

Black Preachers Should Lead, Says Chavis

APEX—Black preachers have to assume leadership roles to develop a new civil rights movement, said Rev. Benjamin Chavis, Jr., to the congregation at St. Paul AME Church in Apex Sunday.

While making biblical reference to Matthew 25:31-46, Chavis was critical of "black quasi-politicians" who he claims "have sold the black community out." While not naming politicians the activist minister fingered "sinners over at the top of state government in and asked the congregation to pray for them."

Chavis is a prisoner in the custody of the N.C. Department of Corrections. He made the speech as part of his studies at Duke University Divinity School where he [Chavis] studies during the day. He is returned to the Orange County Prison Unit in Hillsborough each afternoon.

Several observers, some close associates of Chavis, said the minister's reference to "sinners over at the top of state government" was a poke at several officials, many of whom are black in the administration of Governor James B. Hunt.

Hunt refused to pardon Chavis and nine other Wilmington Ten defendants who have maintained innocence of 1972 arson and conspiracy to arson convictions. Hunt did commute part of the defendants' sentences which allowed them early parole. Chavis is the only Wilmington Ten defendant still in prison.

Witnesses against Chavis have admitted receiving favors from prosecutor Jay Stroud. They have also admitted that their 1972 testimony were lies exchanged

for the favors. State Superior Court Judge George Fountain of Tarboro ruled that the recantations were lies and that the witnesses' original testimony was the truth.

A federal hearing on a writ of habeas corpus has been delayed for three years. Hundreds of errors in the convictions have been cited by Wilmington Ten attorneys, and attorneys for the U.S. Justice Department who have entered the case on the side of the Wilmington Ten.

Gagged for three years by prison officials, Chavis has been able to speak since he began an internship at Russell Memorial CME Church on Alston Avenue in Durham.

At the February 5 meeting of the Durham Interdenominational Ministers' Alliance, Chavis spoke urging the group "to stop relinquishing your ministerial responsibility" to other groups in Durham.

In the Apex address, Chavis said black churches are making a mistake when they follow the lead of white churches in not being active in civil rights. The minister got a lot of 'amens' when he said, "this is a Christian's responsibility." "Christians sin by sitting back and not joining protest demonstrations," Chavis said.

The Mississippi armed robbery conviction of 14 year old Eric May was also criticized by Chavis who asked the church to support May's defense. The 14 year old black youth was sentenced to 48 years in prison without possibility of parole. "An injustice in Mississippi is a threat to justice in North Carolina," he said.

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Winners of the Pinewood Derby of Cub Scout Pack 296 were left to right Clarence Phillips, 3rd place Fastest, James Lawton 2nd place Fastest, Darrell Little 2nd place Most Beautiful and 1st place Fastest, Ronald Rogers, 1st place Most Beautiful, James Blue 1st place Most Original and John Rosenburg 2nd place Most Original. They will participate in the Pinewood Derby to be held Saturday, February 17 at South Square Mall.

Ms. Fox Seated on Council; Expressway Extension Defeat Being Appealed

After nearly two hours of debate Monday night, Attorney Adrienne Fox was sworn in as the City's council member for the 5th Ward. Though much controversy still continues, her vote, cast against extending the East-West Expressway helped moved the matter on to a State ruling.

Much of the controversy surrounds a decision by Superior Court Judge Robert L. Farmer of Raleigh, that Ms. Fox should be seated to the Ward 5 vacancy based on majority votes of 6-4 in both October and December. Judge Farmer cited that the filling of a vacancy was an internal matter not requiring a majority of the full council seats but of those seats filled. Mayor

Wade Cavin and others who have opposed the seating of Ms. Fox have already taken steps to appeal the decision.

In such an appeal situation, it is thought that they will seek to have Ms. Fox removed from the council and have her vote on the expressway issue nullified. Cavin has commented that to have chosen her to fill the vacancy with less than seven votes is in violation of the City's Charter and said that the ruling "overturns 54 years of history and tradition." Others in major opposition to the seating are Councilmen Penny, Pledger, Pickett, and Hudson and former Councilman Ed Pope.

EXPRESSWAY ISSUE

Offering what she termed an imperfect solution to a problem that has no perfect one, council member Mrs. Margaret Keller offered the successful motion against the expressway, ending sixteen years of debate on the issue and at the same time creating more. The complex motion also have recommendations that mass transit and alternatives to the expressway extension be studied, thus leaving much leeway in the State's final ruling. Because of a lack of decision by the Council, many area landlords had allowed properties to deteriorate rather than preserved something which might later be destroyed.

Councilman Wade Penny told the crowd of

250 in the Council Chambers Monday night that his vote for the expressway assumed that the residents of Crest Street, an area which would have been destroyed by the extension, could and would be moved together to an alternate site. Presumably in the same fashion as was the Hayti district moved.

At the conclusion of a lengthy dissertation, Ralph Hunt said that whatever his personal feelings, he would have to vote on behalf of his constituents, and cast his vote against the extension.

The state government has allotted \$1.5 million to relocate or rehabilitate the Crest Street Community, an area which blacks have maintained for some one hundred plus years.

An opposition group of some 25 businessmen has mounted an appeal effort, which, if successful, could mean the unseating of Ms. Fox and the throwing out of Monday night's vote against the expressway.

Dock Joins Recruiting Team Seeking Engineers

ARIZONA — Henry L. Dock has joined a recruiting team that is seeking graduate electronic engineers for federal civil service with the U.S. Army Communications Command (ACC) here.

As part of his duties on the team, Dock will assure women and minorities will be given every opportunity to apply for professional jobs in the command.

An equal opportunity officer for Fort Huachuca, Dock graduated from California State University at Los Angeles prior to earning a master's degree in psychology from the University of Portland in 1965.

"Our most urgent need," Dock said, "is for engineers competent in the areas of systems, transmissions, switching, data terminals, telecommunications processing and systems controls."

"We are seeking both the journeyman and the recent graduate," he said. "Journeyman will fill full-demand positions, while new graduates will undergo brief on-the-job training with on-line responsibilities commensurate with ability."

Among the types of telecommunications installed and operated by the worldwide command are digital secure voice and data transmission, computer controlled switching, and such special systems as the Washington-to-Moscow Hot Line satellite link.

Dock said that because of the command's fixed-station role and almost total use of commercial communications equipment, the type of work affords



Dock

employees the opportunity to stay current with industry state-of-the-art equipment, thereby providing for the career growth, both in and out of government.

"The work includes designing and upgrading such a variety of communications systems that there is little risk of being mired in a narrow specialty field," he added.

Dock noted the bulk of the career Civil Service positions are in southern Arizona and require temporary travel to field locations for follow-up phases of installation, test and evaluation, and troubleshooting. Opportunities also arise for relocation to elements in Europe and the Pacific.

In addition to the critical need for engineers, he said, the command is also recruiting operations research analysts and mathematicians.

Prior to joining the EEO organization here, Dock was a director with the Los Angeles Urban League. He is a former psychology instructor at the University of Portland and served in the Air Force from 1952 to 1956.



Ms. Adrienne Fox

PATTY HEARST

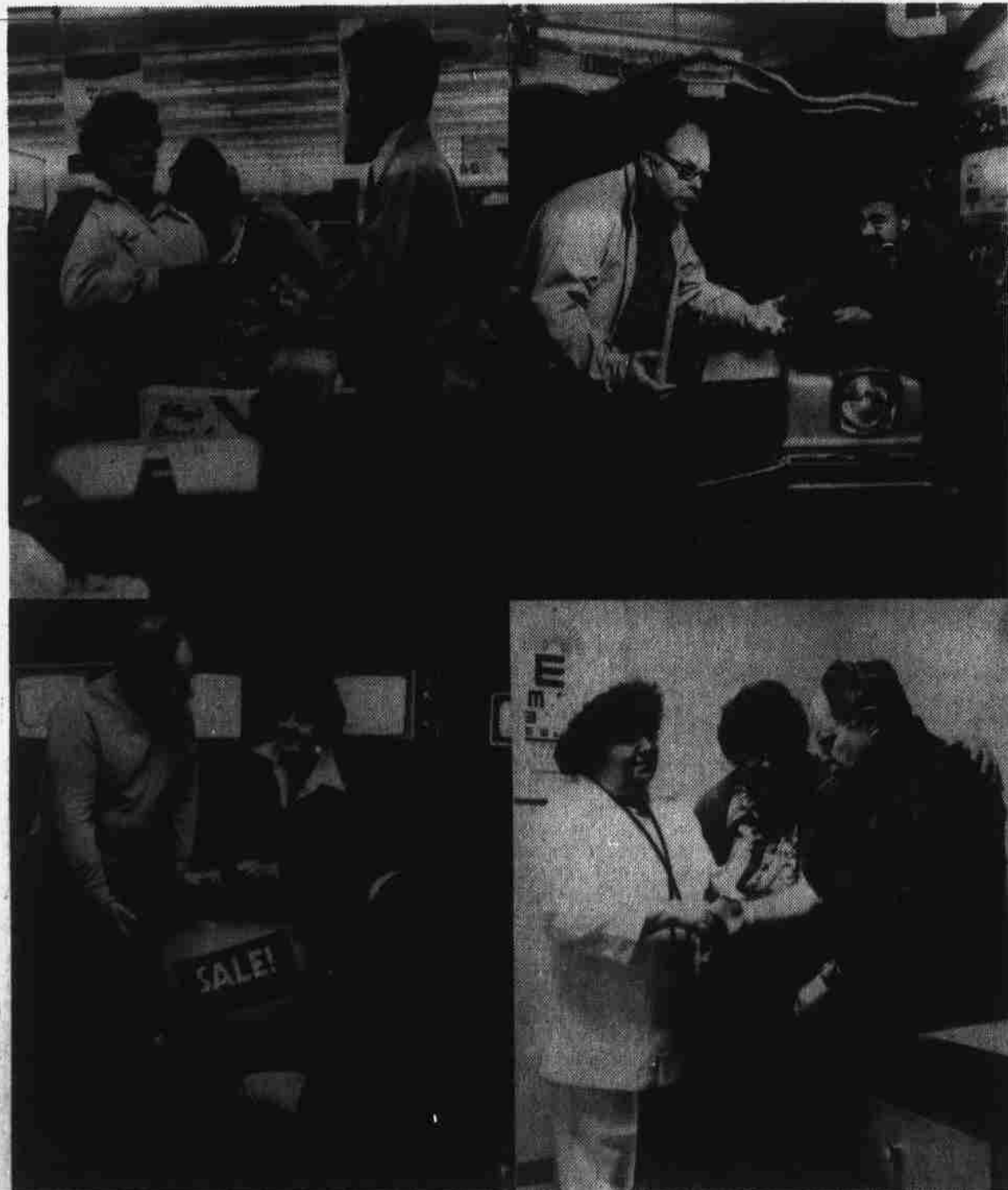
BY DR. CHARLES E. COBB
I am very happy and

pleased for Patty Hearst and her family, for to be separated from one's family for any sustained period of time is wrenching and most painful, particularly when there is doubt regarding the circumstance which forced the separation. I commend President Carter for his action in bringing about Ms. Hearst's release and subsequent reunion with her family.

I am, however, pained and puzzled at his continued inaction and refusal to speak even one word against the continued incarceration of Ben Chavis of the Wilmington 10. There is a moral inconsistency in his silence which helps to sustain the separation of Ben Chavis and his family. The very same U.S. Justice Department that recommended freedom for Patty Hearst is the same U.S. Justice Department that filed an 89 page Amicus Curiae Brief. The Brief supports the contention of the Wilmington 10, that they did not receive a fair trial in the courts of North Carolina and that the prosecution had conspired to convict them.

We are aware that the President cannot grant a pardon in this state matter. However, we are equally aware that, he has not only the freedom but the obligation to speak out against this gross miscarriage of justice documented by the United States Justice Department.

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YOUR CITY COUNCIL

The Durham City Council will hold a regular meeting Monday night at 7:30 in the City Council Chamber at City Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

AMONG THE MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL WILL BE A PROPOSAL TO HAVE THE CITY ADMINISTRATION CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO REQUEST AN INVESTIGATION OF CHARGES OF DISCRIMINATION IN THE CITY'S HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM.

City government meetings scheduled during the next two weeks include:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19
10:00 a.m., Special Community Services Committee
7:30 p.m., City Council

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20
10:00 a.m., Human Relations Community Concern
10:00 a.m., Planning and Zoning Commission
2:00 p.m., Park Dedication Subcommittee of Recreation Advisory Committee

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21
9:30 a.m., City Council's Community Services Committee

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22
2:15 p.m., City Council's Finance Committee
7:30 p.m., Crest Street Task Force/Policy Committee

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23
8:30 a.m., Subdivision Review Board

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26
2:15 p.m., City Council's Public Works Committee
4:30 p.m., Recreation Advisory Committee

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27
11:00 a.m., Board of Adjustment

THURSDAY, MARCH 1
10:00 a.m., City Council's Committee-of-the-Whole

All meetings are held in the City Hall, 101 City Hall Plaza, unless otherwise indicated. Additional meetings may be scheduled after this list is submitted for publication. Free parking is available during the Council meeting in the Chapel Hill Street parking garage, located across Mangum Street from City Hall. The audio portion of the meeting is also carried live on Cable Television Channel 11.
For further information, call the City Public Information Office at 683-4211.