

5 Blacks In S. Africa Face Death Due To White Terrorism

Home Of Young Louisburg Minister Fired Into Again

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Presbyterian Leader Expresses Concern For Fate Of Africans

UN Officials Sent Strong Protest Letter

NEW YORK—Support of the United States' position regarding the trial of 35 South West Africans and a plea for firmer action on the freedom of South West Africa from South African control were expressed by a high United Presbyterian official today.

"We... have noted with appreciation your forthright approach before the United Nations General Assembly last week regarding the trial of 35 South West Africans in Pretoria," Dr. Smith wrote. "We are deeply disturbed by this matter... by the continued imposition of authority by the Republic of South Africa over South West Africa, despite U. N. Resolution 2145... (and) by the inhuman stringencies of the Terrorism Act itself."

The United Presbyterian leader referred to a trial currently underway, in which 35 residents of South West Africa face possible death penalties under a law passed by South Africa after their arrest. The measures, passed last June 12 and made retroactive to 1962, includes any act likely to "embarrass the administration of the affairs of the State" among its numerous provisions. It also states that "the accused shall be presumed to have committed or attempted."

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IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN—Among the first to send their New Year's greetings are charming A&T State University co-eds Miss Sandra Belcher (left) of Martinsville, Va.; and Miss Angie Collins of Bridgeport, Conn. Miss Belcher was recently voted "Miss Freshman" at the university.

Register, Vote Meet Called For 4th Congressional Dist.

The North Carolina Voter Education Project announced this week that it will hold an organizational meeting of the Fourth Congressional District Saturday, January 20.

The meeting is scheduled to open at 11:00 a.m. and will be held at St. Joseph's A.M.E. Church on Fayetteville Street, according to John Edwards, director of the N. C. Voter Education Project. Edwards stated that the meeting is being held with the hope of bringing together Negro leaders and

citizens of the 4th Congressional District to discuss the further development of programs in voter registration, citizenship education, and leadership training in the Congressional District since it was re-districted by the 1967 North Carolina General Assembly are: Chatham, Durham, Orange, Randolph, and Wake.

The January 20 meeting will be a continuation of the North Carolina Voter Education Project's effort. See MEET page 12

White Rock Pastor to Deliver Durham Emancipation Address

The 1968 program celebrating the Emancipation Proclamation, issued by President Abraham Lincoln which became effective January 1, 1863, will be held at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church here, Monday, January 1 at 11:00 a.m. Rev. V. E. Brown, president of the Durham Ministerial Alliance, under whose auspices the annual observance is held in Durham each year, will preside.

The principal address for the occasion will be delivered by the Rev. Lorenzo A. Lynch, pastor of Durham's White Rock Baptist Church. Music will be furnished by the Mount Vernon Senior Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Ruth McCollum; choirs of Fisher Memorial Holiness Church and St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church.

Prior to the principal address three minute greetings from representatives of education, labor, political, press fraternal business professional NAACP and other organizations will be given.

The closing selection will be sung jointly by all choirs following which the benediction will be given by Rev. S. G. McCoy, chaplain.

Shot Barely Misses Head of Intended Victim

LOUISBURG—The home of Rev. Luther Coppedge, pastor of the Haywood Baptist Church and civil rights leader of Louisburg was the target of three rifle shots here Sunday. Rev. Coppedge barely escaped being hit by one bullet which missed him by only a few inches when it struck and passed through a bedroom in which he was lying.

Rev. Coppedge was born in Franklin County 35 years ago where he has lived during his entire life and bears a good reputation.

One of the bullets fired at his home struck a porch chair, another hit the porch and a third penetrated two walls and a mirror of a dresser purchased only two weeks ago.

The shooting followed a series of attacks on the young minister's home and is apparently a retaliation by whites for his activity as a civil rights worker, he stated.

Rev. Coppedge recently gave testimony in federal court against Franklin County's freedom-of-choice plan for school desegregation. He stated he also feels that Sunday's attack of his home is the result of his appearance in federal court against the school desegregation plan of the county and was made by whites who hold the school integration against me.

Rev. Coppedge's son was among the first Negroes to attend a predominantly white school in the county where he is still enrolled, presently, with several others of his race.

The Sunday attack on the Coppedge home is the second time it has been struck by gunfire. Two years ago a cross was burned on the lawn.



LBJ BRIEFED—President Lyndon B. Johnson is briefed on U.S. air operations over North Vietnam by Colonel Daniel James, Jr., U.S. Air Force, who has just returned to this country after having flown 76 combat missions against the Communists. Colonel James, who was based in Thailand during his tour in Southeast Asia, will become Vice Commander of the 33rd Tactical Fighter Wing, Elgin Air Force Base, Florida.

Kennedy, Goodwin To Feature Mt. Vernon's Annual Men's Day

NCM Official To Teach Men Of Sunday School

Men's Day will be observed at Mount Vernon Baptist Church Sunday, December 31. Beginning with the Sunday School hour, with W. J. Kennedy, Jr., teaching all men of the church the Sunday School Lesson. The day will end with the inspirational sermon at 4:00 p.m. by the Reverend Kelly O. P. Goodwin, Pastor of the Mount Zion Baptist Church of Winston-Salem.



KENNEDY



GOODWIN

Lincoln Hospital Drive Nears \$50,000 Mark; 10 Days Left

Chairman Is Encouraged by Effort So Far

Asa T. Spaulding, chairman of the Lincoln Hospital Campaign, to raise \$103,000 stated here this week that cash receipts are now nearing the \$50,000 mark for the first 17 days the drive has been underway.

He stated that cash and checks received up to Thursday amount to approximately \$50,000. "I would guess that pledges would amount to approximately \$8,000, but we are not counting the pledges until they are collected."

The 30-day drive was launched at a mass-meeting here Sunday, December 10, at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church when nearly \$25,000 in cash was raised. With a little more than See HOSPITAL page 12



BLACK

Last Rites Held For Child Victim Of Auto Mishap

ALBANY, Ga.—Funeral services were held here last Sunday afternoon (December 17) for three-year old Stephen William Black, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Billy C. Black.

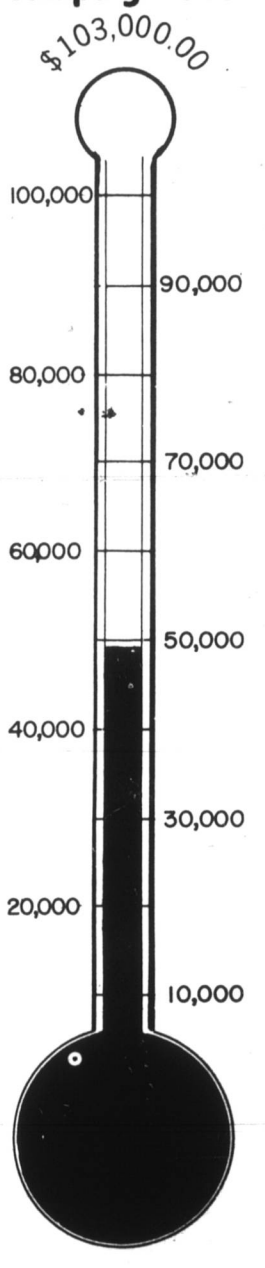
The oldest son of the Albany State College chemistry professor and the former Helen Jennings of McComb, Miss, was killed here late Thursday evening (December 14) when struck by a passing automobile in front of his home.

Funeral services were held here at Hines Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal Church with the Reverend R. Anthony Lark officiating. Interment was at the Riverside Cemetery.

Born December 14, 1964, "Stevie" was celebrating his third birthday the day of the accident. His father, Dr. Black, is an outstanding chemist on the Albany State College faculty and a graduate of Tuskegee Institute and Iowa State University.

In addition to his parents, "Stevie" is survived by his younger brother, James Edward, 10-months old; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Jennings of McComb, Miss.; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Black of Beatrice, Ala.

Lincoln Hosp. Campaign Goal



MISS DOBBS

Noted Singer to Give Concert At Duke Univ.

Mattiwilda Dobbs, celebrated international opera singer, will give a concert in Page Auditorium, Friday evening, January 5, at 8:15, under the joint sponsorship of the Special Observances Committee of the Duke University Religious Council, and the Lyceum Committee of North Carolina College. The university community and the general public are cordially invited to attend. There will be no admission charge.

Audiences at the Metropolitan Opera and at other great opera houses of the world are familiar with the dazzling brilliance of this Negro soprano. Born in Atlanta, the holder of an earned master's degree (the only prima donna in the world who does), she lives in Stockholm in the winter and on the island of Majorca in the summer. At Duke, she will a mixed concert of religious, classical and folk songs.

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Funeral Services Held For William M. Rich on Thursday

The funeral of William Madison Rich, 76, retired director of Lincoln Hospital, was held at St. Joseph's A.M.E. Church here Thursday, December 28, at 2:00 p.m. The Rev. Lorenzo A. Lynch, pastor of White Rock Baptist Church, of which Mr. Rich was a member, officiated.

Mr. Rich was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia the son of the late Robert and Henrietta Rich. He succumbed December 26 at Lincoln Hospital, following an extended illness.

After serving as cashier of the Browne Savings and Banking Company, of Norfolk, Va., See RICH page 12



RICH

AMEZ Bishops Council to Meet In Jackson, Miss. January 10

JACKSON, Miss.—Rev. R. M. Richmond, pastor, Greater Blair Street A. M. E. Zion Church, that will host the semi-annual meeting of the Board of Bishops and the Ministers & Laymen's Association, announced here this week that the plans are complete for the meeting, which will be held January 10-13.

Bishop W. A. Hilliard, Detroit, Mich., president of the Board, who will preside over the opening session, says that the meeting will cover many phases of the work of the church, preparatory to recommendations to be presented to the General Conference, which will open in Detroit, Mich., May 1, 1968.

The prelate said that even though the program of the church would

be the prime work of the assembly it expected to expand to such immediate issues as the Vietnam war, social security and especially government financing of non-profit organizations. He felt that the A. M. E. Zion Church was intensely interested in better housing, not only for its communicants, but for all persons. The matter of open-housing is certainly to be discussed, rather freely.

Bishop Hilliard will preach the opening sermon and Bishop A. G. Dunston, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa., will take over as the presiding officer. The bishops will hear reports of general officers and make recommendations as to the completion of the work for the quadrennium. Bishop C. Ewbanks Tucker is the host



PLEDGE SUPPORT FOR A&T FUNDS CAMPAIGN—Dr. L. C. Dowdy (center), president of A&T State University, receives checks totaling nearly \$500 from student leaders at the

University. The money represents payment on a \$3,000 student leaders have promised to raise for the A&T Foundation. Making presentations are Henry McKay (left) of Bedford

chairman of the Assembly of Organizations; and Jas. Rhodes, Council, N. C., president of the Future Alumni Activities Committee.