

# Black Criminal Conference Held In Raleigh

by Joyce Rhyan  
 Congressman John Conyers Jr., D-Mich., Chairman of the U.S. House Judiciary Committee's subcommittee on crime chaired a public hearing on the Law Enforcement Administration (LEAA) last week at the Black Criminal Justice Conference held in Raleigh, N.C.

believes white collar crime is a major factor leading to inflation. The Black Criminal Justice participants addressed issues concerning the criminal justice process in North Carolina discussing the development of legislation designed to bring about positive changes and advancements. A massive criminal justice process agenda will be presented to the General Assembly from proposals brought out in the conference. Governor Hunt's recently released "Crime Control Agenda" was critically studied and evaluated. Irv Joyner,

Esquire, Commission for Racial Justice issued a response to the agenda discussing proposals that will affect black citizens. According to the response the Crime Control Agenda does not speak to the degree of racism that permeates the criminal justice process. The Commission for Racial Justice deplors the Crime Control Agenda for failing to call an affirmative equal rights policy designed to correct past inequities and discrimination. Of the 65 Superior Court Judges in North Carolina only two are black and of

the 127 District Court Judges only five are black, are no black Clerks of "Recommendations in the Crima Control Agenda lean dangerously toward the creation of a police state," said Joyner in his response.

## Spaulding Appointed To Justice Comm.

Today, House Speaker Carl J. Stewart, Jr. of Gastonia appointed Representative Kenneth B. Spaulding of Durham to the Law and Justice Committee of the State Federal Assembly of the National Conference of State Legislatures. The Law and Justice Committee focuses on criminal justice systems, including police, courts and corrections systems; standards and goals for criminal justice systems; economic crime; consumer protection programs and mechanisms; constitutional amendments and criminal code revision. Representative Spaulding also serves on the following House committees for the 1979 General Assembly: Constitutional Amendments Courts & Judicial Districts, Election Laws, Finance, Judiciary II, and Local Government II.


### Notice

The annual meeting of the Durham Voter's Alliance will be held on Wednesday, February 14, at 8 p.m. at the DOWNTOWNER MOTOR INN, 309 West Chapel Hill Street. The guest speaker will be Dean Hunter, Manager of the City of Durham. A brief business meeting will be conducted prior to Mr. Hunter's talk. Refreshments will be served. You are cordially invited to attend.



CHINESE VICE PREMIER Teng Hsiao-ping walks around the grave of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., with his widow, Mrs. Coretta Scott King. Teng made the stop during his visit to Atlanta leading the Chinese delegation touring the U.S., looking at industrial and trade attractions. UPI Photo

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## Mrs. Norma Burton Elected Chairperson of DTSC

"We are planning to make conditions better for the tenants," said Mrs. Norma Jean Burton to a reporter in her first interview since being elected chairperson of the Durham Tenant Steering Committee. The church worker, mother and civic leader outlined a modest plan to the tenant union. The Durham Tenant Steering Committee (DTSC) is made up of thirteen public housing neighborhood councils throughout the city. Each neighborhood council is represented by two delegates. The organization's impact goes beyond the Durham Housing Authority and federal officials in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development are no strangers to the

group's leaders. Mrs. Burton related what she hopes DTSC will be able to accomplish in the year ahead establishing a tenant referral service, developing programs for public housing youth, and expanding jobs and recreational opportunities. Other objectives are increasing tenant utility allowances, getting housing authority residents hired in all housing authority departments, and getting tenants appointed with voting power to vacancies on Durham's Board of Housing Commissioners. Already tenants are represented by one non-voting commissioner, and several organizations are urging the Durham City Council to appoint two tenants to the board.

"Input into decision making is where it is at," said Mrs. Burton. "Tenants have to sit on the board of commissioners with voting power so we can have some input," she continued. "With one tenant now without voting power, we have no chance of input into how we live." The busy mother of five works each day on community problems facing the more than 11,000 public housing residents. For the last two years, Mrs. Burton has directed DTSC's Rental Aid Fund, a revolving fund for worthy tenants facing eviction for non-payment of rent. Mrs. Jessie Ferrell replaces Mrs. Burton in that position. Her other offices include

treasurer of the National Tenants Organization, recording secretary of the Southern Regional Tenants Organization, a Community Health Facilitator of Duke Medical Center, and vice chairman of the Administration Committee of the Operation Breakthrough Board of Directors. A native of Durham, Mrs. Burton grew up in North Durham and was educated at Hillside, Whitted, and East End schools. "We are definitely going to need plenty of cooperation from all tenants across the city," she observed. "It's a big job but I am sure we can make it."

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## CHARLOTTE 3, WILMINGTON 10 CONFAB SET

[Continued From Front] ants rests upon the writ of habeas corpus now before Dupree. The legal question before the jurist is whether there should be a new trial. "The simple fact of the matter is it has taken too long to get the ruling one way or another from the court," said Congressman John Conyers of Michigan. "They know we are going to appeal if they give the wrong ruling. They know if they give the correct ruling that there will be a new trial which will expedite the time since obviously there won't any fitnesses around. That's a time when Chavis will be released. Again referring to a letter from the judge, Edwards said Dupree claimed long delays in the trial were

attributable to inability of the federal court to collect evidence in the case. Ms. Charlene Mitchell, Executive Secretary of the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, the organization that sponsored the press conference, said if Judge Dupree holds out another year all of the Wilmington 10 would be paroled. Ms. Mitchell says delays have been made on purpose. "They know full well that it will be very difficult to raise the kind of emotional and political understanding of this case if all ten are out either on parole or the parole is out," Ms. Mitchell said. Durham ministers supporting the Wilmington 10 fired a question to

Conyers asking what the congressmen would do next to free the Ten. Conyers would not respond publicly to the question but later met with Rev. Alexander Moseley, Rev. L.H. Wheelchel, and Rev. Z.D. Harris of Durham along with Dr. John Fleming and Rev. Luther Coppage of Raleigh, and Dr. L.A. Miller of Durham. A day later several leftist and church groups met in Charlotte to fashion a strategy to put public pressure on Governor James Hunt and Judge Dupree. Since February 1978, Hunt has been sitting on requests for a pardon of the Charlotte Three. The group has been declared political prisoners by Amnesty International which has declared the Wilmington 10 political

prisoners, also. The strategies include coordinated support from church labor, student association, and civic groups to engage in letter writing campaigns to Dupree and Hunt and demonstrations. Cultural events including art displays, music, and other activities are also planned for several cities.



Miss Valerie Whitted, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. David Whitted, who is a senior at Hillside High School, competing in the Evening Wear section of the Miss Durham Beauty Pageant. (Photo by Kelvin A. Bell)

## Restaurants

[Continued From Front] men to make profits, said many and for new black owned eating establishments to open. Tapp agrees. He also says mixed drinks will "certainly be good for black people, because most of the bartenders will be black, especially in the private clubs," he said. Trained bartenders are required by the new statute, which Claiborne Tapp says will encourage bartenders to unionize and demand high salaries.

## Aetna Life Establishes Fund at HU

Wily A. Branton, dean of the Howard University School of Law, said, "We are delighted that Aetna has seen fit to aid our scholarship program. We also look forward to an exchange of scholars and technical assistance between Howard law faculty and members of the Aetna staff." Three Howard University law students will receive a three-year \$7,500 scholarship in the fall 1979 semester under a new Scholars Program created by the Aetna Life & Casualty Foundation, Inc. of Hartford. Scholarship winners will be chosen by a committee of professors who will make selections based on academic performance, financial need, and personal qualifications. Aetna Life & Casualty is the nation's largest investor owned insurance company.