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He that will believe only what he can fully comprehend, must have a very long head, or a very short creed.
—Colton

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MISS KAREN LESLIE STEVENSON

Rhodes Scholar Says UNC Has Problems

BY LIONELL PARKER

"When I see things going wrong, I'm not going to remain quiet," said Miss Karen Leslie Stevenson, the first black woman to be named a Rhodes Scholar in the United States.

Speaking in reference to charges that the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill denied admission to qualified black students, Miss Stevenson told an audience of news reporters and photographers this week that things at UNC were not all "hunky-dory," but there were problems at UNC, with specific reference to discrimination in its admissions policies.

"I'm not talking about students that were not qualified that are being denied, but qualified students are being denied admissions," she said.

"There were serious accusations made by Dean Renwick and the University has not answered the questions that were raised. Those issues are still unanswered. Letters and editorials have been written by students and organizations, but still no answer has been given by the administration. I feel that an editorial in the Daily Tar Heel summed it up perfectly, the issues have been buried alive, and until UNC addresses those issues, there will always be a cloud of racism hanging over," Miss Stevenson said.

Associate Dean Hayden

Joy to the world

Court System Stacked With White Women

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Christmas Bells
by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And thought how, as the day had come,
The bellfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Till, ringing, swinging on its way,
The world revolved from night to day
A voice, a chime,
A chant sublime
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Durham County court system is stacked with white women holding the majority of the jobs, a recent investigation by THE CAROLINA TIMES shows. White women have a strangle hold on the office and clerical jobs while white men have a monopoly on higher paying professional and administrative jobs.

Office and clerical accounts for 63% or 41 of the county's 65 jobs in the court system. That number excludes judges and solicitors, and includes employees of the clerk of court, court bailiffs, and court reporters. White women hold 85% or 35 of the office and clerical jobs. Twelve black women holding office and clerical jobs account for twelve per cent of the lower paying clerical positions. In that category, one white man is employed and no black men. Blacks constituted 32.6 per cent of the county's population in 1970

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SUPPORT FOR ASHEBORO FIVE

Jerry Paul Says Society to Blame For Shooting

Civil rights attorney Jerry Paul told an Asheboro group Sunday that five young black men charged with first degree murder of a white girl in the mill town "are charged with the crimes of all of us."

Paul and Winston-Salem Alderman Larry Little spoke to a gospel singing benefit for the Asheboro Five. The event was organized by the Asheboro Community Fund.

Powerlessness of blacks and poor within the town, high unemployment, relegation of blacks to menial jobs, and unchecked assaults by white facists upon blacks, created conditions that the young men struck out at, Paul said.

The Asheboro Five, as the young men have become known, are charged with the June 21 slaying of 14 year old Vicky Clark and wounding her girl friend, Tammy Hurley. The girls were shot about 11 p.m., following a gas bomb explosion near Vicky Clark's home. Vicky Clark, and Tammy Hurley who was spending the night, went into the yard to douse the fire and were met with a hail of bullets.

A day later, 14 year old Joseph Hoover, 21 year old Ronnie Hoover, 20 year old Michael James Mabry, and 21 year old Hubert Lee "Tate" Miller had been charged with the shooting, with four of the defendants confessing to being at the scene but not shooting at the defendants.

Police Sgt. Dexter Trogon, the investigating officer said the four accused youths who confessed apparently were triggered by the release of a white man who was suspected of shooting three blacks standing outside a disco club two days earlier. That shooting of blacks by whites was one of several incidents taking place in the town in recent years without prosecution of the whites.

"If there was a way in this community for black and poor people to get a piece of the action, get a piece of the power and have a say so, then these five young men would not be charged with a crime," Paul said. He continued, saying "the crimes of these young people are the crimes of all of us", as he noted that the community had failed to provide a system that the "young people could feel a part of."

Winston-Salem Alderman Larry Little, also a speaker, recalled his experiences as an activist within the Black Panther Party in the sixties during periods of harassment by police and the FBI. Little urged the audience to keep an open mind and "do not condemn these young people before they go to trial," as had often been done in cases against Little and other Black Panther activists.

To insure an adequate defense of the youthful Asheboro Five, Little more than once insisted vigorous fundraising by all groups within the town and all of the town's oppressed blacks joining some organization.

What attorneys will represent the young men is a question that has not been settled. But Paul, who has been retained by the families to direct and coordinate the defenses, said Sunday that he was in the process of getting other attorneys to work on the cases.

Little and Paul told the audience that the only effective defenses for the Asheboro Five were mass defenses. Both men are well known for their efforts to build a mass defense for Joan Little in her 1975 trial for the murder of Clarence Allgood, a celebrated case. State prosecutors had little or no evidence to refute Ms. Little's contention that Allgood attempted to rape the young woman in her jail cell when she killed him.

For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be called
Wonderful, Counsellor,
The mighty God,
The everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.
ISAIAH 9:6

Coalition Presses for Citizens Review of Police

Representatives of the Durham Coalition Against Police Brutality said this week that they will continue to fight to get City Hall to establish a Citizens Review of Police despite police bigwigs setting up an internal unit to investigate complaints of wrongdoing by the department.

Mrs. Josephine Turner, a NAACP official and Coalition member, said the pressure is still up for a Citizens Review Board, but in the meantime, complaints would be funneled to the new Internal Affairs Division. Under newly developed regulations, the one-man unit would have seven days to report its findings of complaints.

The internal review unit is similar to an internal review unit disbanded last summer in the midst of complaints of police brutality against black citizens. The internal review unit was manned by one officer, at the time, Lt. William Bibby, who is black. The new head of the unit is Detective Lt. Edward E. Sarvis, a white.

Mrs. Rosalyn Pelles, also a spokesman for the Coalition, and member of the African Liberation Support Committee told THE CAROLINA TIMES the setting up of the Internal Affairs Division was an indication that the police were responding to pressure for a Citizens Review Board. She said that demands were made that several policemen

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Navy to Reimburse 91 Small Minority Business Firms

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell (D-Md) has announced that 91 small businesses, many of them minority firms, will be reimbursed by the U.S. Navy for losses they sustained in furtherance of the Navy's Minority Recruitment Program. The losses occurred because of the failure of John F. Small, Inc., the subcontractor, who held the Navy's basic ordering agreement for the advertising materials and services.

The total reimbursement to all of the small businesses is \$515,463.94. Among the firms receiving the largest reimbursements are Essence Magazine, Encore Magazine, Black Enterprise, and Amalgamated Publishers, Inc.

The Assistant Secretary for the Navy, Edward Hildalgo notified Congressman Mitchell of the decision on Monday, December 4. The decision to reimburse followed a long period of time and effort in the study and resolution of the problem.

The proceedings and findings of fact were conducted by the Navy Contract Adjustment Board.

In his summary, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Hildalgo held: "Accordingly, pursuant to my residual powers under Public Law 850804, I hereby authorize and direct the appropriate contracting officer to enter into a contract with those subcontractors in amounts necessary to satisfy the indebtedness, without interest, of John F. Small, Inc., to those firms, arising out of supplies or services furnished in connection with Contract N00600-74-A-0388. I find that this action will facilitate the national defense."

Mitchell praised the action taken by Secretary Hildalgo. "It is this kind of sympathetic responsiveness which does much to destroy the negative image of government bureaucracy," Mitchell said. The Maryland Congressmen added that, "he (Secretary Hildalgo) doggedly, painstakingly pursued the petition for contractual relief submitted by the subcontractors and arrived at a fair, just and equitable solution for all the parties involved...that is real and I must admit, rare public service."

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Walltown Citizens For Action Latest CA Group

At its monthly meeting, the Durham Executive Board of Carolina Action voted to approve addition of the Walltown Citizens for Action to its growing number of neighborhood organizations.

"The addition of this young and active new group will strengthen Carolina Action's efforts to improve conditions in Durham's low and moderate income neighborhoods," stated Board member James Smith. "Walltown Citizens for Action joins over 60 neighborhood organizations and action committees across the state who are working to increase the influence of working and low income people in state and local issues."

Walltown Citizens for Action has been organized since October, when the group held its first neighborhood meeting. Elected as temporary officers were Thomas Nichols, Contance Williams, and Joseph McGill. The group has been focusing its efforts on upgrading rental proper-

ty through stricter enforcement of the housing code and on improving neighborhood safety through installing additional streetlights. "There are many more areas where our neighborhood needs improvement, as as taxing citizens we will continue working to get the city services our community deserves," said Ruth Carver, a member of the group. Walltown Citizens for Action will hold its next meeting on January 16 at St. John's Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m.

Carolina Action is a neighborhood based citizens organization with over 60 neighborhood organization's across the state. Based in Durham, the organization has been in existence since 1974 and has been active in issues ranging from utility rate reform to improved senior citizen and handicapped bus service to local street and housing improvements. Contact: Ruth Carver at 286-7018

Conn. Firm Joins Ranks Of Minority Group

With assistance from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE) ownership of a major Swiss precision screw product manufacturing firm - Jaymax Precision Products, - has passed into minority hands.

The Prospect, Connecticut firm was acquired by Rupert Sterling, who received financial and business packaging support from an organization operating under a grant from OMBE.

Dr. Randolph T. Blackwell, OMBE director, on a recent visit and tour of the New England plant, said, "the transactions mark a milestone in OMBE's efforts to assist minority entrepreneurs get into major acquisitions."

"We expect more such acquisitions in the future as we emphasize development of large-scale minority-owned firms within the American economy," Blackwell said.

Jaymax, one of the leading American manufacturers of components for electronic equipment, automobiles, cameras, household appliances, clocks, business machines and dental equipment, was purchased from Ventron Corporation.

The financing consortium was led by Minority Equity Capital Company (MECCO), a New York-based minority enterprise small business investment company. The financing was coordinated by MECCO's vice president, Rayton Gerald.

Dr. Blackwell said the purchase price of Jaymax was in excess of \$1.5 million. Annual sales this year are estimated at \$3-million.

Rupert Sterling, the new Jaymax chairman of the board of directors, brings extensive experience in market planning and research to the new acquired company. Sterling formerly worked in executive positions with General Electric, National Broadcasting Company, and Radio Corporation of America.

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