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Words of Wisdom

The pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; the optimist, the opportunity in every difficulty.

L.F. Jack

BLACKS

EMBARKING ON NEW STAGE, SAYS FULLER

Lectures to Blacks At Duke Univ.

By Pat Bryant
Hoyt Fuller, editor of the *First World* magazine, believes that "we are about to embark in this country...on a new stage of our evolution," but the writer-lecturer admits "I have no idea what it is going to lead to."

The "we" Fuller refers to is black people. His predictions were made on the eve of several black civil rights figures, most representing the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), becoming involved in middle east foreign policy discussions. Most became active in the middle east discussions following former U.N. Ambassador Young's resignation. It was those discussions, in the main, that have Fuller puzzled. Fuller lectured last week to the Black Student Alliance at Duke University.

On the day Fuller lectured, CBS Evening News aired a news account showing 45 seconds of film footage of several civil rights leaders meeting with Yasir Arafat, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization. On the same evening, CBS News interviewed Rev. Jesse Jackson, head of Operation PUSH. Jackson lamented that Israeli officials had turned him down for a meeting with Prime Minister Begin.

Fuller, formerly editor of the now defunct *Negro Digest*, is suspicious of the interest Jackson and some of the other African-American activists have in the Middle East discussions. "The whole business of the Middle East thing is a fluke," says Fuller. "It happened accidentally. I said rather sarcastically that when Jesse Jackson called that conference in New York...not more than a handful of them would have been able to

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Life Membership

Frank G. Burnett (right) receives the Life Membership certificate into the Shriners from C.A. Levette. Burnette is the treasurer of Zafa Temple 1976 in Durham. Levette is the Imperial Deputy of North Carolina. The Life Membership certificate was presented to Burnette at the recent convention of the Shriners which was held in New York.

Racist Front Formed In Greensboro Meeting

"Jew Conspiracy is running our government", according to Leroy Gibson, national founder of the Rights of White People (ROWP) organization. Gibson, of Jacksonville (NC), said in a telephone interview, "Seventy per cent of all federal judges are Jews and sixty per cent of all newspapers are controlled by Jews." He named [James] Schlesinger and [Henry] Kissinger as examples of government domination by Jews.

On September 25, the *Greensboro Daily News* reported that Gibson was credited with organizing a meeting in which an alliance, the United Racist Front, was formed.

The meeting was held in Louisburg. There, Ku

Clux Klan members, Nazi stormtroopers, the National States' Rights Party and the ROWP met to "pool their resources into what they call the United Racist Front," according to the article. Klan leaders Virgil Griffin of Gastonia and Gorrell Pierce of Forsyth County were reported to have been present along with Raleigh Nazi leader Harold Covington.

Although Gibson was cited as organizer, he was not at the meeting because of parole regulations, according to the paper. Gibson was convicted in 1973 of possessing two unregistered bombs and of an alleged bombing.

In the telephone interview, Gibson denied

organizing the meeting and claimed he knew nothing about it until after the groups met.

He also denied being guilty of the bombing charges. He said he was framed by the state and has documentation to prove it. All he wants now, he said, is a hearing.

Gibson contended it is unfair that "Ben Chavis has had two or three hearings, while I have had none."

"When [Golden] Frinks and Chavis had rallies in Wilmington," said Gibson, "no one said anything." When whites had rallies, officials protested, according to Gibson.

Rev. Benjamin Chavis is leader of the Wilmington Ten, nine black men and one white woman, who were convicted in 1972 of arson and conspiracy during a period of racial turmoil in Wilmington. (ROWP patrolled Wilmington's black neighborhoods during that time, telling the residents to go back to Africa, according to Irv Joyner, one of the lawyers for the Ten.)

Since 1972, the three

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Election Pushes Toward October 9 Primary

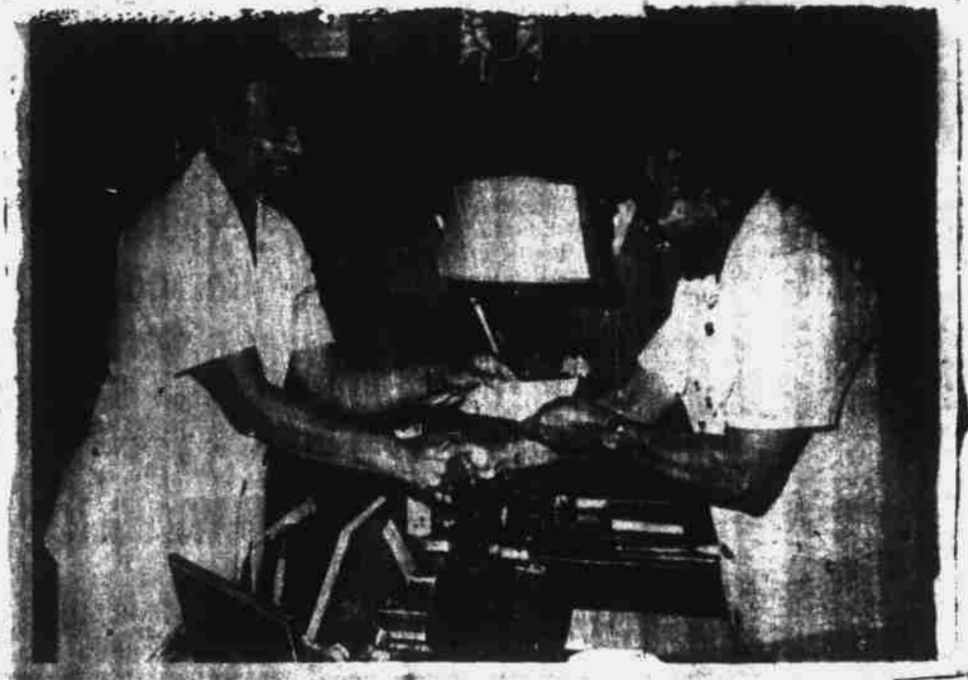
Two Blacks Seek At Large Seats

By Pat Bryant
City Council candidates have been making the rounds to civic groups explaining their views and campaigning, trying to get commitments from the voters. Primary election are October 9.

Two black candidates Paul Bland and Mrs. Joan Burton, are seeking at-large seats on the council. An incumbent, Bland is serving the unexpired term of Mrs. Isabelle Budd. During Bland's short term on the council, he has been a highly vocal member of the Council's finance and community services committees. Earlier this year Bland led an unsuccessful attempt to put a lid on the City's finances and to reduce the City's surplus funds.

Bland was city controller before his appointment to the council. Mrs. Burton, has been active in city politics, most recently representing the interests of low and moderate income residents of the Edgemont community. Mrs. Burton is expected to get sizeable support from East Durham.

The present racial make-up on the council, five blacks and seven whites, not including the mayor, will change as a result of the election. Three at-large seats currently held by blacks are under contest, and only two blacks are seeking re-election. Incumbent councilmen Mrs. Carolyn Thornton and Dr. C.E. Boulware are not running for re-election.



Young Visits Tolbert

UNITED NATIONS - U.S. Ambassador Donald McHenry, successor to Andrew Young in the world assembly, is shown at his post as he heads the U.S. delegation at opening session of the 34th U.N. General Assembly here. UPI Photo.

Murry J. Marvin Dies; N.C. Mutual Senior Vice President

MURRAY J. MARVIN of 909 Dupree Street, senior vice president Corporate Planning and Communications at North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, died September 24. He was 66.

A native of Green County, Ohio, he graduated from West Virginia State College and received his MBA degree from the University of Chicago. He also attended General Theological Seminary.

Prior to joining NCM as planning director in 1961, Marvin had been executive director of the National Insurance Association, a trade association of black life insurance companies headquartered in Chicago. He was named vice president at NCM in 1970 and appointed to senior vice president in 1977.

One of his prime responsibilities during his early years with NCM was to serve as the company's representative during the construction of NCM's new home office building at Mutual Plaza. Marvin was a member

of the American Management Association, the American Institute of Management, the Life Insurance Advertisers Association, and the Public Relations Society of America. He was a member of the Advisory Council on Public Relations of the Institute of Life Insurance and the Community Resource Development Committee of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

He was also a member of the board of directors of the North Carolina School of the Arts Foundation, secretary-treasurer of the American Dance Festival Foundation, the North Carolina Central University Museum of Art, The Durham Rotary Club, Kappa Alpha Psi and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternities.

Marvin was a vestryman and a licensed lay reader at St. Titus Episcopal Church and a member of the brotherhood of St. Andrews. He was listed in the following Who's Who: In America, in Black America, in Finance and Industry and in Life Insurance.



MARVIN

Memorial services for Marvin will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, September 29 at St. Phillips Episcopal Church and at 11 a.m. Sunday, September 30 at St. Titus Episcopal Church.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to the Brotherhood of St. Andrews at St. Titus.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Delores Marvin and a sister, Mrs. George Coffee of Atlanta, Georgia.

Durham County Hospital Workers Organize

By Pat Bryant
Disgruntled workers at Durham County General Hospital have organized a workers association. Last Sunday, about fifty workers met at Break The Chains Bookstore, and after discussing common interests relating to work conditions, decided to organize, and selected a steering committee to begin work.

Public employees are prohibited from engaging in collective bargaining with city, county, and state governments in North Carolina. One worker said naming the group an association of workers was a means of getting around the law.

Worker dissatisfaction, particularly among Afro-American workers has been high at the hospital for some time. Two recent incidents—the firing of a nurse and the discovery and publication by laundry workers at the hospital that at least one employee had contracted tuberculosis, quite possible from contaminated laundry at the hospital—seem to have sparked action

among the workers.

The workers claim that eight laundry workers who were given skin tests were found to be affected by the disease. But Earl Powell, one of the Durham County General's assistant directors, told *The Carolina Times* that only one worker and the worker's family had been found to have positive tuberculosis by x-rays. The worker, Powell said, has been referred to the Durham County Health Department for treatment.

Workers now question whether the person, whose identity has been kept secret, is really being treated.

Powell said that he did not know whether the employee (presumably a woman because Powell referred to the employee as 'she') is now undergoing treatment. The worker is still on staff, and Powell said he did not know what efforts were being taken to insure the health of patients and workers to prevent spread of the infectious lung disease. Powell would not com-

ment on the specifics of the workers' charges or the laundry operations.

Forced overtime, uneven enforcement of hospital rules, inadequate grievance procedures, lack of pay raises for workers, health and safety conditions are among grievances the association is expected to negotiate a change with management, one worker said.

Last week several workers picketed the hospital with leaflets, and one worker said a hospital picnic will be picketed this weekend.

Fred Gill, newly hired City of Durham personnel director, has been on the job less than a month. Already he has been involved in several matters of importance to the town's municipal employees.

Gill has several duties which generally pertain to personnel matters. One of the department's function

which will likely be a focus of discussion in the months to come is the administration of a safety plan for city workers.

The plan was focused upon following the death of Marcus Allen, 39 year old black sanitation worker who was crushed beneath a huge compactor two weeks ago. A local paper quoted Gill saying

that the city was in the process of developing a safety plan. Gill said the city has a plan in existence and only has to hire an administrator to make it operational. Applicants are currently being reviewed for the job.

Gill would not say if he had been formally made aware of worker's grievances, but indicated he had been made aware of some grievances informally. Gill said the accident and circumstances of the death of Marcus Allen were still under investigation by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and that a report was expected

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AT DURHAM COLLEGE

HEW Analyst Named Vice President Financial Affairs

By Pat Bryant
James E. Arneson, a HEW management systems analyst, has been loaned to the financially troubled Durham College.

Arneson will become the college's vice president for financial affairs. He will work for the school for two to three years, during which time his salary will

be paid by HEW. The arrangement is part of the intergovernment personnel loan program begun in 1970. Arneson said his work will be

"soliciting the support of civic, business, and industrial organizations to make Durham College a more fiscally sound operation." HEW pays Arneson's salary, but he assured press representatives at a news conference that his loyalty lies with Durham College.

Arneson's appointment was announced at the same time Dr. Guy Rankin's election as chairman of the school's board of directors was announced by Dr. James Hill, president of the College.

Rankin announced that a \$23,000 payment toward the mortgage held by Central Carolina Bank on the McCauley Hall was paid, ending media speculation

that the dormitory would be foreclosed and sold at public auction.

Rankin predicted a prosperous year for the College, citing a doubling of the school's enrollment over the past year. Officials attributed a sharp drop in enrollment last year to unfavorable publicity. The school's financial worries are not over. Judgments and property liens are outstanding amounting to \$120,000, court records show.

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