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# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## Deal Made To Turn Joan Little Over To N.Y. Police

### Vernell Muhammad Admits Calling Police

A deal to turn Joan Little over to the FBI and New York police was made before Vernell Muhammad met Miss Little in New York on December 7, one of Miss Little's attorneys said last week. After Miss Little was captured, Vernell Muhammad admitted that he called the police from Kennedy airport and gave the license number of the car she was driving, saying he feared for her safety. But North Carolina authorities say they had gotten a tip the day before Muhammad left for Brooklyn from a caller saying Miss Little was residing in Brooklyn and gave an address where she was living.

Jerry Paul, one of several attorneys fighting to keep Miss Little from being extra-

dited from New York to North Carolina told THE CAROLINA TIMES last week that a law enforcement report disclosed that Muhammad called the FBI and arranged to turn over Miss Little before he (Muhammad) left for New York.

Muhammad's story to the news media after Miss Little's car was riddled with

bullets, was that he turned her in to the police because she would not come back to North Carolina and turn herself in. George McRae, a New York boyfriend, Muhammad said, had a gun and Miss Little said she was afraid of him, so he turned her over to the police for her safety.

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THE MESSAGE — Rev. James Barnett tells Gov. Hunt that blacks want a pardon of the Wilmington 10 by Christmas.

## Economic Outlook For 1978 Promising

By JOHN G. MEDLIN, JR., President Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, N. A., Winston-Salem, N. C.

The economic expansion under way since the spring of 1975 appears to have sufficient momentum, strength

and encouragement to carry it through 1978. This recovery has been characterized by unevenness from the start, and the variable quarterly growth pattern is likely to continue over the next year.

Fiscal policy will be a strongly stimulative force with the federal budget deficit estimated on the magnitude of \$58 billion, or thirty per cent over the previous fiscal year. The generous increase in the money supply of the current year is expected to be followed by a monetary policy which is accommodative to continued moderate growth.

Because of slowly improving confidence levels, consumer and business spending in 1978 should be mildly positive economic influences. Housing will continue to be strong. The election year atmosphere may bring a toning down of the administration's reform and legislative proposals which contributed to the cautious mood in some sectors this year.

There were 8 million more people working in the U. S. during the fourth quarter of 1977 than at the recession trough in 1975, and employment should continue improving in 1978. However, because of another year of above-average growth in working age population and a higher participation ratio, the national and North Carolina unemployment rates will decline only modestly next year.

Optimism in the outlook

is moderated by deep concerns which remain about a number of fundamental issues. These include the enormous budget deficit, persistent price inflation, a stubborn unemployment rate, heavy foreign energy dependence, the \$30 billion trade deficit, and the weakened dollar's troubles overseas.

A fourteen per cent increase in the minimum wage on January 1 is expected to add to personal income but also to teenage unemployment and inflation. A rise of up to ten per cent in social security tax schedules will shrink New Year paychecks and raise price levels. It remains to be seen what impact on consumer psychology will come from the first step in the tripling of these taxes

for many working people and employers over the next ten years.

On balance, the positive forces should prevail and push the real gross national product measure of economic activity upward next year at a rate between four and five per cent. This is expected to be slightly less than the advance for 1977, but well above the longer-term average real economic growth rate of about three per cent.

The 1978 inflation rate is expected to be in the range of 5 1/2 to 6 1/2 per cent. The increase in prices is likely to gather momentum as the year progresses and average at a slightly higher rate than for 1977. Real personal income would be eroded a little more [Continued On Page 11]



CELEBRATES 113th BIRTHDAY — Mrs. Cynthia Fitzpatrick (L) was 113 years old on Christmas Day. She is greeted by friends at a party held in her honor. Mrs. Fitzpatrick, who lives in Orlando, Fla., was in Rochester to visit relatives. She relates that her great wish was to see her three children grow up; "the Lord let me live to see my children grow, my grandchildren grow, and my great-grandchildren grow," she said. (Photo by Steve Groer, UPI).

## Black Press to Honor Humphrey and Seven Advertisers at Workshop

WASHINGTON, (NNPA) — Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, former Vice President of the United States, will receive the Distinguished Humanitarian Award of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) during its Mid-Winter Workshop, January 11-14 in Miami, Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett, president, announced this week.

Additionally, Dr. Goodlett said NNPA will present "Affirmative Action Advertising Awards" to seven major advertisers. These are: American Airlines, Chrysler Corporation, Eastern Airlines, Gulf Oil Corporation, Kraft, Inc., Sears, Roebuck and Company, and United Airlines.

They will receive plaques during the "Recognition Dinner for Advertisers" on Thursday evening, January 12, at Omni International Hotel where the Workshop is being held.

Presentation of the Distinguished Humanitarian Award will be made to Senator Humphrey, "the Happy Warrior", or his representative as the climax of the Workshop. Vice President Walter F. Mondale has been invited to receive the plaque for the ailing Senator if he is unable to be present.

Humphrey, who began his political career as mayor of Minneapolis at 34, first appeared on the national scene three years later as a delegate to the 1948 Democratic National Convention where his fight for a strong civil rights plank led to the formation of the break-away, racist State's Right Party.

Throughout more than twenty years in the Senate, and four as Vice President, Humphrey has fought vigorously for civil rights legislation. He is now co-sponsor of the Humphrey-Hawkins Full Employment and Balanced Growth Bill to help assure jobs for every American.

Congressman Hawkins, who will address the Workshop during the opening luncheon, also will be honored. The Californian was first elected to Congress in

## Justice Dept. Investigates Firing of Black Officer

GREENVILLE — A dispute over the firing of Greenville's first black police officer, 57 year old Caesar Corbett, has resulted in a call for the U. S. Justice Department to investigate allegations of racial discrimination in hiring in the use of Greenville's federal funds. The request was made of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, December 20, following federal Judge John Larkins lifting of a temporary restraining order which barred the town from dismissing Corbett.

Corbett, a 57 year old police veteran, alleges in a suit filed December 8 by New Bern Attorney John Harmon, that around December 11, Greenville Police Chief Glenn Cannon told Corbett "to either resign or be summarily fired." When Corbett did not

resign, the suit alleges, Corbett was told by the police chief to "take eighteen days of vacation and then report to work on December 8, 1977 and resign or he would be fired." Corbett says Cannon told him that he (Corbett) was caught asleep while on duty, which Corbett denies. The reason for Corbett's forced resignation, Corbett's suit alleges is refusal of whites in the department's leadership to hire Caesar Corbett in a vacant Lieutenant position left vacant at the death of policeman Clyde Stubbs.

Chief Cannon denies that version claiming that Corbett was "called and he said that he was going to retire. So he used up his vacation, and during the meantime, he employed an attorney."

The suit maintains that Corbett or any other city employee with a grievance [Continued On Page 2]

## Cong. Black Caucus Members Say 1978 Will Be Year of Action

By REP. PARREN J. MITCHELL, Chairman WASHINGTON, D. C. — The sixteen members of the Congressional Black Caucus would like to wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday.

This year has been an active year, and with your support, the Congressional Black Caucus has won many important advances. The Humphrey-Hawkins Full Employment Act has been and will continue to be the

single most important bill on the Caucus' Legislative agenda.

A few weeks ago, the Full-Employment Act received the President's support. This is a first major step in the efforts of each Caucus member to assure the kind of comprehensive economic planning which will mean that everyone who wants to work will, in fact, have the opportunity to work.

In 1978 we expect to see the Full-Employment Bill

passed. It will require your support through letters, church and community meetings, rallies, and prayers. It will require an effort by each of you. It will take all of us working together.

1978 will be a year of action. It will be a year for building our urban areas and for providing adequate housing.

Welfare reform legislation has just begun its way through the congressional [Continued On Page 8]



NEW PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR — Carolyn Payton, 52, runs an organization that for the most part is young, white and male — and she's trying to change it. She is the new director of the Peace Corps. (UPI)

## RECEPTION HELD FOR AG'S FIRST BLACK TOP OFFICIAL

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — A committee of 100 friends gave a reception last week for Dr. Joan Scott Wallace following her swearing in as the first black Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

Dr. Wallace, who has wide experience in education and social work, will serve as Administrative Assistant Secretary having general surveillance over such staff agencies [Continued On Page 2]

of the Department as the Offices of Personnel, Information, and Plant and Operations.

During the swearing ceremony, Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland called the appointment of Dr. Wallace a first step in turning the Department around from its poor record on affirmative action toward full equal employment opportunity for [Continued On Page 2]