

**ATTORNEYS**

[Continued From Front Page] appeal to the N. C. Court of Appeals of Superior Court Judge George's Fountain's May 21 ruling that the Ten were not entitled to new trials in state courts. Ferguson has said that the appeals might take as long as four to five years for a final resolution in the case.

Questioned by reporters, Governor Hunt acknowledged

that top officials of the U.S. Justice Department had been in touch with his legal counsel, Jack Cozart, who was also present at the meeting. Justice Department officials, Cozart said, are expected to meet with Hunt to push for a pardon.

Hunt also acknowledged that a large number of people have told him not to touch the Wilmington case, but that he thought the political ramifications of the November succession referendum

would not be affected by action on the Wilmington 10 case.

"We have had a lot of reaction of people around the state saying they think it's (The Wilmington 10 case) getting too much attention and they are tired of hearing about it. They think that they (the Wilmington 10) got what they deserved and what have you," commented Hunt as he explained the opposition to a pardon for the Wilmington 10.

One state official told the press in Washington, D. C. that he was tired of the case. That official, Attorney General Rufus Edmisten, made the statement following a meeting with U. S. Attorney General Griffin Bell. Edmisten is now considering a bid for the Democratic Party nomination to the U. S. Senate seat held by Republican Jesse Helms. Mike Carmichael, Edmisten's press secretary, said Edmisten "has not made any recommendation to Governor Hunt whatsoever." Edmisten has opposed bail and new trials for the Wilmington 10 in appeals in state and federal courts.

But Hunt said, despite the reaction against a pardon for the Wilmington 10, he hoped reaction would not affect his decision.

Before the meeting, Ferguson had said one possibility the defense might pursue would be to tell Hunt that appeals would be dropped if Hunt would pardon the Wilmington 10. Following the meeting, Ferguson said that the possibility had not been raised by Hunt.

"I had not thought about that," Hunt said when questioned by reporters. "I am sure that they have no intention of doing that."

It seems that the proposal might have gained some headway if it had been discussed with Hunt.

A top black official, Dr. E. B. Turner of the N. C. Democratic Party, suggested that defense attorneys make the proposal to Hunt. Turner, First Vice President of the N. C. Democratic Party, said that he had discussed the case with Hunt and would, if asked, speak with him again about the case.

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**FESTIVAL**

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Addressing the nearly capacity gathering in the chapel, Mrs. Chavis stated that "the conspiracy to incarcerate" the defendants was a "clear case of political persecution" by an "unholy alliance of racists and greedy politicians". She informed those present that her son, the eight high school youths and the VISTA worker who were arrested with him had been involved in a conflict with the local board of education over demands for more black teachers and black studies in the Wilmington and New Hanover County schools.

She confessed to the attentive audience that she had not wanted Rev. Chavis to accept the assignment by the Commission for Racial Justice of the United Church of Christ to mediate the school crisis. Her reluctance, she said, was due to Wilmington's racist history, pointing back to the massacre of hundreds of blacks there in 1898.

Her fear, she said, was based on the assumption that descendants of the same group responsible for the 1898 massacre were still in power in the port city. Blacks were annihilated there to destroy political gains made during the reconstruction era.

Rev. W. W. Finlator, Chairman of the North Carolina branch of the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights, exhorted those present to continue pressing for the release of the jailed men stating that the Governor has a duty to see to it that people have the right to "peacefully assemble" and that it must be made clear to him that "there will be no place in North Carolina until those men are released." He urged that the ballot be used in the fight to "win justice for all."

Petitions to President Carter were circulated throughout the day demanding the freedom of the Wilmington 10.

Voters, Ms. Anne Mitchell, said, should let him know that they will vote against the succession referendum in November which would kill Hunt's chance for a second term, unless there is favorable action on the case by Hunt.

Announcing national demonstrations at Democratic party headquarters around the nation on September 17th, she asked that all those attending the festival join the Alliance in a demonstration at the Hilton Inn in Raleigh at noon. The objective of the demonstration is to put pressure on Hunt and Carter to pardon the Ten.

The chapel audience was treated to musical selections by the New Spirit Gospel Chorus of Laodicea United Christian Church and Brother Ed Hall. The response was overwhelmingly enthusiastic and Mrs. Mamie Pople and the Gospel Inspirators roused the supporters to their feet with a rendition of popular classics.

**NEW DAY BEGUN**

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aware when we see their children committing acts damaging to us and our neighborhoods. Further, we should collectively hold these parents responsible.

2. We should cooperate with the police while insisting on equitable and responsible law enforcement.

3. We should watch our neighbors property. When strange people are loitering in our neighborhoods, we should be extra observant and record their license number. Further, walk out on the streets, serving notice that potential burglars are being observed.

4. Take the license number of auto drivers you see harassing our women at bus stops and on the streets.

5. When you see persons stealing in our neighborhood stores, report the situation to store officials.

6. Check with our schools to determine which of our children are vandalizing school buildings. Collectively discuss the problem and its costs to our neighborhood with the parents. Offer support to parents who desire assistance in coping with the frustrations and demands of their problem children.

7. Encourage our churches to develop better youth and family counseling services. Also, demand that the various funding sources share equitably with our neighborhood programs.

8. Collectively analyze our neighborhood schools and determine what we can do together to improve their services.

9. Demand that your federal government be about the business of creating jobs for all persons able and willing to work. Denounce lip service and demand immediate action.

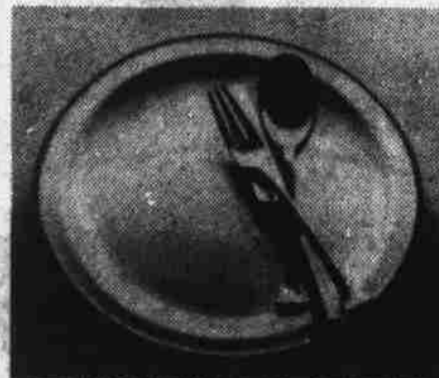


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