

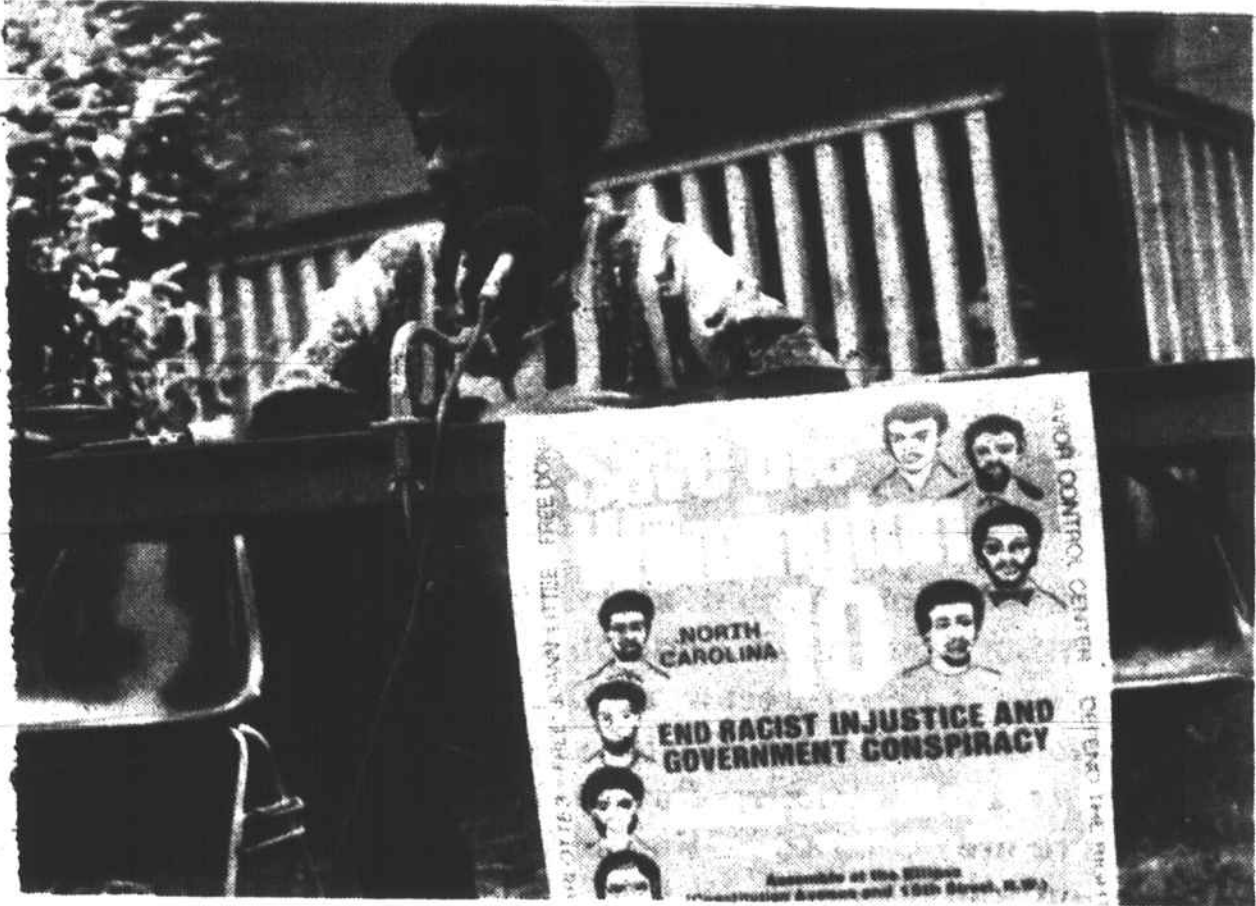
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Rev. Benjamin Chavis visited here recently to rally support for march on Washington, May 31.

Baptist Minister Is Pastor Of The Year



Rev. J. Ray Butler

Illinois.

In a brief interview Butler talked about the progress that has been made at Shiloh since he took over the leadership in 1970. Just to name a few, he said the church budget income went from \$35,000.00 in 69 to \$206,000.00 in 1974. The church has two full time secretaries, and one parttime. In 1970, the adult department, Joint Missionary Society, Public Relations and Publicity Committee were organized. The membership increased from 778 to 1,225.

Butler has been in the ministry over 26 years. "I gave up my barber shop and my home, and moved my family where I could pursue an education," the Reverend said recently. He was 23 years old when he was called to the ministry which began in Virginia. For 16 years he pastored in Wilmington before coming to Winston-Salem.

Butler's success may be attributed to his willingness to help his church members and community people. He said that he seeks to find employment for everybody that is unemployed in his church and anybody else that he knows about. "We put out fielders for job opportunities," he said. "We seek to help people with jobs period."

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"The motivating factor of growth in my church is that I'm a close-up pastor. I seek to know my flock by name, the families; I cater to them and get them involved," says the minister of one of the largest churches in the city.

The Dr. J. Ray Butler, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church was recently nominated the Pastor of the Year by the Midwestern Missionary Conference. Shiloh was named also Church of the Year.

Butler received certificates and awards at the Musical Awards and Recognition service held at Bethesda Baptist Church in Chicago.

Rev. Ben Chavis

"N.C. Most Repressive State In The Union"

By Gwen Dixon
Staff Reporter

"North Carolina is the most repressive state in the country because of its elected officials," the Rev. Benjamin Chavis said here recently.

In an effort to rally support and a delegation to join the march on Washington May 31, Chavis said North Carolina has more blacks in prison than any other state in the union. The march is to call national attention to the Wilmington 10 case in order that it may be heard by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The case grew out of an

attempt to desegregate Wilmington's public Schools in 1970. Rev. Chavis was called in to lead protest marches and demonstrations after black students were allegedly attacked by vigilantes and klu klux klansman.

Chavis claims that these groups shot into the homes and churches in black neighborhoods. One black student was killed and many others were injured during the violence. Chavis charges the Wilmington police gave no protection to the black community during the attack. According to him when a white 'nightrider' was killed in

crossfire, "then the national guard was called in."

After the longest trial in North Carolina's history which costed more than a million dollars and lasted six months, Chavis and 9 codefendants stood convicted of arson, conspiracy against the U.S. and handling of deadly weapons with intent to make bombs.

The Wilmington Ten lost their appeal to the N.C. Court of Appeals and to the N.C. Supreme Court. "The North Carolina Supreme Court took the prepared brief and threw it

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Urban League - ESC Join Forces

Job Bank To Aid Unemployed

The Winston-Salem Urban League (WSUL) and the Employment Security Commission (ESC) have agreed to join forces in an attempt to reduce the number of jobless citizens in the city. The ESC will utilize the services of the Urban League in referring blacks and other minorities to the job bank for job openings.

The ESC Job Bank provides a daily listing of job openings. "The list shows who's hiring," said Samuel D. Harvey, Executive Director of the Urban League. "Then we can refer people to those openings."

Harvey pointed out that many times people do not go to the ESC for jobs. "They come to us," he said. "Some people who are highly skilled or professional view the ESC as a place for lower-skilled applicants." Of course this is not true. In addition, Harvey said, "we are known for the confidentiality with which we treat clients." He also cited the Urban League's good track

record of getting jobs for minorities.

The ESC and the Urban League will work hand-in-hand in locating suitable employment for applicants. The WSUL will scan the Job Bank Orders for job openings for which clients may qualify. After proper clearance the WSUL will send the applicant directly to the job or to the ESC for placement. "And we'll do a follow up on the

applicants," Harvey said. "We want to make sure they don't get the run-around."

Prospective job applicants may apply through the WSUL or the ESC. Harvey has suggested that young, single applicants be mobile. "Apply for a job wherever it is and take it," he warned. "A lot of young people with no ties are trying to get jobs locally and are competing with people

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