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Words of Wisdom

If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost? That is where they should be. Now put foundations under them.

Henry David Thoreau

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NAACP Faces More And More Dissension In Ranks

by Milton Jordan
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LOUISVILLE

Unless more black people rally to its call, the NAACP could find itself spread too thin, fighting too many battles on too many fronts to be as effective as it has been in the past.

This undercurrent of warning drifted clearly through the 70th annual convention here last week that was a combination of discussions of problems facing the organization, pep talks, exuberance and internal squabbles.

Mrs. Margaret Bush Wilson, NAACP national board chairman, sounded the warning in her keynote address to more than 10,000 convention delegates opening night:

"...we are now dealing with a climate much more treacherous than we faced in the 60s and before. We are facing a subtle form, a covert form of racism, and it is masked in all kinds of colors, all kinds of style, and all kinds of intricate and sophisticated strategies."

Noting some of the issues, the problems that spread the NAACP's resources thin, Mrs. Wilson, a St. Louis attorney, cited:

* The energy crisis, a

situation that earned the organization severe criticism last year when its policy supported energy expansion.

* The Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty, which

she called, "a survival mechanism and a hedge against the greatest threat to our national security. She also said the SALT treaty will be a way to cut escalating armaments

costs that take away money for the country's social programs.

* Sanctions against Zimbabwe-Rhodesia, which the NAACP says should be maintained because the recent elections weren't fair, and the country still doesn't have majority rule.

* International Affairs, about which Mrs. Wilson said: "This world of ours is no longer isolated, and what happens abroad impacts on us at home whether we want to admit it or not."

On domestic issues, the organization's fiery executive director Benjamin Hooks, told reporters, during a press meeting: "The headlines go to the political maneuvering underway to bear back the steady progress blacks have made in the past ten years in the field of civil rights. Nowhere is this concern of the public about equality demands more evident than in the Congress of the United States. What is generally felt among our white people in this country is being mimicked and pandered to in the United States Congress by way of attacks on affirmative action, and busing for school desegregation.

Other domestic issues [Continued on page 5]

Black UNC Prof Fights Ouster; Cites Racism

CHAPEL HILL

(NNPA) — Dr. Sonja H. Stone, who founded the Southeastern Black Press Institute and sparked considerable research on the black press, has launched a legal battle to retain her post here at the University of North Carolina as assistant professor of Afro-American Studies and Education.

Dr. Stone was denied tenure last February by her immediate supervisor, Dr. Samuel R. Williamson, Jr., dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Although Provost J. Charles Morrow said that Dr. Stone has no teaching deficiencies that he can recall, and despite her black press research, he has announced that her contract will not be renewed, because of insufficient research. Her term ends on June 30, 1980, and her co-directorship of Afro-

American studies ended on June 30.

Numerous letters and telegrams have poured in to the university, protesting her dismissal. Members of her staff call it tragic that so creative an enterprise as the Southeastern Black Press Institute seems headed for extinction.

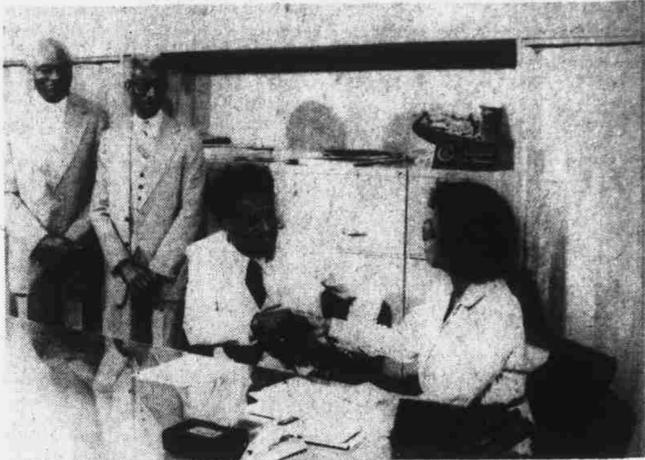
Dr. Ruth G. Kennedy of North Carolina Central University's English department said, "It seems inconceivable that Dr. Stone would be denied tenure."

Dr. Russell L. Adams, chairman of the Department of Afro-American Studies at Howard University, lauded Dr. Stone as a teacher of "high intellectual ability, an admirable concern with scientific and pedagogical theory, and who possesses a conceptually brilliant approach to the study of leadership phenomena."

Dr. Hammonds, First N.C. Black Superintendent

Staff Report

The Durham City Schools have a new chief administrator. Dr. Cleveland Hammonds, 43, superintendent of the Inkster, Michigan schools, was announced as the unanimous choice of the five member board. The forty-three year old Hammonds will become the first black school



Durham City School Board Chairman, Mrs. Josephine Clement welcomes Dr. Cleveland Hammonds as the new school superintendent. Looking on during the signing were School Board members (l-r) John Lennon and Thomas Bass. Hammonds will begin his four year contract August 1. Photo by Lionell Parker



DR. FRANK WEAVER

Welcome
Aboard

Secretary of State Vance NUL Conference Keynoter

Cyrus R. Vance, Secretary, U.S. Department of State will address the 69th Annual Conference of the National Urban League on Mon-

day, July 23 at 7 p.m. at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago, Illinois.

The appearance by Secretary Vance marks the fourth consecutive year that the League's annual meeting features a major foreign affairs address. Previous speakers were former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young, and M. Gatscha Buthe, President of the National Cultural Liberation Movement of South Africa.

Mr. Vance has served in numerous capacities on the federal level including Special Counsel to the Preparedness Investigation Committee of the Senate Armed Forces Committee, Consulting Counsel to the Senate Special Committee on Space and Astronautics, General Counsel to the Department of Defense, Secretary of the Army, and Deputy Secretary of Defense.

He has also served as Special Representative to the President on Civil Disturbances to Detroit and has led missions for the President in Cyprus and Korea. He was one of two U.S. negotiators during the Paris Peace Conference on Vietnam.

In addition, Mr. Vance has served as a partner in the New York law firm of Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett. He holds a B.A. degree from Yale University and a LL.B. degree from Yale University Law School.

With the theme "Mobilizing for the Challenges of the 80's," more than 12,000 persons

are expected to attend the Conference which will examine a number of issues of significant importance as the nation moves into the next decade.

The Conference officially opens with a Keynote Address by Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., President of the League on Sunday, July 22nd at 2:30 p.m. and "The World of Black Business" on Tuesday, July 24th at 8 p.m. The Conference ends on Wednesday, July 25, with the Conference Dinner.

The NUL last convened its annual conference in Chicago in 1943. That year, the theme of the conference was "Victory Through Unity," which focused the nation's attention on the need to put aside racial hostilities and include blacks in the war effort by bringing down segregated barriers in defense industries and by integrating the armed forces.

Headquarters for the Conference is the Conrad Hilton Hotel. The more than 200 exhibits which comprise the exhibition [Continued on page 7]

Durham Man Named Chairman

United Front Formed to Save Soul City

SOUL CITY — In a meeting held this past week, the United Front, a newly formed organization composed of representatives from over forty churches in the Warren County area unanimously approved a Resolution presented by George Shearin, Warren County's only black County Commissioner, in support of Soul City under the management of Floyd B. McKissick, Sr. The Resolution reads as follows:

"We the members of the United Front support the continued development of Soul City under the management of Floyd B. McKissick, Sr. due to the tremendous amount of growth and economic development which Soul

City has generated in Warren County and the entire Kerr-Tar Region. This was done through the development of the Regional Water System which currently serves Henderson, Oxford, and Soul City and which line is currently being extended to serve the cities of Norlina and Warrenton in Warren County.

"Soul City was also instrumental in constructing a sewage force main which serves Norlina and Warrenton, and has recently secured \$4 million dollars in additional funding to expand the Warrenton Treatment Plant. Soul City has also assisted Warren County in securing federal grants for construction of our new countywide high school and numerous other projects

which have been of benefit to the seventeen thousand residents of Warren County and the fifty thousand residents which have benefitted from Soul City's development of the Regional Water System. Soul City has encouraged new growth and development in our county and has stimulated the interest of industries in locating here. Since Soul City's development, Warren County's growth rate has increased by ten per cent. This reversed a historical pattern which caused Warren County to lose population between 1960 and 1970.

"We do hereby encourage Senators Morgan and Helms and Representative L.H. Fountain to use all the powers at their

disposal to assist Soul City in receiving continued funding and to use their

abilities to assist Soul City in attracting new industry. [Continued on page 7]

Weber's Reverse-Bias Suit Blow May Open More Jobs for Blacks

By Sherman Brisco
WASHINGTON (NNPA) — More businesses are likely to be encouraged to move ahead with voluntary affirmative action programs as a result of the Supreme Court's overthrow of the Weber reverse-discrimination suit. This was the view expressed by both Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Chair

Eleanor Holmes Norton and Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Drew S. Days, III, in a White House press briefing following the court's decision last Wednesday.

The guidelines announced months ago by EEOC, now reinforced by the Weber decision, open the way for race-conscious affirmative action to

eliminate racial imbalance created by years of hobbling discrimination in the past, both Mrs. Norton and Days speculated.

The High Court's five-to-two opinion was delivered by Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. and concurred in by Justice Thurgood Marshall, Harry A.

A&T University-Made Science Project May Join NASA's Flight

By David Puryear
GREENSBORO — If all goes well, experiments designed and built by A&T State University students will be carried in to earth orbit aboard the space shuttle sometimes in the mid 1980's.

Dr. Stuart Ahrens, A&T physics professor, said the university will place a research payload aboard a shuttle flight under the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's "Getaway Special" program.

Ahrens and A&T recently made a \$500

deposit with NASA to secure a reservation in the program, launched by the space agency so that individuals, business firms and colleges can send small, self-contained research and development payloads into space.

A&T's shuttle venture could end up costing around \$10,000, according to Ahrens. That price will buy a oil-barrel sized container and NASA's technical assistance is getting A&T's experiment into space. It would also pay the university's prorated share of the shuttle's operating costs.

Ahrens said A&T's chemistry, physics, and biology departments will develop the shuttle experiments. He said the engineering school will also be involved in designing and building the inner workings of the experimental container, as NASA provides only the outer cover for the Getaway special payloads.

The physics teacher said that while large multi-million dollar payloads will take up the bulk of each shuttle's cargo space, the Getaway special experiments will occupy no more than five cubic feet and can weigh in at no more than 200 pounds. About ten such containers will be permitted to travel on each shuttle mission.

Ahrens predicted that the space project should spark additional interest and creative thought among the A&T students.

"I want the students to be able to dream about an environment of zero gravity, no pressure, no atmosphere between them and the stars," said Ahrens, "and I want them

to get motivated by it all." Ahrens said the biology students may be asked to design an experiment on seed growth in space, while the chemistry department will be asked to grow crystals.

A&T's physics students will be asked to design a means of measuring the environment as the other two experiments take place.

"This probably won't win any Nobel Prize," said Ahrens, "but it will be something the students can grasp."

Ahrens believes that American interest in the space program is going to hit an Apollo-like peak when the space shuttle begins its missions into earth orbit. He pointed out that with the advent of regular space flights, many people are going to realize the possibility for space colonies in the very near future. He said the seed-growing experiment may very well have practical applications, if people are going to live away from the earth for long periods of time.



Discuss Prison Problems

RAHWAY, N.J. — Supreme Court Justice designate, Robert Wilentz, left, and Chief Justice Richard Hughes, discuss prison problems with inmates Ernie Pace, (second from left), and Leon Richardson. The Justice's toured Rahway Prison on June 22 along with other Judges and law enforcement officials from around the state. (UPI Photo)

Black Deputy Appeals Gas Stealing Conviction

by Pat Bryant

Durham District Court Judge David LaBarre convicted Gerald Jones, a Durham County Sheriff deputy, Tuesday, July 3 of stealing gas from a county-owned pump behind the old courthouse

last week. Jones appealed the conviction which carried a \$100 fine and court costs, and 30 to 60 days in jail suspended for three years on the condition that Jones remain on good [Continued on page 16]