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## Hall Lies In Wilmington 10 Case

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Wilmington 10 defendant Rev. Benjamin Chavis, Jr., charged today that federal involvement in the 1972 prosecution of the Wilmington 10 by the State of North Carolina has been demonstrated concretely in papers filed by Chief Counsel for the Wilmington 10, James Ferguson of Chambers, Stein, Ferguson and Becton.

There have been two motions filed by Ferguson, one to amend a writ of habeas corpus under consideration by the court, and the second for bail for the defendants while the court ponders the case that began in 1971.

Bail was denied earlier this year by U.S. Magistrate Logan Howell because in his determination the defendants did not show a likelihood that their case would win an appeal.

Ferguson seeks to amend the writ of habeas corpus because the State's main witness against the Wilmington admitted in a sworn statement that he lied when he gave testimony.

"I think Al Hall's statement which is included in the motions that we filed today in

## Chavis Charges Federal Plot

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Rev. Ben Chavis

federal court shows concretely that there was federal involvement in the prosecution of the Wilmington 10 or the part of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division of the Treasury Department -- Agent Bill Walden," said Rev. Chavis from McCain Prison. He is currently serving a 34-year sentence for arson and conspiracy to arson commit on a white-owned grocery in Wilmington's black ghetto in 1971.

The sworn statement of Allen Hall raises considerable doubt that the 1971 trial can stand careful scrutiny of a fair court.

First, Hall said that he did  
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## Health Center Workers Upset With Retirement Plan

by Rudy Anderson  
Staff Writer

Employees of the Reynolds Health Center circulated a petition last week indicating their dissatisfaction with the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners and the County Manager for not allowing the county to participate in the State Retirement Plan.

The petition states that the employees are not satisfied with the county's present plan. It further states that the participation in the retirement plan should be optional, since the program requires a "significant contribution from the employee".

The signers of the petition assert that the choice to participate in the plan should be the employees and not the higher authority's (the Commissioners and Manager). The petition also states that a transfer from the county plan would give them a voice and a choice. The petition also calls for an investigation into the possibility of withdrawing from participation in Social Security if an employee desires to withdraw.

Commissioner Vice Chairman, David Drummond, said that he felt the county employees should have a voice. He said they do at this point, and that they could air their grievances at the next meeting called to discuss the matter. He did not specify when that meeting would be. He said he feels the people sending the petition wanted to opt out of both programs altogether. He said, "What will these people do if they don't have some kind of plan for the future? They're not thinking about retirement now, but what about later," he said.

Drummond feels that once the county is locked into the state plan the employee really won't have any say then. He asked, "How many times have you tried and ever gotten anything done of an immediate nature through Raleigh?"

Commissioners John Tandy and Roy G. Hall have a

different ideas. According to Hall, they would prefer to go to the State route. Tandy has repeatedly questioned the board's petition in the matter. Hall feels the other commissioners are opposed to the plan because it is too expensive.

Hall said the board had  
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Coretta King speaks to attentive audience for Third Century Day at Benton Convention Center.

## Black Publishers Declare War on Drug Epidemic

Warning that "the current drug addiction epidemic is our deadliest domestic enemy," a convention of black newspaper publishers, meeting in Atlanta, Georgia last week, called on President Ford and Governor Carter to "make the nation's peak-level drug addiction crisis an issue during the remaining weeks of the campaign." The black publishers group also announced plans to spearhead a national war on drugs movement.

At a press conference Oct. 8, following the Southern Regional Convention of Black Media, Inc., publishers, a cooperative of 114 black newspapers around the coun-

try, Dr. Willie L. Russell, Jr., national co-chairman, said "Last April President Ford warned that rising drug addiction levels are a national tragedy ... a clear and present threat to the health and future of the nation." But to date, neither he nor Governor Carter has shared with the American people their concerns about this deadly situation." Dr. Russell, who is publisher of the Albany [Ga.] Times and the Macon [Ga.] Times, said that "the staggering costs and consequences of the addiction crisis on all levels of American society, must become an important national issue, both before and after this election."  
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## Mrs. King Calls For More Humane Society

by Rudy Anderson  
Staff Writer

Mrs. Coretta King, wife of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and now president of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Social Change, was guest speaker for the first Third Century Day held Sunday at the Benton Convention Center.

The affair was sponsored by the Third Century Priorities committee, a new "human rights" activist group whose

goals are to support and develop effective programs and interpersonal communications channels designed to improve community human relationships and solidarity.

Mrs. King said that she was particularly pleased to be the first speaker for the group because she believed that their "objectives are in line" with those of the Center for Social Change.

She told a receptive gathering of about 1800  
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