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Words Of Wisdom

It's too bad success mak . failure of so many men.

Indecision becomes a disease and procrastination is its forerunner.

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Reagan Supports Civil Rights, Disagrees on Busing Children



Says "No" To Cabinet Post

Mrs. Marva Collins has her arm around a student at her inner-city Westside Preparatory School where "problem children" kicked out of other schools are reading Shakespeare, Plato, Aristotle, Socrates and such and excelling academically. President-Elect Ronald Reagan offered the post of Secretary of the Department of Education to Mrs. Collins this week and she turned it down.

"Reagan And I Did Not See Eye-to-Eye"

NEW YORK — Benjamin L. Hooks, executive director of the NAACP, voiced cautious optimism after meeting with President-elect Ronald Reagan recently in the nation's capital.

"President-elect Reagan and I did not see eye-to-eye," said the former Federal Communications Commissioner, "but I was glad to hear that the President-elect is committed to guarding the civil rights of all Americans even to the point of enforcement similar to measures taken in the Eisenhower Administration."

Hooks explained that he and the President-elect disagreed on the effectiveness of busing to reach the goal of equal educational opportunities for blacks as well as whites.

Appearing before Reagan in his capacity as chairman of the Black Leadership Forum, Hooks urged: "Job creation to bring more blacks and other minorities into the work force; increases in the number and size of minority-owned businesses; and reinvigorated commercial activity in predominantly minority communities."

"These are objectives we believe we can achieve together within a general policy of economic renewal, which would concentrate direct and indirect public subsidies on communities in which private economic activity has all but disappeared. . . and some of us are looking for . . ."

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NAACP Suffers Set-Back In Mississippi Boycott Case

NEW YORK — The Mississippi Supreme Court has dealt the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People another staggering blow in the fourteen-year struggle to resolve the Port Gibson case.

In a 31-page opinion, the Mississippi Supreme Court found the NAACP liable for conspiring to organize and support an illegal boycott against twelve merchants in Port Gibson, Mississippi. Their opinion was based on the Common Law of Mississippi.

Charles Carter, Associate General Counsel for the NAACP, expressed utter disappointment with the court's adverse decision, and stated "the Association will appeal directly to the U.S. Supreme Court. We are certain that the court's ruling on liability would not hold up when compared with the hard, solid facts of the case. We cannot accept the high court's decision on liability and will persist in our defense against these charges in order to circumvent the potentially damaging effect of these findings on our civil rights activities in the future."

The State Supreme Court also found the \$1.2 million damage judgment

rendered by the Chancery Court excessive and remanded it to the lower court for further proceedings.

The Mississippi Supreme Court did,

"The Ku Klux Klan can shoot citizens in the streets and the courts find them not guilty; black women in Chattanooga, Tennessee can be shot and maimed and the courts set the perpetrators free; and an insurance executive in Miami can be beaten to death by city police officials and the courts find them not guilty — yet black citizens in Mississippi are brought before the bar and made to pay an even greater price than any of these defendants. . . ."

however, dismiss the case against Mississippi Action for Progress, the Poverty Head Start Program in Mississippi and 37 individual defendants cited in the original lawsuit.

The original suit grew out of a 1966 boycott involving black citizens who were protesting racial discrimination in Claiborne County, Mississippi. The Port Gibson merchants in 1969

sued the National and local NAACP, the Mississippi Action for Progress and 129 private citizens, claiming in their lawsuit that the leaders of the boycott conspired to

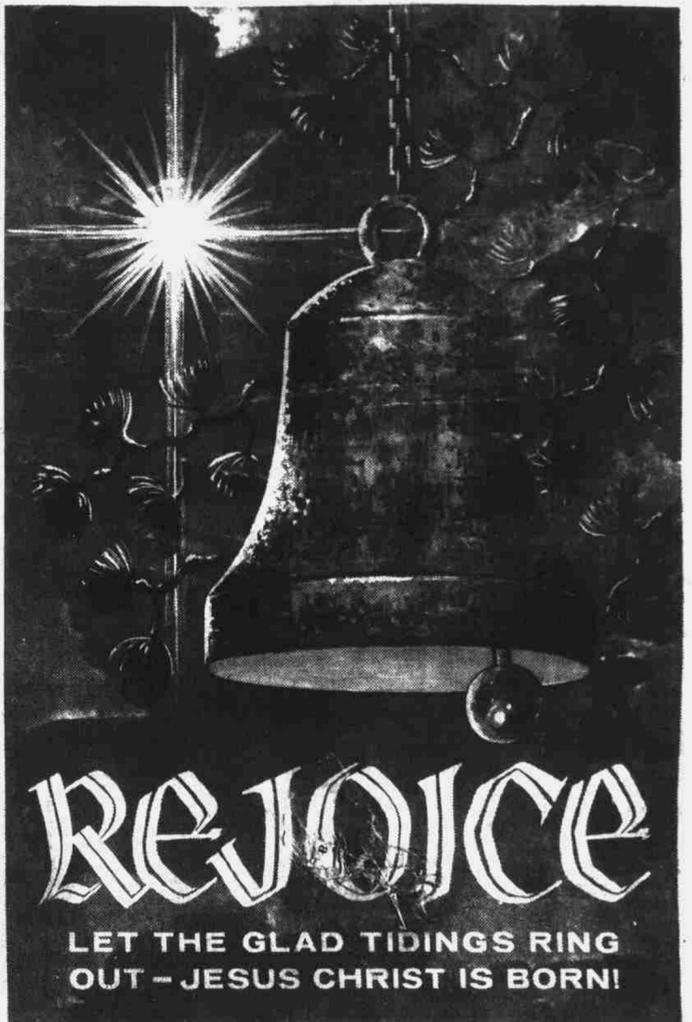
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Notice

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office will be closed December 25 through January 3, so that our staff can have a holiday, too. We will reopen Monday, January 5.

Your January 3 issue will be a condensed edition which should arrive on time.



Federal Minimum Wage Jumps to \$3.35 on January 1

RALEIGH — In light of the forthcoming New Year's Day increase in the federal minimum wage, the state labor department reminds thousands of workers whose wage rates are covered under the North Carolina Wage and Hour Act of 1979 that there is no scheduled increase in the state

minimum wage.

"The North Carolina minimum wage is \$2.90 an hour, and it will not change again until there is further action by the General Assembly," N.C. Labor Commissioner John C. Brooks explained.

On January 1, the federal minimum will rise from \$3.10 to \$3.35.

Brooks said that the state minimum applies to all non-exempt employees in establishments having four or more workers and not covered by the federal law. Employers covered by state law are primarily those smaller retail, food service and service industry establishments which gross under \$325,000 annually.

Workers under the state law who are full-time

students must be paid at least \$2.60 an hour. "The state sub-minimum for students was a new provision in the 1979 law. It was designed to encourage employment opportunities for young people, particularly by assisting participation in cooperative education programs that provide on-the-job skill training," the commissioner said. Included in the general student category are learners and messengers, paralleling a similar provision in the federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

"For workers covered by state law, overtime of time-and-a-half the regular rate of pay is required after 45 hours in any workweek," Brooks added.

Lincoln Health Center Building Fund Campaign launched

A campaign to raise funds from businesses, individuals and civic groups to construct and equip a new building for the Lincoln Community Health Center is now under way. Total project cost is estimated at \$4.9 million. The goal within the Durham community is \$200,000. The balance of the needed funds is expected from private foundations and a loan. Durham County has already pledged \$1.1 million in Federal Revenue Sharing funds to the project.

The local drive is under the direction of John S. Stewart. Working with him are Mrs. Nancy Rand and W.A. Clement, trustees of the Durham County Hospital Corporation, as co-chair of the Family Division; J.J. Sansom, president of Mechanics and Farmers Banks and Edwin J. (Jack) Walker, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the DCHC as chairmen

of the Special Gifts Division. Also assisting Stewart is L.B. Frasier.

In the Family Division are Drs. Robert Yowell and John Daniel, co-chair for Medical Staff; John M. Tezal, employee chairman for Durham County General Hospital; Mrs. Pat Blue, employee chairman for Lincoln Community Health Center; Mrs. Susan Beischer, chairman for the FBHD Board of Directors; George M. Trout, chairman of the DCHC Trustees section; and Nashid Lateef, chairman of the LCHC Board of Directors.

In the Special Gifts Division, the captains are F.V. Allison, Jesse B. Anglin, W.L. Bradsher, Dr. Robert E. Dawson, Prof. Robert L. Dickens, Ms. Pat Buie, Mrs. Josephine Clement, C. Anthony Ricca, A.C. Sorrell, and Mrs. Constance Watts. Assisting them will be campaigners Mrs. (Continued on Page 6)



Meets With Black Leaders

President-elect Ronald Reagan talks to reporters after meeting recently with black leaders in New York. Reagan said, "We talked about problems of mutual concern to us. I made it plain to them that I was going to count on their continued help and support because I intend to be president of all the people." From left: Mayor Charles Evers of Fayette, Miss.; Rev. Hosea Williams, Reagan, and Rev. Ralph Abernathy.