argued that the recantation of Allen Hall last October, and of Jerome Mitchell in February, and the newly discovered 1974 recantation of Eric Junious plus the 4400 page proceeding of the first trial would take many months for the Judge to consider. Meanwhile, Ferguson argued, his clients should not be kept in jail.

Ferguson presented more than 100 affidavits of prominent and everyday people who were willing to testify for the Wilmington 10's character and that they would return for trial. Judge Lanier refused to hear the testimony and gave Ferguson the affidavits back without reading them.

Some of the persons available to testify at the trial on the character of the Wilmington 10 were Fayetteville businessman Rex Harris, Rev. Leroy Blair of Wilmington, Rev. M. L. Dillingham of Wilmington, UNC professor Dr. Ann Carter, Granville County civic leader Rev. G. C. Hawley, and Administrative Assistant to Congressman Ron Dellums, Barbara Lee. Many of the witnesses and others appeared shocked when Lanier handed the affidavits back to Ferguson and referred to them as "stuff."

Charlene Mitchell, Executive Director of the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression responded with "its more of North Carolina Klu Klux Klan style justice."

Rex Harris, when asked if he thought the hearing was fair, shook his head in apparent disgust.

Rev. Leon White, Executive Director of the N. C. — Va. Commission for Racial Justice, said that he didn't expect any relief from state courts and would expect "the same in the post conviction hearing that we saw today". White said he expected relief from the federal courts.

At any rate, the post conviction hearing is set for May 9th in Burgaw. The last time the defendants were in that court they were convicted for a total of 282 years for firebombing a white-owned grocery. The grocery was burned during a siege of white vigilantes upon Wilmington's black ghetto, particularly upon boycotting black students of the Wilmington-New Hanover School system.



MY DOG'S BETTER THAN YOUR DOG — is what the expressions of four year old Gina Colvin and Jo Anjanette Martin seem to be saying. And Jesse L. Johnson Jr., is glad they did. Johnson's snapshot of the girls won a \$100 special merit award in the Kodak awards competition in which more than 325,000 photos were entered.



REP. H. M. MICHAUX

State Equal Employment Act Introduced

RALEIGH (CCNS) — State enforcement of an Equal Employment Practices Act is proposed in legislation filed in the General Assembly by Rep. H. M. Michaux and Sen. Kathy Sebo. Michaux and Sebo explained the legislation at a legislative seminar of the N. C. Association of Human Rights Officials.

Patterned after the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) enforcement of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, employment based on sex, national origin, race, religion, and age would be prohibited.

A Division of Equal Opportunity would be established within the Department of Administration to investigate, conciliate and make settlements to compensate for discrimination. All complaints made to the Division would be under the director of the North Carolina Human Relations Commission.

Complaints of discrimination would be investigated within 90 days. After complaint investigation had been completed the Division would make a finding of whether "reasonable cause" exists to believe discrimination occurred or was occurring. At that time the Division would attempt to get the parties to settle the complaint through persuasion or conciliation. Persuasion failing, the Division could then use its administrative hearing process to gather information through subpoena powers and to make a decision. A complainant not satisfied with the ruling of the administrative hearing could appeal to the Superior Courts of the State, then to the state appellate courts. Only after the appeals through the state courts and the run of the hearing process could a complainant get relief from the federal courts or the federal EEOC.

Michaux and Sebo said these provisions would be attractive to state officials and employers who dislike federal intervention. The provision would make North Carolina a 706 agency which means the North Carolina Human Relations Commission would act in place of the federal EEOC. The federal EEOC has a backlog of more than 3000 complaints in North Carolina which makes some complainants wait for relief from discrimination for more than a year.

Defending the concept of the State replacing the role of the EEOC, Michaux, said, "I have been one who has looked, sort of with a jaundiced eye, at states' rights, particularly when it's used in terms of discrimination and whatnot. But I think this is one of the most sellable pieces of literature for states rights." Racial bigots and segregationists have generally used the states' rights argument to resist federal intervention and discriminatory attitudes condoned by state laws.

The investigative and conciliation powers of the state Division of Equal Opportunity would be available to local human relations commissions if they were constructed to handle complaints. However that poses a problem for some human relations units in the state including Raleigh which has recently been dissolved as an independent agency to a division of civil rights under the control of Raleigh City Manager L. P. Zachary. Whether such reconstituted bodies would be eligible for enforcing the Equal Opportunity Law is not yet clear.

Enforcement of the provisions of the act for some time has been another sticky issue. John Brooks, Commissioner of Labor has been lobbying for the legislation to be enforced within the department of labor. Sebo said that Brooks

had been convinced to support passage of the provision under the Department of Administration. Sebo and Michaux also said that the cabinet of state and the governor had seen the legislation and many were supportive.

Similar legislation was defeated in the last session when manufacturers lobbied against the bill saying it would destroy the state's right to work laws. The bill had to effect on the state's right to work laws.

Week Of Events Mark Law Day At NCCU

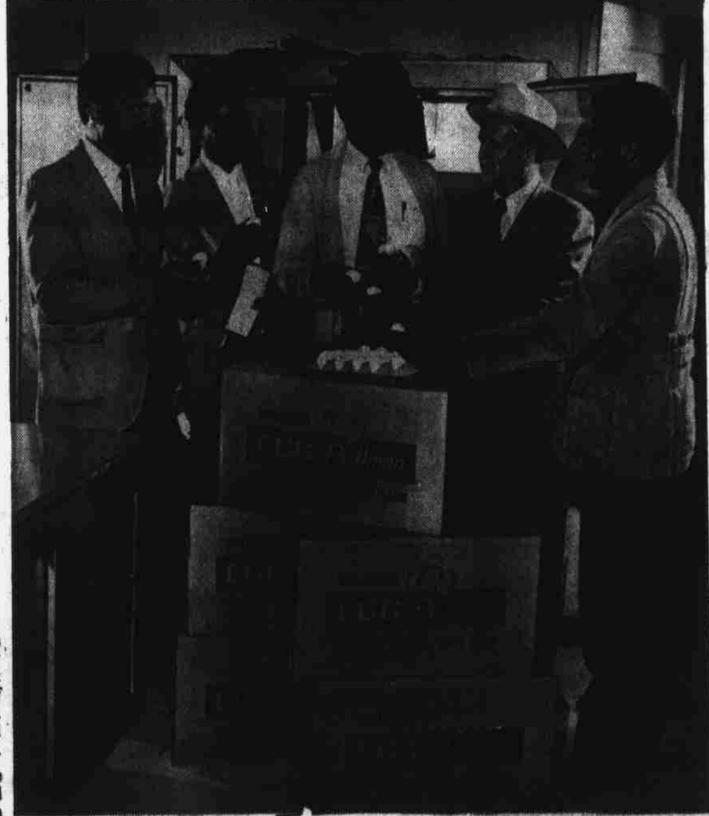
North Carolina Central University School of Law in celebration of "Law Day" is sponsoring a week of events which began Tuesday. Forums are being held through Saturday, April 16 on topics such as "Opportunities for Women in Law" and "Scientific Jury Selection". Aspiring landlords as well as unsatisfied tenants would be interested in the forum entitled "Landlord and Tenant Seminar" presented by Durham's Legal Aid Society.

On Friday, April 15 in B. N. Duke Auditorium at 11 a.m. the Honorable Floyd B. McKissick, will speak to the Law Day Assembly. McKissick is the Director and Founder of Soul City and an alumnus of the University's Law School. That evening Moot Court Competitions will be open to the public from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the Moot Court Room of the law school. Those persons attending will view the final rounds of the first year class appellate arguments.

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CO-SPONSORS EGG HUNT — Durham Mayor Wade Cavin and Assistant Recreation Department Director Carl Washington, examine some of the eggs in preparation for the 1977 citywide East Egg Hunt. From left are King Club members: George Suggs, Sr., public relations director; Walter Richardson, committee members, Claude Daniel, social committee chairman; Mayor Cavin and Washington. For the fifth consecutive year, the Kings Club, Inc., was co-sponsor of the Durham Recreation Department's annual Egg Hunt. The Club has conducted independent egg hunts, but some years ago, decided to join the City with this project. Members of the Kings Club and their families took part in this project in the past, coloring more than 5,000 eggs for the city wide hunt. Harold Brandon, vice president; James A. Atwater, Robert Bailey, corresponding secretary; William Borden, Ervin Johnson, recording secretary; Andrew Jones, Robert McCloud, Arthur Saunders, treasurer, Raymond Hayes, assistant treasurer; Paul Weeks, athletic director and Robert Evans.



CARL ROWAN