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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



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One week before the 1976 presidential election, the Rev. Bruce Edwards, pastor of the Plains (Ga.) Baptist Church - Jimmy Carter's church - became involved in a controversy over the acceptance of blacks as members of the church.

Edwards, fired over the issue, and now pastor of the racially mixed Makakilo Baptist Church in Makakilo, Hawaii, said recently, "I am a spokesman for God, not a civil rights. If I say something about civil rights it must come from a theological standpoint, not a political one."

A recent survey reveals that cigarette smoking in the third world countries - poor nations is on the increase because

tobacco producers offer it as a symbol of progress.

President Carter's urban policy, expected to be unveiled by April 1, will reportedly place emphasis on filling gaps through minor public works programs designed to renovate parts of cities and create jobs, offer incentives for states to get involved in urban planning, and possibly housing aid for middle-income families.

About 25 northwest Charlotteans were disappointed last week when postal officials failed to show up for a meeting to discuss community concerns about postal services at the University Park Postal Branch.

Black Movies, TV News Briefs

Moore Continues Busy Schedule

by Jesse H. Walker
Special To The Post

Although she's appearing six days a week at the Mark Hellinger Theatre in "Timbuktu" (they've got tickets printed through Labor Day), Melba Moore continues a busy, busy schedule. Last week she turned up to sing at the NYC Directors Guild of America awards. And as a spokesperson for ITT's "Big Blue Marble" TV series, she showed up in LA in the "Big Blue" Hospitality Suite at the National Association of Television Program Executives' Convention. And she still makes those celebs disco parties.

Renaud, the singer-composer-model Hank Thomas' Thomas Square Productions is about to spring on an LP. He is a Baltimore, Md. Native who entertained in just about all the night spots there. "Once an artist has made it in Baltimore, he's made it," he says.

Vinnette Carroll and Micki Grant, who brought you "Don't Bother Me, I Can't Cope," are coming back to Broadway in July with "Alice," a musical based on "Alice in Wonderland" and with a mixed cast of 26. Alice will be Debbie Allen who was in the TV's "3 Girls 3" and recently danced with Ben Vereen in his TV special.

The South Africa Freedom Committee, Ossie Davis, Chairman, is sponsoring the first of a series of benefit shows where world renowned musicians have offered their services without costs on March 23 at Carnegie Hall. Featured will be Letta Mbulu (South African), Abdulla Ibrahim, formerly Dollar Brand (South African), and drummer Max Roach (Afro-African). The object is to build

schools in neighboring South African countries for refugee children.

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best actor award for his role as the stepfather in Robert Radnitz's black narcotics film.

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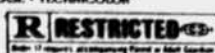
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