

## "Scared Straight" To Air on WPTF-TV

"Scared Straight!," a hard-hitting Academy Award winning documentary about a prison program designed to scare the crime right out of juvenile delinquents, will be broadcast May 18 from 9-11 p.m. on Television 28.

Host Peter Falk guides us through Rahway State Prison in New Jersey and we witness an extraordinary program developed by a group of hardened criminals in that maximum security prison. An unlikely group of crime-fighters, these convicts, serving life sentences for murder and other major crimes, have committed themselves to helping juveniles get back on the right track.

Twice each day, with the full support of the prison officials and the surrounding community, a group of juveniles enters the prison to serve a three-hour "sentence."

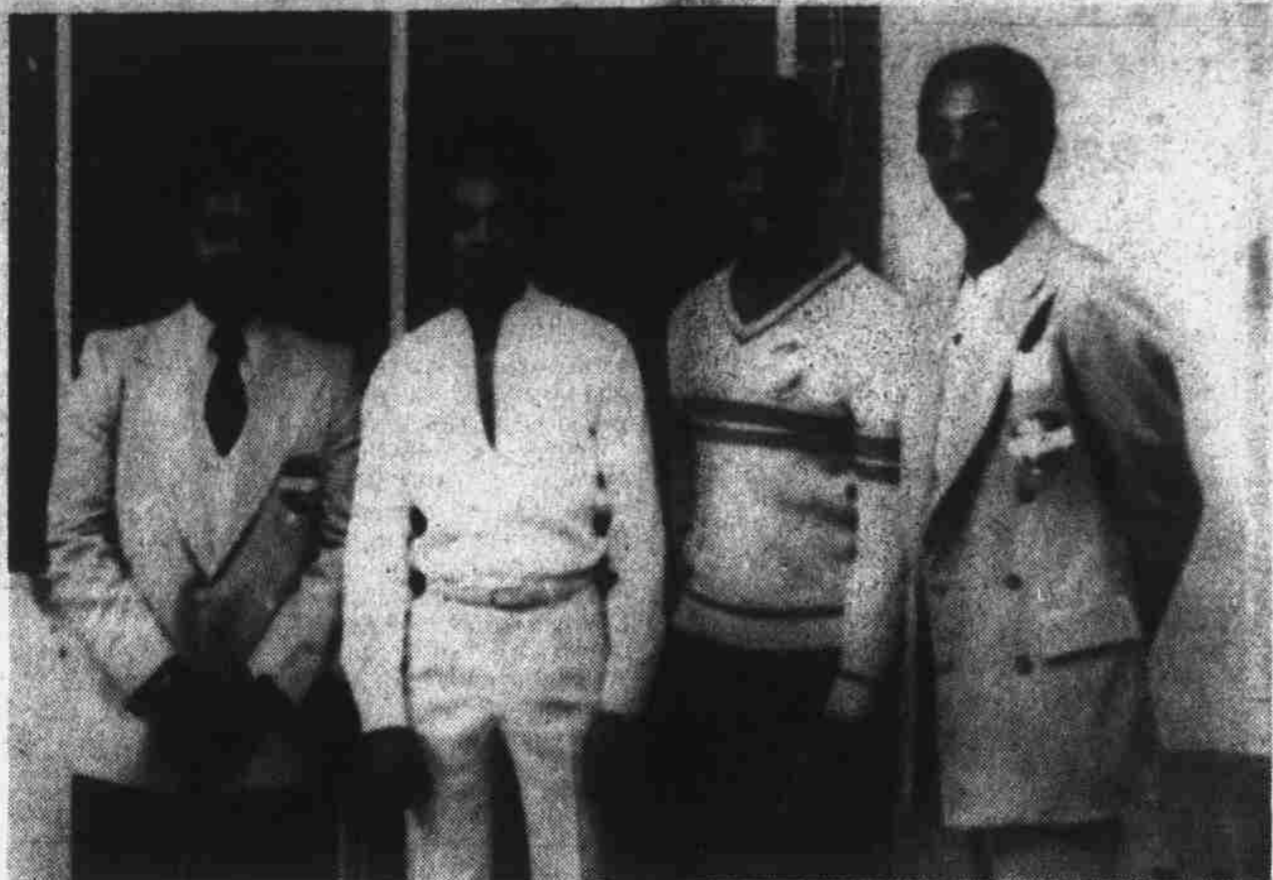
The cameras allow us to join one such group of 17 chronic juvenile offenders as they get a dose of the prisoners' special brand of "shock therapy." The frightened youngsters are forced to listen as the convicts describe in brutal and explicit detail the horrors and realities of prison life — the homosexual rapes, suicides and murders, the

boredom, bells and brutality. The convicts shout, swear and threaten violence — whatever it takes to shock the kids into realizing the consequences of their lives of crime.

To date, more than 10,000 teenagers have gone through the "lifers" program at Rahway. Participating communities report that 80 to 90 per cent are scared into "going straight" by the terrifying experience.

A word of warning about "Scared Straight": The program documents an actual session in prison and the language and descriptions of conditions are presented as they occurred. The people in the film are not actors, but real convicts and juvenile delinquents. In order to preserve the essence of this effective method of crime prevention, the film has not been censored.

While this daring slice-of-life documentary will most probably gain notoriety for its explicit and brutal language, Durham Life Broadcasting Service hopes it will encourage people to talk about solutions to one of the major problems of today's society — the epidemic of juvenile crime.



Peabo Bryson In Raleigh

Peabo Bryson took a moment out from his SRO performance in Raleigh to meet the PD's from the market. Pictured are L-R: Paul Ingram, Operations Manager WLL; Peabo Bryson; Alvin Stowe PD WDUR; & Morris Rogers S.E. Regional Promotion Capitol. The occasion was also a birthday party after the show for Ingram and Rogers.

## Encourages Leon Sullivan to Fight African Apartheid

The Religious Leader Summit Conference sponsored by the International Freedom Mobilization at the United Nations Church Center responded enthusiastically to the position of the Organization of African Unity when their representative gave the official African policy on Rev. Leon Sullivan and his attempts to attack apartheid by using the "Sullivan Principles".

The black Baptist preacher who started patronage boycotts in Philadelphia against major corporations to obtain jobs for black workers had told black religious leaders of the United Nations Church Center Summit Conference of his plans to help eliminate the hated apartheid system.

The OAU representative at the United Na-

tions said, "We of course are unequivocally opposed to apartheid and encourage the forces that are fighting militarily and economically against it. However, because we believe that Dr. Sullivan's efforts might be helpful, we do not discourage what he is doing. We wrote him a letter to continue to try to enforce the guidelines calling on United States businesses to ignore the strict racial separation laws." The ministers attending the "Sullivan Principles Workshop" voted for a board resolution attacking apartheid and called for economic sanction and the breaking of diplomatic relations, but did not attack either Rev. Sullivan or the principles.

The first Atlantic telegraph cable was opened in 1858.

## Federal Agencies Fail To Enforce Rights Of Migrants, Farmworkers

RALEIGH — The North Carolina Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights charges that state and federal agencies do not enforce the laws that ensure the rights of migrant and seasonal farmworkers. In its report released May 10, *Where Mules Outrate men*, the Committee said camp conditions are often deplorable, abuse in recruitment, pay and in the provision of adequate meals is common and the food stamps are often difficult to get in some counties.

The eighteen-month study of the Advisory Committee focused on the enforcement of laws related to migrants and the accessibility of legal services to migrants. Despite the lack of enforcement of the law on the part of federal or state agencies, it was found that migrants have almost no chance to seek relief through civil legal action.

Since the study was begun, one legal aid project has been established in Sampson County as the result of a federal grant. The Advisory Committee, however, says more are needed and that the state should help fund them.

Rev. W.W. Finlator, a Raleigh minister and Chairperson of the Advisory Committee, cited conflicting laws and responsibilities as well as a lack of coordination as the reasons for what he termed "a climate which not only permits but promotes the exploitation of a helpless group of people."

The state agencies involved are the Employment Security Commission, which fills work orders for farmers, and inspects migrant camps before they are occupied; The Department of Labor, which inspects the camps after they are occupied and the Department of Human Resources which inspects both before and after occupancy.

The Human Resources inspection is required by state law, the other inspections are required by federal law. The camp operator, or farmer, can be in compliance with the state law and still be violating federal law.

The Federal Department of Labor receives criticism from the Advisory Committee also. Three divisions of U.S. Labor are responsible for enforcing four laws related to migrant and seasonal farmworkers. "A full review of the work of

the Department of Labor on behalf of farmworkers, is needed. A reorganization which would put the enforcement of farmworker law under one division of the department should be considered," according to Bobby D. Doctor, Regional Director of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. The U.S. Department of Labor has already been found guilty of illegally supporting state agencies which, among other infractions, referred farmworkers to jobs where the living and working conditions violated housing, health, and sanitation laws and to unlicensed crewleaders or to those who operate illegally. The rulings of the U.S. District Court, District of Columbia in NAACP v. Brennan were made in 1973, 1974 and November 1978.

The North Carolina Advisory Committee also recommends that North Carolina designate one agency to administer farmworker law. Based on information gathered from federal and state officials and farmworker advocates, it was recommended that the state law governing the sanitation of migrant camps be repealed and that the State Department be solely responsible for camp inspections.

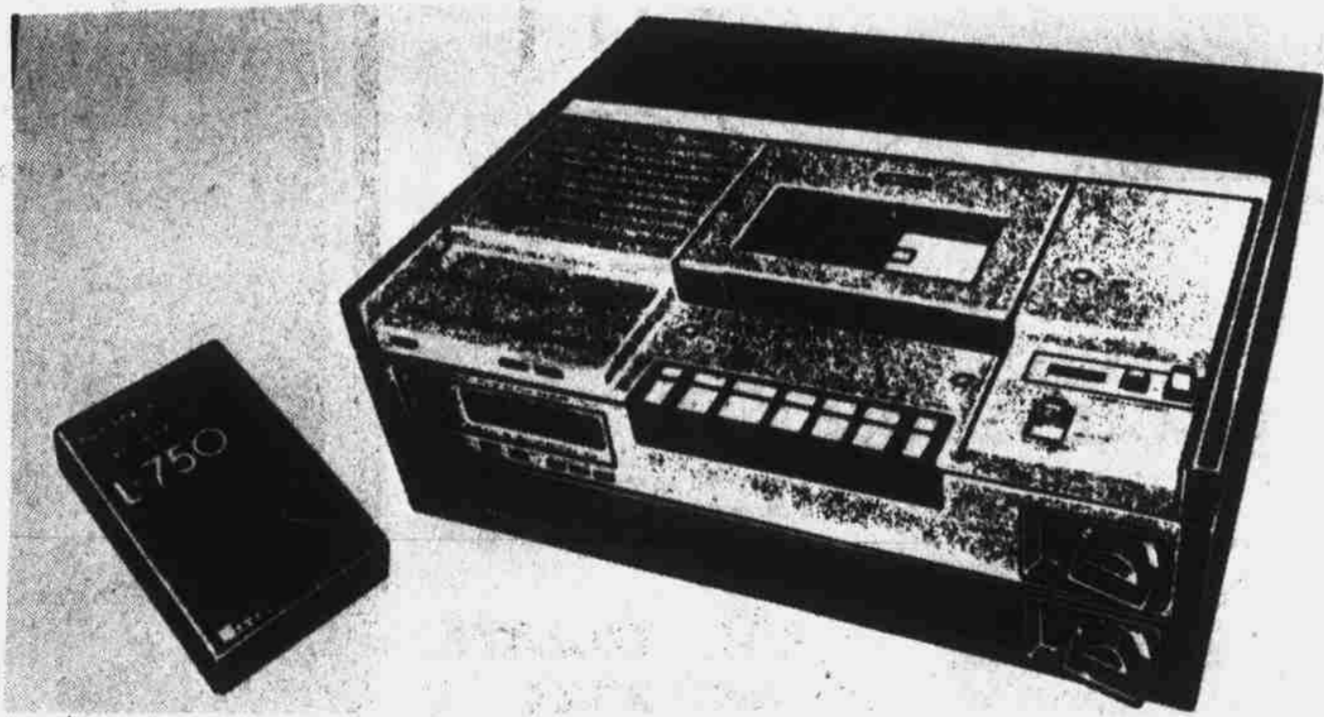
Chairperson Finlator said the revelation that some county food stamp offices use unusual and burdensome procedures to determine if migrants qualify for food stamps was among the most "shocking" facts uncovered in the Advisory Committee's 18-month study. Often the ultimate result is the denial of food stamps to persons in need. "Although officials of the State Department of Human Resources say they cannot make the county agencies change their procedures," said Regional Director Doctor, "the U.S. Department of Agriculture requires that the food stamps be distributed under uniform regulations, and it is the state's responsibility to see that it is done."

The Advisory Committee will forward the report to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights in Washington for action on the federal level.

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