

17-Year-Old Girl Takes Own Life With Shotgun

RESENTMENT RISES AGAINST BRUTALITY IN ALABAMA

Selma Police Brutality Draws National Fire

SELMA, ALA.—Law officials Wednesday vowed anew to ban further demonstrations for voting rights in this strife-torn town but Negro leaders indicated they would march anyway.

Mayor Joe Smitherman, who said the march ban was the result of a joint agreement between city, county and state officials, had earlier announced that because Negroes had been angered by the beating of three white ministers who supported their cause, any march would be "unsafe."

After the march-ban directive was issued, some 60 state troopers took positions one block from the church which has served as march headquarters. But the expected confrontation with demonstrators did not appear imminent because Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the leader, had not appeared by noon at the church.

Sunday some 2,500 citizens were teargassed and beaten as they attempted to march from Selma to Montgomery. The group, led by Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee chairman John Lewis and Hosea Williams, was stopped on a U. S. 80 bridge by about 200 state troopers, 200 sheriffs' possemen and hundreds of whites.

At about 3:15 Selma time, just after Lewis led the group in prayer, law officers fired tear gas bombs and began clubbing the marchers. In the melee, some were trampled by officers' horses, others were beaten with whips and ropes.

As a result of the brutality exhibited by Selma police thousands of telegrams, and letters poured into the office of President Johnson from all over the nation as evidence of the mounting sentiment against the state of Alabama continued to rise. Rumors See SELMA, 4A

English Institute Set For Mar. 27 At N. C. College

More than 100 high school and college teachers and students are expected to participate in an English Institute at North Carolina College on Saturday, March 27, Dr. Sylvia L. Render, professor of English at NCC and director of the event, indicated recently.

According to Dr. Render, the institute, sponsored by the committee on Higher Education of the North Carolina Teachers Association, has as its purpose, "the achieving of better articulation between high school and college English curriculums." The institute, which will serve high schools and colleges in ten Piedmont counties near Durham, will be largely exploratory, Dr. Render said, adding:

"We hope that by this means we will be able to identify the more pressing problems of students and teachers alike and will be able to attack these problems through future institutes."

Consisting of an opening session, panel presentations, discussion groups, and an informal luncheon which will feature a speaker, the institute will include as resource participants a number of experts in several disciplines.

A session devoted to research, VISTA, and North Carolina views will have presentations by Dr. Joseph P. McKelvin, director, NCC Bureau of Educational Research; Felton Gibson of VISTA field staff; and Dr. James E. Stone, assistant director, North Carolina Board of Higher Education.

Participants in a panel on the curriculum will be Dr. John Crawford, chairman, Department of English, Bennett College; Mrs. Jean Hunt Newman, the State Department of Public Instruction; and Mrs. Nelle Coley, teacher of English, Dudley High School, Greensboro.

College admissions standards will be discussed by Charles Bernard, director of admissions, the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; and Mrs. Martha W. Wheeler, registrar and director of admissions, Shaw University, Raleigh. See NCTA, 4A

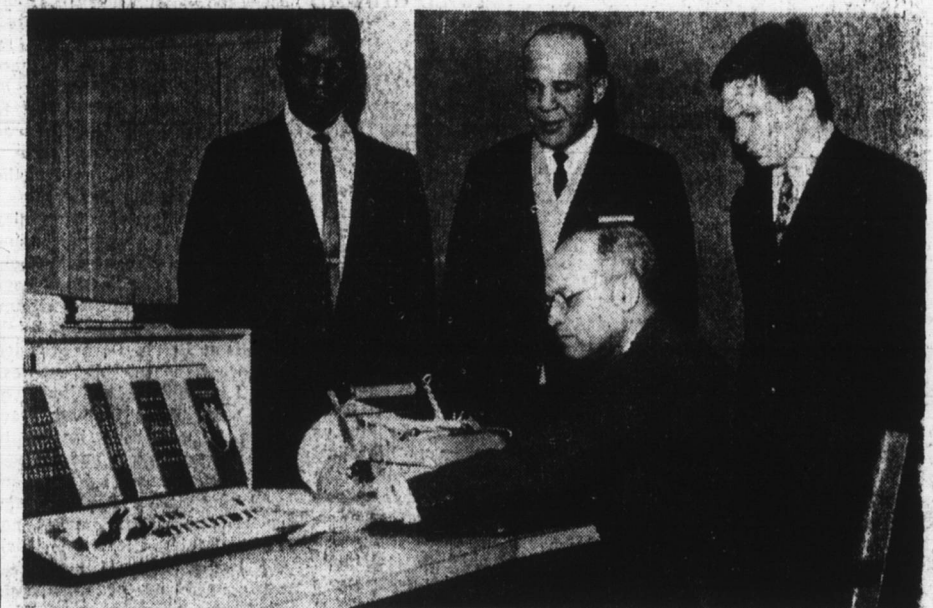
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IN GREENSBORO 500

Parents Object Children Mixing In School System



FACULTY PREPS FOR SCIENCE INSTITUTE—Faculty members of the Sixth Summer Science Program for high ability eleventh grade students, to be held at North Carolina College June 7-July 17, are shown at the college's 1620 IBM Computer, which, with other equipment, will be in use during the session. Seated is Dr. C. Elwood Boulanger, associate professor of mathematics and director of the program. Standing from left, are Irving A. McCollum, assistant professor of mathematics; David Benney, assistant professor of biology; and Dr. Norman Padnos, assistant professor of chemistry. The National Science Foundation will underwrite the major portion of the program's cost.

20 Southern Hospitals Challenged By CR Act

City-wide Prayer Meeting to Be Held March 15

The Durham Ministerial Alliance announced this week that a city-wide prayer meeting will be held at St. Mark AMEZ Church Monday, March 15, at 7:30 p. m. The prayer meeting which will be participated in by ministers and members from all of the churches, along with students from the colleges and public schools is being held in support of the Selma, Alabama protest movement now in process and headed by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Rev. Lester Perry, president, stated here this week that the situation in Alabama demands the full participation of all members of the race in response to the request for prayers by Dr. King. He urged all ministers, officials and members of all churches to give their full support to the series of prayer meetings that will be held during the next several weeks.

The first meeting was held at St. Joseph A. M. E. Church Monday evening, March 8 with Rev. Melvin Chester Swann, pastor, presiding. Marching and singing inside the church was preceding the prayer meeting which was participated in by a large number of persons present.

Talks were by J. H. Wheeler, president of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank, and Attorney Floyd B. McKisick, CORE chairman. See NCTA, 4A



MRS. SMALL

Last Rites Held In Chatham Co. For Mrs. Small

FRANKLINTON — Mrs. Roxie Small, superintendent of the Ushers Home, near Franklinton died at Duke Hospital in Durham at 2:45 Saturday, March 6.

Mrs. Small was born in Chatham County where she had lived up until about two years ago when she accepted the position with the Ushers Association as superintendent of home.

Coincidental with her illness was the fact that she took seriously ill on the same day license was issued the Association for the operation of a home for unwed mothers.

The funeral of Mrs. Small was held at 11 a. m. Saturday at the Ushers Home. See SMALL, 4A

WASH., D. C.—The Department of Health, Education and Welfare today received its second group of complaints—this time against 29 southern hospitals, under Section VI of the Civil Rights Act.

This group like the first (Feb. 15th), was filed jointly by the NAACP and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, two separate, but closely associated organizations.

Jack Greenberg, director-counsel of the Legal Defense Fund and J. Francis Pohlhaus, counsel of the NAACP's Washington Bureau, again filed the complaints.

The attorneys asked to be informed of results of investigations "as well as opportunity to participate in hearings and other proceedings held to effect full compliance."

The 29 hospitals construction programs, all administered by HEW. Under Title VI, HEW is expected to take affirmative measures to end racial discrimination in southern hospitals.

A summary of discriminatory practices accompanied the complaints:

- At the Morton F. Plant Hospital in Clearwater, Fla., the Negro ward has been placed in a basement, which has been declared unsafe.
 - The St. Joseph's Hospital in Augusta, Ga., will not accept Negro maternity patients and children.
 - Negroes are denied admission rather than allowed to share a ward, if one white person is in it, at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville, Va.
 - Negro patients are allowed one visiting hour a day, compared with three visiting hours for white patients, at
- See HOSPITALS, 4A

GREENSBORO—Some 500 Negro parents have petitioned the Guilford County Board of Education stating that they do not want their children to attend school with white students because they feel immediate integration would cause their children to have social and educational adjustment problems.

The petition, which has the support of the supervisor of Guilford County's Negro schools, J. Earl Whitley, some Negro principals and some teachers, was presented to the board by J. Sam Johnson, a white attorney, in behalf of the group.

According to Johnson, his clients do not want "pressure groups" which urge rapid desegregation to represent them, but would rather have freedom to choose which (segregated) school their children should attend. The parents also indicated they would enroll their children in the consolidated Negro high school—which has been in the planning stage since 1957—whenever it is built.

However, plans for the new school have been at a standstill since last month when the proposed school site was rejected by the State Board of Health because of inadequate sewage disposal facilities in the area.

The petitioners' request for "freedom of choice" is in keeping with a plan worked out by School Board Superintendent E. P. Pearce, and the board's attorney, John Hardy, which would allow voluntary desegregation.

Hardy informed the board of three alternatives for compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Bill:

1. Giving assurance of compliance with the educational program. See MIXING, 4A



MRS. MEYERS

Mrs. Meyers Lists Six Major Points In Calif. Race

Mrs. Mattie Burton Meyers, a native of Durham, became the first Negro woman in history to run for the office of mayor when she filed papers of candidacy recently in Fresno, Calif.

FRESNO, California—Mrs. Mattie B. Meyers, a candidate for election as Mayor of Fresno, has listed six issues which she believes to be of particular importance.

"The future of Fresno as a major metropolitan community cannot be divorced from the kind of leadership selected to guide its development," she stated. "This selection can be made only by the voters, so it is to their advantage that the proper selection be made."

See MEYERS 4A

20 YEARS OF SERVICE — Mrs. Catherine Mack, daughter of Mrs. Sarah Allen, of 1019 Kent St. was recently honored with the presentation of a 20 year Service Certificate by Len Rokaw, Information Officer, USAECOM, of Fort Mammouth, N. J. Mrs. Mack is a former Durham citizen where she attended the public schools and also Cortez Peters Business College, Washington, D. C.

U. S. Supreme Court Makes New Jury Ruling

Durham Mother Doubts Suicide Ruling In Death of Her Daughter

Acting coroner Dr. R. B. Wilkins, ruled suicide in the death of 17-year-old Jeanette Blue Strickland, who was found dead Sunday of a shotgun wound in her stomach, but her mother has indicated she suspects foul play and that someone else was involved.

Mrs. Emma Blue Strickland, the mother, returned to her home at 806 Matthews St. Ext., Sunday and found her daughter on a bed with a biology book and a .410 calibre shotgun beside her, according to detectives E. A. Allen and Clyde Cox.

Police, who were called about 4:30 p. m., said the door to Miss Strickland's room was locked and her mother had to enter through a second door which was unlocked but blocked by furniture. The girl had reportedly been despondent recently.

Among survivors are five sisters, Mrs. Thelma Stokes and Mrs. Marjorie Jones, both of Method, Mrs.



MISS STRICKLAND

Mattie Aiken of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Mrs. Geneva Jones and Mrs. Lillie Blue, both of Hoffman; and one brother, James Blue of the home address.

U. S. Agriculture Sect'y Freeman Appoints Civil Rights Task Force

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman this week announced the appointment of a task force to supervise the implementation of the recommendations of the Civil Rights Commission in its report on the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Making up the task force are: Deputy Assistant Secretaries Triana Meyers, chairman; Alfred L. Edwards, and Arthur Mead; Assistant Director of Science and Education James H. Starkey; James T. Glenn in the office of Congressional liaison; and Elmer Mostow, Director of the research and operations division in the Office of the General Counsel.

William M. Seabron, Assistant to the Secretary for Civil Rights coordination, is to provide staff assistance to the task force.

The Secretary told the group that it should analyze and review in depth the findings of the Civil Rights Commission so there will be no misunderstanding among Department agencies as to these findings.

Further, he directed the task force to develop a statement as to precisely what each agency is to do in order to comply with the recommendations of the Commission and how each should proceed in the implementation of them.

Secretary Freeman has already asked all USDA agencies to report

to him the present status of their compliance with the Civil Rights Act and the additional steps they plan to take to bring their programs into complete alignment.

These reports, he explained, will be assessed by the task force which, on the basis of its own analyses, will assist the agencies in correcting any shortcomings in their plans of action.

Out of the task force work, the Secretary said, is to come the basic material for the progress report the President directed to be prepared by the end of the month stating actions taken or contemplated by the Department in connection with recommendations of the Civil Rights Commission.

GREENVILLE — The United Pitt County NAACP will hold a program Sunday, March 14 at 7:45 P.M. at Sycamore Baptist Church with L. E. Austin, publisher of The Carolina Times, as speaker.

Theme of the program will be: "He who would be free must work to free himself."

Herbert Green, branch president, will lead the call to prayer, the Rev. C. B. Gray will read the scripture, and the Rev. C. R. Mosley is to lead prayer. See SPEAKER, 4A

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled Monday that defendants in criminal cases are not, according to the Constitution, entitled to demand that their jury or jurors rolls include a specified number of persons from their particular race.

In the 6-3 opinion, speaking for the majority, Associate Justice Byron R. White said:

"Neither the jury roll nor the venire need be a perfect mirror of the community or accurately reflect the proportionate strength of every identifiable racial group."

The opinion was delivered in the appeal of Robert Swain, a 19-year-old Negro who was sentenced to execution in Alabama on being convicted of raping a 17-year-old white girl.

The majority opinion said further: "We cannot hold that the Constitution requires an examination of the prosecutor's reasons for the exercise of his challenges in any given case."

Chief Justice Earl Warren, along with Associate Justices W. O. Douglas and Arthur J. Goldberg, joined in a dissenting opinion. They contended, speaking through Goldberg, the majority ruling "seriously impairs" the court's previous decisions on jury selection "and creates additional barriers to the elimination of jury discrimination practices which have operated in many communities to nullify the command of the equal protection clause."

Young Urges Passage of Vote Legislation

NEW YORK, N. Y. — Whitney M. Young, Jr., executive director of the National Urban League, Monday urged Congress to enact a strong and comprehensive voter registration law which would enable Negro citizens to vote without intimidation.

"The shocking police brutality against the participants in Sunday's Freedom Walk in Selma, Ala., provides incontrovertible evidence of the need for a Federal voting law guaranteeing citizens that right regardless of race or place of residence."

"I believe, Young continued, 'that the conduct of state troopers called at the behest of Gov. (Gen. C.) Wallace—hardly speaks for the majority of white people in Alabama. Many are shocked by the denial of the rights of Negro citizens to participate fully in the democratic process.'"

"The Urban League director said the Urban League will appeal to congress to enact an air-tight voter registration statute which would prevent the kind of 'mock' See YOUNG, 4A