

On Wilmington Ten Sunday

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SISTERS and BROTHERS let us come together let us take a few moments of our time and energy to come together

On Wilmington Ten Sunday a day designated for reflection of our collective cultural and spiritual art forms

To renew our struggle for justice, liberation, freedom, and peace —

for what has happened to the Wilmington Ten is only manifest of what has happened to Black and all oppressed people who continue to be exploited and denied human rights

Who continue to be victims of American racism and monopoly

we therefore must come together in prayer and song, in poetry and music, in drama and art

activating the mass conscience of our people

For it is crucial to our survival that we wake up our people because some of us have gone asleep to reality and have given up the struggle

But yet some of us have "made it" or so it is that some of us think we have "made it" and have accepted pseudo bourgeois life styles and values while the great majority of our people continue to suffer because of racial discrimination and poverty

Let us not ever forget where we have come from and where we in unity need to go forward to constantly struggle for that which is right and just in this world

never submitting to injustice and repression

The effectiveness of our giving of ourselves in the various art forms in action and in solidarity with the oppressed will determine the present and future progress of the freedom movement

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leaders as a source of discontent which might cause a massive black bloc vote against Hunt's aspirations for a second term. Soon N. C. voters will vote on a measure to allow North Carolina's governors to succeed themselves. E. B. Turner, first vice-chairperson of the North Carolina Democratic Party, said recently that many blacks are concerned about the lack of appointments. The appointments have also been an issue with the General Baptist State Convention and the N. C. Black Democratic Caucus. Turner, and several other black leaders, have met with Hunt to discuss the Wilmington 10 case and the organizations have written letters to Hunt asking him to pardon the Wilmington 10.

Some black leaders say the pardon issue involves more than the executive and the judiciary but the Democratic Party as well.

Larry Little, Winston-Salem candidate for City Council, speaking on the capitol grounds at a Wilmington 10 rally last month, charged the Democratic Party with complicity in the 10 case. Little said he felt the Party was involved in the case because the major figures, including Senator Robert Morgan who was attorney general in 1972 and then Governor Robert Scott, are Democrats.

Anne Mitchell, state coordinator of the North Carolina Alliance, speaking at the festival said, "The response from North Carolina artists to this event has been tremendous. We are witnessing the commitment of blacks in North Carolina to use our creative energies to struggle for an end to repression of all of North Carolina's peoples." Appearing at the event will be Yusef and Friends, Rachim Sahu Jazztet, Ebony Dance Theatre, Ed Hall, The Gospel Inspirators, The New Spirit, The Gospel Chorus, William

Lewis Named As ACTION Director By President

John Robert Lewis, one of the first Freedom Riders of the 1960s and a prominent civil rights activist who headed the Voter Education Project in Atlanta, Ga. for nearly seven years, has been nominated by President Carter as associate director for domestic operations of ACTION, the federal agency for volunteer service.

"I see this appointment as a continuation of my life work to build a beloved community, a community at peace with itself," said Lewis, whose nomination is subject to Senate confirmation.

As associate director, Lewis, 37, a native of Troy, Ala., would direct the activities of more than 238,000 men and women who are serving as ACTION volunteers in a wide variety of anti-



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poverty and community service projects in towns and cities across the United States.

More Than 2,000 Attend National Beauty Culturists Meet In D.C.

WASHINGTON — A record attendance of 2,064 beauticians were at the 58th annual convention of the National Beauty Culturists League which concluded a week long meeting here Monday. Delegates came from 31 states, the Bahamas and Barbadoes.

The top feature was the Institute of Cosmetology, an in-service educational course for graduate and licensed beauticians. Classes were held at the Shoreham Americana and at Howard University. Mrs. Mary Moore, Detroit, was dean and John Bryant, Denver, Chief of Staff. Over 200 were graduated from the Institute, according to Marcus Lyons. A total of 900 were enrolled.

Dr. Katie E. Wickham, New Orleans, was unanimously re-elected president. She was given credit for the growth of the League from 400 to 40,000 and for many added features. She announced that a bond issue has been put into effect, enabling the League to purchase property. The building is being renovated and will be used as univer-

O'Fallow, Doria Hinson, Charlie Johnson, Willie Nash, the House of Ujima, Henry L. Edmonds, Obataiye B. Akinwale, The Laverne Players, Jessie Suggs and Friends, and others. A dollar donation will be asked of those who attend to "carry on the work to free the Wilmington 10," according to Ms. Mitchell.

NOBLE Vice President Gets Master's Degree In Criminal Justice

Good things come to those who wait - and keep working! William "Boone" Darden is a good example of a man on his way to great things. At 52 he is the father of three, married to Rose Marie Myers of Orlando. The children are: Boone, Jr. (18) a sophomore at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh; Kim (19) is Assistant Manager of the family business; and Darrell (16) is a senior at North Shore Senior High School.

Chief, as he is known, is Chief of Police at Riviera Beach. Before he took that position, seven years ago, he had been a Lieutenant in the West Palm Beach Police Department.

Recently he was elected as Vice President of NOBLE

(the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives). In addition to being national Vice President, he is President of the group's Regional Office (Region 3). This region encompasses the states of Mississippi, Alabama, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and also Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. As Regional President, Chief Darden has the responsibilities of implementing the philosophy and purpose of the National office. The organization is destined to play a major role in the future of law enforcement and criminal justice and training; it was created out of a need to fill the vacuum created by lack of communication techniques for sensitizing police executive, officers and agencies in the criminal justice system. NOBLE is dedicated to improving the quality of criminal justice throughout the United States through work with the community to achieve greater improvement and cooperation with criminal justice agencies.

Chief Darden has been a long-time participant in the

political affairs of his neighborhood, his city, county and state. During the recent planning sessions of the Democratic Executive Committee of Florida - where plans for the forthcoming Florida State Democratic Convention were formulated for its second convention in modern times - Chief Darden was afforded the honor of being appointed to the position of Sergeant-At-Arms thereby becoming the chief law enforcement for the 1977 Democratic State Convention.

In addition to these honors, Chief Darden has recently achieved another



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step forward in his career having obtained his Master's degree in Criminal Justice from Nova University in Fort Lauderdale in July of this year and is now planning further graduate work toward his Ph.D.

National News Briefs

Lisle C. Carter, Jr., who left the post as Chancellor of Atlanta University Center to become the first president of the University of the District of Columbia, proclaimed at the outset that there would be no politics involving his administration. The emphasis, he said, would be on academic achievement. Carter goes from a job primarily involved with fund raising to one involving getting money out of Congress.

J. Bruce Llewelly, president of the 100 Black Men, Inc., who first turned down President Carter's offer to be Secretary of the Army because his business, the Fedco food chain, was in the midst of expansion, has now turned down another offer to head the Overseas Private Investment Corporation because he must rebuild his business which suffered \$1 million in losses in the looting and burning during the July 13 blackout.

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