

# 1,000 Young People To Attend Methodist Retreat

More than 1,000 persons — young people and their chaperones — will participate in the Second Episcopal District Young People's Retreat of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, to be held here Friday through Sunday, August 7 to 9.

Mrs. Ora Easley, Second Episcopal District Young People's Department director, said 800 young people (between the ages of 13 and 24) and their chaperones will live in North Carolina Central University dormitories

during the weekend retreat. With other participants, including local youth, they will attend an opening session at NCCU's B.N. Duke Auditorium Friday night, educational workshops all day Saturday at the university's Farrison-Newton Communications Building, and a closing worship and communion service at St. Joseph's

AME Church Sunday morning.

The Second Episcopal District of the AME Church includes the denomination's Washington Conference, Baltimore Conference, Virginia Conference, and the two conferences in North Carolina. It embraces the District of Columbia and the states of

Maryland, North Carolina, and Virginia.

The Rt. Rev. John Hurst Adams, Bishop of the Second Episcopal District, will be an active participant in the retreat. His wife, Dr. Dolly D. Adams, is the workshop coordinator and Episcopal supervisor for the retreat. Program participants

include Mrs. Josephine Eversley of Baltimore; Rev. Roger Reed of Washington; Rev. Howard Camper of Baltimore; Rev. Frederick Harrison of Washington; Rev. Robert L. Pruitt of Washington; Rev. Leon Hall of Virginia; Rev. Harris Stewright of Washington; Dr. Priscilla

Hilliard of Washington, a former member of President Carter's staff; Rev. W.W. Easley of Durham; Rev. Rickey Spain of Asheville; Rev. Donald Wess of the North Carolina Conference; Mrs. Corinne Thomas of Washington; Dr. Charles Gilchrist of Durham; Mrs. Phyllis Davis of Virginia;

Mrs. Johanna Green, Connectional YPD Director; Mrs. Pauline P. Mattison, Episcopal President of the Women's Missionary Society; Miss Clara Lawson of Durham; and the Rev. B.S. Foust of Baltimore.

Lindsey A. Merritt of NCCU; Dr. David Williams of Allen Univer-

sity; and Mrs. Vera Benton of Morris Brown College will lead a Career Conference for high school seniors.

Chancellor Albert N. Whiting will welcome the young people at the Friday night program. Also speaking at the Friday night program will be Dr. Helen G. Edmonds.

## Former State Employee Charges Reverse Bias

RALEIGH — Albert Huey, a former state employee, has filed suit for \$135,000 in damages, contending that he was a victim of reverse sex discrimination while he worked for the State Economic Opportunity Office.

Huey, who worked as a community development specialist for the state from July, 1975 through September, 1979, filed suit July 6 in Wake Superior Court.

Huey alleged in the law suit that he had told John W. Edwards, opportunity office director, and other supervisors about political favoritism and sexual and racial discrimination in the office, but that his reports were ignored.

The suit said that on several occasions, Huey was "stripped of responsibilities and duties without prior warning or justification" and that the duties were assigned to female employees.

A N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development spokesman declined to comment.

Huey has asked for \$85,000 in compensatory damages and \$50,000 in punitive damages.



In furthering equal opportunity in housing, the Veterans Administration offers a counseling service for minority veterans interested in becoming homeowners. The counselors discuss such things as costs, location, access to jobs, shopping and transportation, maintenance and fair housing laws.

VA is authorized to guarantee loans by private lenders to eligible vets for the purpose of buying a new or used mobile home — with or without the lot to put it on. The maximum guarantee is \$20,000 and maximum term 20 years and 32 days for a double-wide mobile home.

VA also mails compensation and pension checks to most overseas locations. VA education benefits may also be available abroad, but GI home loans are not. Only career-retired veterans are eligible for medical benefits at overseas military hospitals. Know before you go.

## The Grand Offensive Against Western Sahara

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Under Spanish colonial rule it was known as Spanish Sahara, sometimes as Rio de Oro. When Fascist dictator Francisco Franco's Falangists were deposed the Spanish colonial structure fell apart.

The neighbors of the former colony, Morocco and Mauritania, immediately laid claim to its lands, peoples and wealth. The two agreed to divide the country.

But what Morocco and Mauritania ignored was the fact that the peoples of Western Sahara had long waged a struggle against the Franco regime. This war of national liberation was most instrumental in forcing the Spanish government to relinquish its colonial claims.

The peoples of Western Sahara united behind the Polisario Front in their common struggle against Spanish colonialism. Today they remain united behind Polisario as they continue their war of liberation, this time, unfortunately, against other African states.

The Polisario Front is recognized as the sole and legitimate representative of the people of the Western Sahara by all major international groups.

Like all victorious guerrilla armies the fighting detachments of Polisario control eighty per cent of the land and are constantly besieging the last populated towns.

For all practical purposes Mauritania was knocked out of the war last year. The Kingdom of Morocco finds the war a heavy financial burden. Even with promised United States tanks and possibly planes, Morocco's outlook in Western Sahara looks bleak.

Now King Hassan of Morocco is ready to submit proposals toward a solution to the war. The king's proposals come

swiftly in the wake of the Reagan Administration's announced effort to isolate Libya, and curb the spread of Colonel Qaddafi's brand of Arab socialism to neighboring states. Egypt, Saudi Arabia, the United States and Israel have no desire to see Western Sahara, however small and economically weak at present, join Algeria and Libya.

Following this strategy, Saudi Arabia was instrumental in bringing Morocco and Mauritania together again, following their feud over the conduct of the war against the Polisario Front, which incidentally, cost Mauritania dearly.

France has always tried to keep its business interests intact in northern Africa. For this reason it did not appreciate Libya's Chad invasion. Yet the new French Government of Socialist Mitterand may follow the advice of the Algerians and side with the Polisario if only to demonstrate to the United States that it will not look kindly upon a powerful U.S. military presence in northern Africa, a presence which if allowed to expand may be much more difficult to contain.

from the French point of view, than the idealistic militancy of Colonel Qaddafi.

Ibrahim Hakim, Foreign Minister of Western Sahara views the proposals of King Hassan as a patently divisive maneuver designed to weaken the Polisario Front and with it reduce the influence of Algeria and Libya in the affairs of northern Africa and correspondingly increase the influence of Egypt, Israel, and the United States.

The Polisario Front will reject the Hassan proposals if they do not assure the triumph of the Front.



Taking Oath

Judge Susie Sharp swears in members of the UNC Board of Governors recently. Taking the oath are Mrs. Hugh Morton, Linville, re-elected; Mrs. A.R. Bowe, Murfreesboro, re-elected; Philip G. Carson, Asheville attorney, re-elected; Walter R. Davis, Midland, Texas businessman, elected; R. Phillip Haire, Sylva attorney, elected; Mrs. John F. McNair, III, Winston-Salem, re-elected; Asa T. Spaulding, Jr., Durham businessman, elected; David J. Whichard, II, Greenville publisher, re-elected; William K. Woltz, Mount Airy businessman, elected.

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