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## N. C. Negro Businessmen Promise \$50,000 For Civil Rights



**STRONG HANDS OF FRIENDS** (Grenada, Miss.) — The strong hands of friends all but carry James Meredith down the highway toward Grenada as the heat and his troublesome leg make normal walking painful. Meredith ended June 27th walk just inside Grenada city limits. (UPI Telephoto)

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## NAACP Seeks Halt Execution Of 61 San Quentin Prisoners

### Action to Save Men Filed in Federal Court

SAN FRANCISCO—A halt to the execution of 61 San Quentin prisoners sentenced to die for capital crimes was sought here this week in Federal District Court by the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF) and private attorneys.

The LDF action is most unusual since it not only represents three death row petitioners but also those prisoners under sentence of death at the California State Prison.

Attorney Leroy Clark represented the LDF. Only once before in American jurisprudence have such petitioners represented other death row prisoners, and that was when LDF attorneys won a similar suit April 13 in Federal Court, Jacksonville, Florida.

There, a federal judge ordered that pending executions of 51 men on Florida's death row be held up until there could be a full hearing on the matter.

Pointing to the urgency of the action, LDF attorneys said that four defendants are slated to be executed at San Quentin in July.

The LDF action lists three petitioners on the state's death row. They are Frederick Saterfield, whose execution is set for July 20; Joshua Hill, presently set to die in San Quentin on August 26; and Robert Page Anderson, whose execution date has not yet been set. See EXECUTION, 2A



**GREETED BY STAFF**—Dr. Albert N. Whiting, new president of North Carolina College, chats with two members of the President's Office staff during his first day at the helm of the Durham institution. Whiting, president-elect since November, 1966, assumed the presidency Saturday, July 1, following an eight-year tenure as dean of the college at Morgan State College. The staff members, both secretaries, are, from left: Mrs. Emma B. Marable and Mrs. Thelma F. Smith. (Photo by Purefoy)

## Announcement Of Plan Made By J. S. Stewart

Announcement of the formation of the North Carolina chapter of the National Negro Business and Professional Committee for the Legal Defense Fund was made here this week by John S. Stewart.

Stewart, president of the Mutual Savings and Loan Association here, is state chairman of the new group which has pledged \$50,000 for the underwriting of civil rights litigation.

The monies are to be raised within the next year by an array of leaders across the state, each of whom has pledged to contribute or raise \$1,000.

Dr. Hubert A. Eaton of Wilmington and Dr. Reginald Hawkins of Charlotte were named vice-chairmen of the North Carolina Committee. Both are well known across the state for their active work in civil rights.

The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF), which will receive the money, serves as the legal arm of the entire civil rights movement.

Its attorneys represent all the major civil rights groups plus individuals with bona fide civil rights claims.

Nationally, the LDF is now representing 13,000 persons arrested for participating in peaceful demonstrations, 420 groups of cases, and working with nearly three hundred attorneys across the nation.

Among other prominent North Carolina business and professional personalities joining Mr. Stewart at the recent organizational meeting were Asa T. Spaulding, president of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, national chairman, and Attorney Julius LeVonne Chambers of Charlotte.

Chambers handles more litigation in North Carolina for the LDF than any other lawyer. This North Carolina chapter is participating in a national campaign headed by Spaulding and Dr. Percy Julian, a research chemist of Oak Park, Illinois.

Other charter members of the North Carolina chapter—each of whom has pledged \$1,000—include:

J. H. Wheeler, Durham; Dr. George C. Simkins, Greensboro; Attorney Charles V. Bell, Charlotte; Dr. D. M. Clayton, III, Roxboro; Carl H. Russell, Sr., Winston-Salem; T. C. Jervay, Wilmington; Dr. C. Mason Quick, Fayetteville; Ernest A. Swann, Wilmington; Dr. J. S. Simmons, Sanford; Dr. John P. Holt, Asheville; Dr. P. P. Little, High Point and Dr. Geo. H. Evans, Greensboro.

## Dr. Dowdy Pleased At Action Of Legislature

### A&T President Joined By Board Chmn.

GREENSBORO — Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, president of A&T College, was pleased last Thursday to learn that his institution had been accepted as one of the four state institutions in the General Assembly's regional universities' bill. The amendment to the Henry Bill which would include A & T College had been defeated on the floor of the Senate. The House of Representatives passed the bill by a vote of 81-29. Then the Senate concurred in a House amendment to give A&T College regional university status.

Dr. Dowdy said "I am extremely delighted that the N. C. General Assembly saw fit to give due recognition to A & T College by including it along with the other three five-year colleges in the regional universities' bill."

"We strongly believe that A & T College is deserving of this recognition. While we are grateful to all our supporters in the state and in the General Assembly, we extend special thanks for the leadership and superb support provided by the Guilford and Randolph delegations."

"Furthermore, we shall attempt to strengthen our existing academic programs rather than seeking to establish new ones. However, an attempt will be made to continue to improve the academic status and research and service functions of the institutions."

"Very pleased" to hear of the General Assembly's action was Robert H. Frazier, chairman of the A&T College Trustee Board. He said he was glad to learn that the Legislature had seen fit to give A&T the status it deserved, with other institutions of similar levels.

## N.M.A. PRESIDENT ACCUSES A.M.A. OF BLOCKING MED. REDUCTION

WASHINGTON, D. C.—In a statement released yesterday, Dr. John L. S. Holloman, Jr. of New York City, N. Y., President of the National Medical Association, accused the American Medical Association of having "consistently blocked attempts to reduce medical costs." Three allied medical groups endorsed the statement: Dr. James A. Catchings of Detroit, President of the National Dental Association; Dr. Quentin D. Young of Chicago, National Chairman of the Medical Committee for Human Rights; and Dr. Lytt Gardner, Chairman of the Physicians Forum. They were joined by Eugene Williams, a medical student at Howard University, representing the Student Health Organization.

In a strongly worded statement, issued during the National Conference on Medical Costs (sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, June 27-28, in Washington, D. C.) Dr. Holloman also condemned the lingering "AMA view that health care is



**NEW CHAIRMAN OF BEOC**—(Washington)—Pres. Johnson recently announced the nomination of Clifford L. Alexander, Jr. of New York, to be Chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, succeeding Stephen M. Shulman, whose term expired July 1. Alexander is currently Deputy Special Counsel to the President, and has been a member of the House staff since 1964. (UPI Telephoto)



**DURHAM SOAP BOX DERBY** winners Mike Luffman, left, and Alan Gunn, center, hold trophies for the crowd of spectators to see. Mike, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Luffman of Shaftsbury Street, was Class A winner. Alan, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gunn, 713 Grant Street, was Class B winner. Class A is for boys 13 through 15 years of age and Class B is for boys from eleven through 12. Alan lost to Mike in the final heat by inches. Mike will represent Durham in the National Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio, August 19. Derby Director Tom Green is at right. (Photo by Purefoy)

## Full Program Scheduled For NAACP Meeting July 10-15

NEW YORK—During the six days of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's 58th annual convention in Boston, July 10-15, delegates will have the opportunity to participate in two special sessions devoted to urgent problems of the nation's minority groups.

On Tuesday, July 11, "Teamwork for Ghetto Self-help," will be the key topic of the plenary session in the Grand Ballroom of the convention

headquarters hotel, the Sheraton-Boston.

Special emphasis will be given to Project Jet in operation in Buffalo, N. Y., and the Metro North organization of East Harlem, New York City.

"The Face of Rural Poverty" will be the focus of attention at the plenary session, Thursday, 13. There will be a first-hand report by the NAACP observer-team of Alex Waites and Rollie Eubanks (New York City Dept. of Welfare Branch) on

the Mississippi Food Stamp disaster. The Rev. Kenneth L. Buford, NAACP Alabama field director, and Billie Fleming, president of the Manning, S. C., Branch, will report on Federal agricultural programs in the South and the progress of tenant farmers in Panola, Ala.

Highlights of the convention will be the opening meeting Monday night, July 10, when Executive Director Roy Wilkins will make his keynote. See PROGRAM, page 2A

## Dr. King Announces Meet To Organize Economic Drive

### MINISTERS TO HOLD SESSION OF IMPORTANCE

ATLANTA, Ga.—The Southern Christian Leadership Conference announced this week that it has called a national conference of outstanding Negro ministers to plan economic-development action for Negroes in the nation's largest cities.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., SCLC president, said the agenda will include discussion of a nationwide campaign for Negro employment and job promotions at a large, undisclosed company which sells products throughout the United States.

The ministers, meeting July 10 to 12 in Chicago, will also confer on civil rights and related issues. SCLC officials and economic experts will hold workshops on organizing for economic development through "Operation Breadbasket," an SCLC department which has won thousands of new upgraded jobs for Negroes and made other economic breakthroughs in Negro communities throughout the South and Chicago.

Dr. King and Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy, SCLC vice president who is co-ordinator of the conference, have invited delegations of leading Negro clergymen in the 25 U.S. Cities with the highest Negro population. Individual ministers from some smaller cities will also attend the meetings at Chicago Theological Seminary.

In a letter of invitation to the conference, Dr. King and Dr. Abernathy said: "The priority item on the agenda is SCLC's Operation Breadbasket program. We feel very strongly that the new thrust in the civil rights movement is, to a great degree, economic development. Therefore, we must concern ourselves with programmatic planning which will secure jobs for the jobless of our nation. A look at the racial disorder in so many of our major cities at this time clearly points up the need for a conference of this nature."

### VERSE OF THE WEEK

In comparison with what I expected out of my life I'm so far ahead that I often give myself a pat on the back.

## Funeral For Mrs. Olivia Cole Held at White Rock Thurs.

The funeral of Mrs. Olivia Williamson Cole, was held at White Rock Baptist Church here Thursday, July 6, at 3:00 p.m. The Rev. Lorenzo A. Lynch, pastor, delivered the eulogy. Mrs. Cole succumbed at Duke Hospital, Sunday, July 2, following an illness of two weeks.

Mrs. Cole was a native of Newport News, Virginia, but had resided in Durham for approximately 25 years. She was a member of White Rock Baptist Church where she served on the Board of Christian Education. For the past 15 years, Mrs. Cole had been employed in the department of public relations. See MRS. COLE, page 2A



MRS. COLE

## Rev. Bigelow Gets D. D. By Va. Seminary At His Church

### Drs. Browne, Davis, Manley, Brown at Rites

On Sunday, June 11, at 4:00 p.m. the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was awarded the Rev. W. T. Bigelow at the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church of which Rev. Bigelow is pastor. The degree was awarded by authority of the trustees of Virginia Seminary and College of Lynchburg, Va.

Presiding over the ceremony was Dr. E. T. Browne, pastor of the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church of Durham.

Speaker for the occasion was Dr. Hezekiah Norris, pastor of the High Street Baptist Church of Martinsville, Va., and a member of the Board of Trustees of Virginia Seminary. Introduction of the speaker was by Dr. V. E. Brown, pastor of Gethsemane Baptist Church and president of the Ministerial Alliance of Durham.



DR. BIGELOW

The citation was made by Dr. Grady Davis, pastor of Union Baptist Church of Durham, and professor of psychology, Fayetteville State Teachers College, Fayetteville. The prayer of dedication was offered by Dr. J. R. Manley, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Chapel Hill. Music for the occasion was See BIGELOW, page 2A

## Anniversary of SCLC Set For Atlanta, Ga.

ATLANTA, Ga.—The Southern Christian Leadership Conference will review a decade of civil rights achievements and look to the future of the freedom movement at its 10th Anniversary Convention in Atlanta, August 14 through 17.

Actor Sidney Poitier will speak at a banquet officially opening the convention on Monday night, August 14, at the new Regency Hyatt House in Atlanta. Mr. Poitier is not only the first Negro to win the Academy Award for best actor, but also an active supporter of civil right and SCLC.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., SCLC president, will deliver a major address at convention headquarters, Morris Brown See CONVENTION, 2A

## DCONA to Hold Annual Picnic Sat., July 15

The annual picnic of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs will be held at Umstead Park, Saturday, July 15 at 1 p.m. Although refreshments will be available for all participants, are urged to bring their own baskets of eats.

The picnic is given annually with the hope of improving the social side of the Committees work as well as the program for social and political improvement.

**BIBLE QUOTE:**  
What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid: Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: For I had not known lust, except the law had said, thou shalt not covet.  
Romans 7:7