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WINSTON-SALEM ALDERMAN LARRY LITTLE (right) addresses morning press conference. (L-R) Co-convenor Barbara Arnwine, Ben Chavis and Andrew L. White look on.



PARTICIPANTS AT NBIPP LUNCHEON ADDRESS



MS. SIMMONS  
NBIPP Luncheon Speaker

## N. C. BLACK POLITICAL PARTY ORGANIZED

National Black Independent Political Party

### Organizing Conference Deemed Success

By Trellie L. Jeffers  
WINSTON-SALEM — Ms. Zoharah Simmons, a National Black Independent Political Party (NBIPP) organizer from Philadelphia, Pa., told several hundred at the NBIPP luncheon Saturday, Jan. 17, that the long history of struggle for civil rights has brought blacks to the point of establishing their own political party.

"This is not a reaction to President Reagan and the Moral White Majority, but a continuation of the attempts to address human rights," said Ms. Simmons.

She cited the National Equal Rights League of 1864, the Negro Labor Union of 1869, the National Afro-American League of 1890, and many other organizations leading up to the Civil Rights Movement, 1955-72, that have been organized among blacks to launch a struggle for human rights.

Ms. Simmons said that the Civil Rights Movement was one of the most important historical movements among blacks and it has not been adequately written about.

"We have to reflect and record the impact we (blacks) had on this country (with the Civil Rights Movement). We began to stand tall and exercise self-determination. This was a tremendous psychological awakening period," said Ms. Simmons.

Ms. Simmons said that the NBIPP would revive the period of the 1960's, but that the structure would be different.

"Fifty per cent of all of the leadership will be women. Each state's organizing committee has two organizers: a male and a female. We are aware of the work that black men and women have to do together. We want to remind white America that it can no longer distract us with the devices used to divide black men and women," said Ms. Simmons.

Ms. Simmons said that NBIPP is part of a worldwide movement toward self-determination and

that NBIPP will use a collective, broad-based leadership which will be against elitism but will not be anti-intellectual.

"We will use collective leadership so that if one person is shot down, there will be ten others to take that place," said Ms. Simmons.

Rev. Ben Chavis, a member of the Wilmington 10, gave a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at the luncheon meeting.

Rev. Chavis told the crowd that if Dr. King were alive, he would also be building a black political party, but Dr. King's dream is still alive as indicated by the 100,000 people who marched in Washington on his birthday anniversary.

Rev. Chavis said that blacks are taken advantage of because they are not organized. "Dr. King's dream is still applicable to what we have to do and that is to organize our communities," said Rev. Chavis.

#### CAUSES OUTLINED

A strategy meeting for a North Carolina regional chapter of the NBIPP was also held. About two hundred people, including committee chairmen, representatives from the national office in Washington, D.C., enthusiasts and reporters attended the meeting held at the Golden Metropolitan Church on Patterson St.

Ms. Barbara Arnwine, a N.C. organizer and spokesman for the group, held a press conference to brief about a dozen newspaper and television reporters on the agenda for the meeting and the purpose of a national black independent political party. At Ms. Arnwine's side were Andrew White, a representative from Virginia; Ms. Tommy Jean Hagood, representative from South Carolina; Rev. Ben Chavis, representative from the national chapter, Washington, D.C., and Larry Little, a member of the Board of Aldermen of Forsyth County, all of

whom spoke briefly to enforce Ms. Arnwine's outline of seven major causes for a black independent party.

They are:

- The neo-conservative movement in politics which places money above human needs by its thrust to slash the national budget for social programs;
- The lack of a black consensus to define and to seek to accomplish objectives relevant for black people;
- The quality of life of black people, i.e., unemployment, pushouts and dropouts from high school and no increase in the number of blacks in various professions during the last decade;
- The lack of viable black institutions that seek to develop blacks for self-determination;
- The underrepresentation of blacks in both the state and federal legislative bodies;
- The continued reluctance of the two political

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MS. HARRISON

### Researcher Slates Study At B'through

By Kelvin A. Bell  
The Department of Speech, Hearing and Language Pathology at North Carolina Central University is conducting research concerning the effects of maternal interaction on the progress of language-delayed children — those children who are slower or later than expected starting language development.

The research, which is part of the graduate work of Ms. Oleta L. Harrison at NCCU, is an effort to find the causes and solutions to language-delay problems of children.

Ms. Harrison is planning to use a population from the Head Start Program at Operation Breakthrough for her study. The children she would like to use in the study are those enrolled in the speech and hearing class at Breakthrough.

Although Ms. Harrison says she has received initial approval from officials at the agency, she says she must have the approval and cooperation of the parents of those children involved. She has had questionnaires distributed to them, but says that few of these have been returned.

Because of the Privacy Act, the agency is not allowed to give out the names of the participants without permission of those involved, says Ms. Harrison, so the study is at a brief standstill until the parents return these forms.

Suspecting that there may have been a problem (Continued On Page 8)

### Half of Leadership To Be Women

By Kelvin A. Bell  
More than 200 persons attended North Carolina's first state-wide organizing meeting of the National Black Independent Political Party (NBIPP) Saturday in Winston-Salem.

Created to promote social change and self-determination, the party is an outgrowth of last year's National Black Political Convention in New Orleans.

Ms. Barbara Arnwine, a Raleigh attorney and co-convenor of this organizing conference, deemed the meeting a "success" and said that eight North Carolina chapters have been, or are now being, established as a result of that meeting.

The party will be concerned with Community Organizing, Institution Building, and Electoral Politics to address and correct the particular pro-

blems of society of which blacks bear an unfair burden, said Ms. Arnwine.

Ms. Arnwine extended congratulations to the new officers of the North Carolina Black Caucus who were sworn in Saturday in Raleigh and expressed regret that they were unable to provide desired input to the meeting in Winston-Salem. Because many of the objectives of the Caucus and the Party are along the same lines, Ms. Arnwine expressed hope that both groups can work together in the future.

"There's not just one answer," said Ms. Arnwine. "Look at the history of the Humphrey-Hawkins bill and tell me that elected officials are the only answer. Look at the history of our attempts at community organizing and tell me that's the only answer. Look at the

history of our attempts at institution building and tell me that's the only answer. No! You've got to do more."

She went on to point out that the National Black Independent Political Party "intends to build the black consensus in this state and in this nation. We intend to be an umbrella organization; we intend to have the authority, the power, the mechanisms, the activism to represent a significant segment of black people. And we intend to be so tied to the interests of the black community that the people who oppose what we uphold will realize that they are alienating most of their 'base'!"

Additional information about the Party may be obtained by writing to: NBIPP-NC, P.O. Box 26402, Raleigh, N.C. 27611, or by calling (919) 782-4172.

## Roxboro St. Five Lanes Abandoned By Council

By Trellie L. Jeffers  
The Durham City Council voted 10-2 Monday night, January 19, at its regular meeting to drop the clause in the St. Theresa development plan that stipulated use of community development funds to acquire property on Roxboro Street for the widening of that street to four or five lanes. In the same motion, the council approved a plan to straighten Roxboro Street at the Umstead Street corner, widening it to 38 feet.

Durham citizens, mostly black, crowded the council chambers and at least seven persons spoke prior to the council's vote against the proposed plan to use community development funds in what many called "a destruction of a neighborhood rather than its redevelopment."

Mrs. Joan Burton, director of the Edgemont Community Center, one of the speakers against the proposed plan, said that she had studied the St. Theresa plan and found some discrepancies in what the citizens of St. Theresa requested in 1978 and what was being proposed.

Mrs. Burton said that the St. Theresa residents had requested adequate housing and she called upon the council to focus its attention on this matter.

Clem Baines, another citizen speaking against the proposed plan, echoed Mrs. Burton's charge that the city planners were ignoring the priority of St. Theresa residents.

Mrs. Carolyn I. Thornton, one of the speakers from the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, cited six objectives of the St. Theresa development plan, which she said were inconsistent with a five-lane highway in the area.

The discrepancies pointed out then prompted Dr. E. Lavonia Allison to inquire of a possible source where citizens could file their complaints

against the St. Theresa Plan and she was told that the regional office of HUD in Greensboro would be the correct place, but that complaints would have to be made between April 15 and July 1, 1981, the period in which the application would be under scrutiny. Councilman Ralph Hunt pointed out that citizens could go to the Greensboro HUD office at any time to complain about what they may consider to be a violation in the use of community development funds.

Some of the citizens remained undecided about the outcome of the motion offered by Councilman Paul Vick to delete the clause regarding the five-lane highway from the St. Theresa plan. Said one observer, "I think that the best thing to do is to leave Roxboro Street alone."

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### Groves Takes Chapel Hill Chair

Dean Harry E. Groves of North Carolina Central University's School of Law will take the Brandis Professorship in the University of North Carolina School of Law at the end of this academic year, *The Carolina Times* has learned.

Dean Groves resigned the NCCU deanship in October. The resignation is effective in May.

Groves began his career as a legal educator at North Carolina Central University, then North Carolina College, as associate professor of law from 1949 to 1951.

From 1956 to 1960, he was dean of the School of Law at Texas Southern University. From 1960 to 1964, he was visiting professor, head of the department of law, and dean of the faculty of law at the University of Singapore.

He is the author of three books, one on comparative constitutional law and two on the Malaysian Constitution. He has also contributed chapters to four other books on Asian affairs.

He holds the bachelor of arts degree, cum laude, from the University of Colorado, the Juris Doctor degree from the University of Chicago, and the Master of Laws degree from Harvard University.

Groves is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Delta Kappa and Kappa Delta Pi.

### Student NAACP Observes MLK Birthday

By Trellie L. Jeffers  
The North Carolina Central University Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held several activities Thursday, January 15, to commemorate the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The activities included a march down Fayetteville St., a memorial service in McDougald Gym, and a film in B.N. Duke Auditorium entitled "From Montgomery to Memphis."

The main address for the memorial service was delivered by Phillip Rosser, president of the campus chapter of the NAACP, who told the crowd of about one thousand, mostly students, that the student NAACP had witnessed the victory (Continued on Page 3)