

Human Rights Week Schedule Monday, Nov. 14

- Noon - Know Your Rights**
James Holger will lead a brown bag lunch discussion on the "Universal Declaration of Human Rights" in the Campus Y lounge.
- 2:30 p.m. - "Burning Patience"**
A film dealing with life in Pinochet's Chile. Abernethy Hall viewing room.
- 2:30 p.m. - "The Sharon Kowalski Case"**
A film based on human rights violations of Sharon Kowalski. Focuses on the rights of the handicapped, women, and homosexuals. Union 208.
- 4 p.m. - "Date Rape"**
A movie starring former UNC student Dex Diamond. There will be a follow-up discussion on prevention. Union 208.
- 5:30 p.m. - An Evening with James Holger**
James Holger is the director of the United Nations Information Center in Washington, D.C. Hamilton 100.
- 6 p.m. - A Palestinian Dinner**
Experience an authentic Palestinian dinner. \$5 per person. Great Hall.
- 7 p.m. - Colombia: A Human Rights Emergency**
Dr. Jonathan Hartlyn will speak on the critical situation in Colombia today. Union 206.
- 7:15 p.m. - Palestinians and the West Bank**
Jacqueline Muth will present a slide show and discussion dealing with the conflict on the West Bank and the fight for a Palestinian homeland. Great Hall.
- 8 p.m. - The Reverend William S. Falls**
How a person can enrich their daily experiences by remembering their own cultures. Black Cultural Center.
- 8 p.m. - Junius Scales - The Red Scare**
Junius Scales will speak on his experiences in the midst of the Red Scare of the 1950's. A member of the New Communist Party, he was imprisoned after a controversial trial in the McCarthy era. Hamilton 100.
- 8 p.m. - Civil Disobedience**
Panel discussion on the freedom of speech and dissent, featuring local and campus figures. Murphey 111.
- 8:30 p.m. - Palestinian Dance**
Great Hall.
- 8:30 p.m. - Transactors Comedy**
A performance dealing with the rights of our children. Cabaret.

Former Communist leader to speak

By JAMES BURROUGHS
Staff Writer

Junius Irving Scales, UNC alumnus and the only person ever sent to prison in the United States for being a member of the Communist Party, will speak today at 8 p.m. in 100 Hamilton Hall as part of Human Rights Week.

Human Rights Week, sponsored by the Campus Y, is a series of programs designed to raise awareness of human rights violations around the world.

The speech, sponsored by the Carolina Union Special Projects Committee, is part of an attempt to examine UNC's history through speeches by distinguished alumni, said committee chairman Dennis Toseland. Scales' speech will educate students about what UNC was like in the 1940s, Toseland said.

Scales served 15 months in a federal prison in 1961 after he was convicted of belonging to an organization that advocated the violent overthrow of the government. He was released on Christmas Eve in 1962 when President John Kennedy com-

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mutated his sentence.

In an interview Sunday, Scales said his presentations centered on dark times in American history, including discrimination and civil rights violations in the '40s and '50s.

"I've been stressing to a more or less degree some of the negative aspects of history," he said. "I think it will fit in well with the theme of this week."

Scales said the controversy surrounding recent campus protests and antagonism between campus groups brought back memories of UNC in the 1940s when discrimination was prevalent.

Scales said he sympathetic to campus protests but part of living in America is learning to live with people's differences. Students should examine the recent dissent on campus more closely before they adopt unreasonable measures, he said.

"I think any group that is discrim-

inated against has a right to organize against that," he said. "I think suppression would make this an entirely different country — and an ugly country."

Scales, co-author of the book, "Cause at Heart: A Former Communist Remembers," has toured 11 universities during the last three weeks to speak on the history of the Communist Party in America, a party he left 31 years ago.

"I've been trying to tell what I think is the true version of the Communist Party in the South," he said.

Scales grew up in a prominent Greensboro family and entered UNC in 1936 at age 16. After studying for three years, he worked in a High Point mill village, where he sought to organize the workers there. Following Pearl Harbor, Scales enlisted in the Army. He returned to UNC on the G.I. Bill in 1946 and graduated with the class of 1947.

Scales was first exposed to the Communist Party at age 18, and because of his desire for "a brotherhood of man," he joined a year

later, he said.

"I thought the South was just great until I saw the poverty, the discrimination and the racism right under my nose," he said.

During the next 18 years, Scales was a civil rights activist and a leader of the Communist party in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee.

In 1954, he was arrested under the now defunct Smith Act and charged with belonging to an organization that advocated the violent overthrow of the government. After a 1955 trial in Greensboro, he was sentenced to six years in prison, but the U.S. Supreme Court reversed the decision on a technicality.

One year after leaving the Communist Party, Scales was again tried and convicted in 1958. After a failed attempt to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, he was sent to the federal penitentiary in Lewisburg, Pa., where he was to serve six years.

After several hundred prominent Americans, including Eleanor Roosevelt and Martin Luther King Jr., spoke on his behalf, President Kennedy commuted Scales' sentence, and he was released after serving 15 months. He is the only person in America ever to serve a prison sentence simply for being a Communist.

Fighting for the rights of blacks kept Scales in the Communist Party for 18 years, he said. Several factors, including Krushchev's statements about Stalin and the Soviet invasion of Hungary, led him to leave the party in 1957, along with almost 80 percent of the party's members, he said.

Scales said that he would like to see the spread of socialism but remains skeptical about it ever happening. In practical terms, he calls himself a "compassionate liberal," abiding by the dictionary definition of liberal as "generous and enlightened," he said.

Scales is now retired and living in New York.

Human rights activist examines plight of migrant farm workers

By LAURA HOUGH
Staff Writer

The United Farm Workers of America (UFW) wants to provide workers with safe and sanitary conditions and supply consumers with health food, said Arturo Rodriguez, a vice president of the UFW, in a Human Rights Week lecture Sunday night.

Farm workers in this country have been "pretty much left out of legislation," he said. They have been unable to change their living conditions and have always been excluded from minimum wage legislation, he said.

The UFW fights the conditions that force women to work 10-hour days for \$20 without clean drinking water or rest rooms, he said, a problem that extends to North Carolina.

North Carolina ranks in the top five in its number of migrant workers, Rodriguez said.

Migrant workers are often homeless as well, Rodriguez said. In California such groups as the "tree-people" live in the fields under the trees, and thousands of "cave-people" live in cardboard-lined caves at the foot of the mountains surrounding San Diego, he said.

The living conditions remove dignity and pride and create a sense of economic slavery, Rodriguez said.

Migrant children also suffer because of the school they miss, he said. There are about 4 million

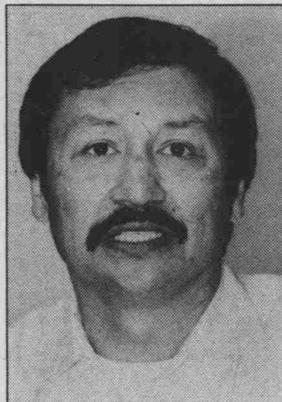
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migrant workers, 800,000 of whom are under the age of 16. Whole families work under the father's Social Security number to make one day's wages, but the federal government doesn't try to control the number of child laborers because there is no pressure to do so, he said.

The UFW also works to protect consumers. Captan, Dinoseb and Parathion pesticides have been found to cause miscarriages, cancer and even death, not only to the migrant workers who spend days in the field, but also to the consumer, because the pesticides do not wash off under running water. Most of the problems occur with California table grapes, according to "The Wrath of Grapes," a film produced by the UFW and shown during Rodriguez's lecture.

More than 300,000 migrant worker deaths occur yearly due to the 8 million pounds of pesticides used a year that cling to the grape leaves.

Farmers can work without the pesticides, Rodriguez said. But migrant workers can't strike against the pesticides or the field conditions because of the abundant work force.



Arturo Rodriguez

So economic boycotts work best, he said. For example, the boycott of California grapes has forced the price down — in Chapel Hill, the grapes are about 49 cents a pound.

Boycotts can be started at universities too. Students at Cornell and Brown universities forced the removal of table grapes from neighborhood stores, he said.

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