

# The Carolina Times EDITORIALS

## A Needed And Forward Looking Approach

A much needed and forward looking approach for improved progress in the area of judicial administration was taken recently by Governor Bob Scott when he appointed Sammie Chase, a black practicing attorney, as a special Superior Court Judge.

This type of leadership in all areas of our judicial system will give added impetus to the leadership potential of all segments of the population of North Carolina and will better affectuate justice to all its citizens. It is most important that all segments of our population be represented in all phases of our judicial system for better and more effective administration of justice.

The court system is certainly one

area where legal redress of all citizens is at stake. Such appointments and even more appointments of this nature can do much to give new hope to minorities and blacks who often feel that they are unable to get a "fair shake" in the judicial areas. Such appointments will also revitalize our state as fresh new approaches to the administration of justice are being sought. For in working to improve the system of equal administration of justice, all segments of the population must be better represented in the redress for equality and fairness to all its citizens.

We commend Governor Scott for taking this forthright step.

## Remember When?

One member of the Editorial Staff has often commented on the faulty language expressions of many persons today. This little poem "REMEMBER WHEN" was printed recently in an English language newspaper in Mexico. The author is unknown.

Remember when hippie meant big in the hips,  
And a trip involved cars, planes and ships?  
When pot was a vessel for cooking things in,  
And hooked was what grandmother's rugs may have been?

When fix was a verb that meant mend or repair,  
When neat meant mend or repair,  
And be-in meant merely existing somewhere?

When neat meant well-organized, tidy and clean,  
And grass was a ground cover, normally green?

When groovy meant furrowed with channels and hollows,  
And birds were winged creatures like robins and swallows?  
When fuzz was a substance, real fluffy like lent,  
And bread came from bakeries and not from the mint?

When roll meant a bun, and rock was a stone,  
And hang-up was something you did with the phone?

It's groovy, man, groovy but English it's not.  
Methinks that our language is going to pot.

## New South African Policy

Better days loom in the distance for the millions of Blacks in the Union of South Africa, who live under the most dehumanizing conditions to be found anywhere in the world. Nothing is going to happen next week, or next month, or even next year, but the lot of the African millions living under apartheid in the Union of South Africa will become better and better as the years go by and as men of courage in Government, Business and Industry speak out.

We were heartened to note that within recent weeks two Cabinet Ministers in the Union of South Africa have had the courage to state publicly that Blacks in the Union deserve a better deal economically.

The Minister of the Interior warned that unless the gigantic differences in living standards between the Whites and Blacks in South Africa were corrected, the emnity could eventually "lead to murder and violence, because the less privileged of the two can no longer tolerate the apparent wealth,

ease and prosperity of his neighbor."

Several days before the Minister of the Interior spoke so bluntly, the Minister of Information, Immigration and Social Welfare had cautioned a white audience at a political meeting in these words: "Don't delude yourselves into thinking that we shall ban qualified African people indefinitely from the jobs you are holding now."

Both of these statements, made to all-white audiences, were backed up by a spokesman from the industrial segment of the country, who warned "that four million whites, however talented and skilled, simply cannot continue to provide the skills and services for a population of nearly 22 million."

Conditions are not going to change next week, or next month, or even next year. But when influential Government and Industrial leaders publicly admit the inequities now existing in the Union of South Africa and urge their elimination, the time is approaching when conditions will change for the better.

## Wage Freeze Won't Unthaw

Workers who are caught in the wage-price freeze imposed by President Richard M. Nixon won't find their salary scale unthawed when the November 15 date to end the "temporary" measure rolls around.

The newly created Federal Pay Board has already announced that only 5.5 percent increases will be allowed, except for special exemptions that are to be granted on a case by case basis.

While a great number of workers who earn from \$2 to \$2.50 per hour or less will fall in this category, there is still another vast army of workers who must remain content with the limited wage that is legal, despite the fact the cost of living has escalated far above that level.

The Office of Emergency Preparedness and U. S. Labor Secretary James D. Hodgson are of the opinion that there will be flexibility on the basis that the 5.5 percent is not a ceiling, but a standard that includes flexible arrangements around which parties affected will be expected to reach

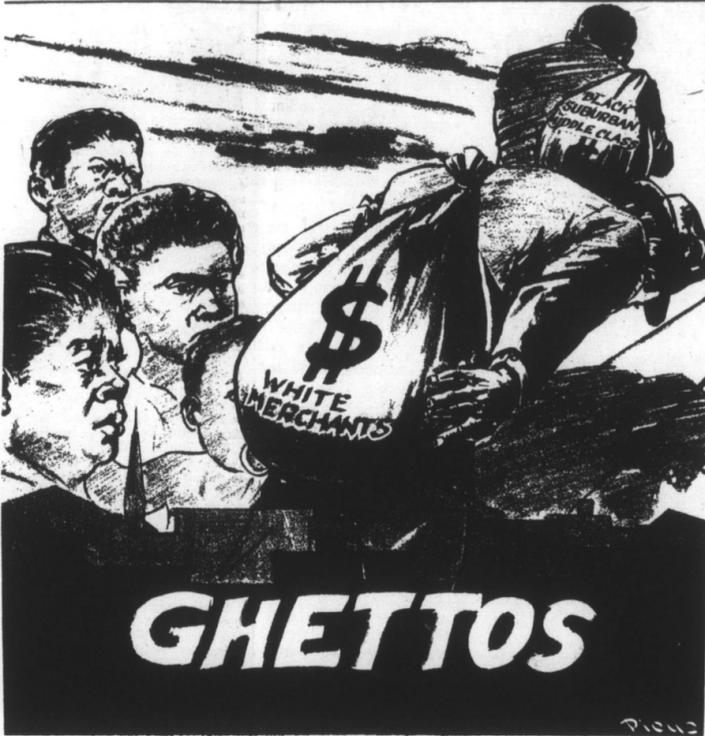
agreement.

This prior interpretation opens a new can of worms for Black workers, for it places back in the hands of the employers who hold them in the low-salaried job slots and non-promotional categories the right to pass upon pleas for wage increases by this class of workers.

One of the most distressing aspects of this present approach is that an employer can give a raise that is below the 5.5 percent and still it is not subject to challenge. Many penny-pinching employers are going to resort to this and try to mollify their workers by claiming to have given a raise despite efforts to hold down inflation.

Labor leaders are indicating they will withdraw from the Federal Pay Board if a more realistic approach to the unfreezing process is not adopted. As the low man on the wage totem pole, Black workers can do no better than to back the Labor leaders in this stand.

## "Flight Of Capital. The Making Of Ghettos...."



## The White House Conference on Aging

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This coming Sunday, Nov. 28, the long-planned White House Conference on Aging will open in Washington with 3,400 delegates attending — one of the largest meetings ever held in our capital and the first conference on aging in a full decade.

The conference will grapple with a broad range of problems facing 20 million elderly citizens today. For instance:

—Should early retirement be officially encouraged or discouraged? How much income do elderly citizens need now to live with a minimum of decency? Where should the money come from?

—Should all elderly citizens be exempted from property taxes? Should workers' pension rights be "vested" so they can take their pension credits from one job to another? Should the federal government greatly increase subsidies for mass transit as it subsidizes other forms of travel little used by the elderly?

The questions are profound and affect every one of us. For while most of us are not among what the National Council of Senior Citizens recently classified as the "lifelong poor" — who have always been undereducated, underskilled and underemployed — many will fall into instant poverty when they become old.

Millions will find they have drastically underestimated the huge amounts of savings they need to make their retirement nesteggs inflation-proof; millions will suddenly find themselves out of a job because their skills or occupations have become obsolete; or some illness will eradicate their lifetime savings; or they'll be forced to retire early on meager pension benefits.

More than six years ago, when Congress passed the 1965 Older Americans Act, establishing the ambitious Federal Administration on Aging, the goals included in the law glittered and glistened. Among them: an adequate income in retirement; the best health which science can make available without regard to economic status; suitable housing; opportunity for employment with no discrimination.

The facts today shockingly mock every aspiration.

The Administration on Aging's total budget for this fiscal year ending June 30 is \$44,750,000 — about what the Pentagon spends to publicize its military programs and ac-

complishments.

The AOA has been repeatedly reorganized — as have many of the special agencies on aging in all 50 states. But, charged a recent report to the Senate Special Committee on Aging, the changes "have not strengthened the federal programs and commitment in aging in any way . . . rather they have fragmented an already flawed and feeble agency still further. The situation has created chaos."

As just one illustration of the utter lack of national direction in this area, there are now 20 different federal agencies attempting to run special programs or provide special services for the elderly. In almost all cases — particularly true for the AOA — the programs reach only a smattering of people. As another example of inadequacy, the Community Nutrition Institute in Washington a while ago counted a grand total of 265 programs for home-delivered meals for elderly shut-ins reaching a grand total of fewer than 12,000 people.

As a direct result: —One in four Americans aged 65 or over lives in poverty, according to the latest census tabulations. For elderly blacks, the poverty risk is about 50 percent. In addition to the 5 million elderly poor, another 5 million among us are "near poor."

—Only one in three older American households — individuals and families — has income of as much as \$4,000.

—So low are Social Security benefits that 2 million older citizens are now being forced onto welfare rolls to supplement their income, and private pensions now provide only about 5 per cent of the income of our elderly.

Today's elderly may be docile about their dire condition.

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## Short Candidacy

Sen. Fred R. Harris' official candidacy for the Democratic nomination for President lasted less than two months, from Sept. 24 to Nov. 10. As he had previously announced that he would not seek re-election to the Senate from Oklahoma, he will have to find another office to seek if he intends to stay in public life.

## Things You Should Know



## BU AHMED

d. 1900

THE SULTAN OF MOROCCO WHO

FOUGHT OFF WESTERN INVADERS FOR TWENTY YEARS / A BORN SLAVE, HE WAS ALMOST UNEQUALLED IN POLITICS, BUSINESS AND ART /

ALL LEARNING FLUORISHED / FOR 1700 YEARS

MOROCCO HAD BEEN A WORLD POWER — BUT

WHEN HE DIED ANARCHY AND REBELLION

BROKE, AND IT SOON IT BECAME A FRENCH

COLONY / HE LEFT THE MOST FABULOUS PAL-

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## TAKING A CLOSER LOOK

By JOHN MYERS



Raleigh's Christmas Parade was held Saturday, November 20. Durham held its parade Monday, November 22. Christmas was officially kicked off in North Carolina. Although the event is still a month away, the merchants of Durham and all towns at this time of the year have been preparing for the holiday for weeks. It would seem as though the merchants have taken credit and control of the country's major religious holiday. For a nation that claims to be so very religious we readily buckle under the economic power plays of our merchants.

We really can't blame the merchants for the advanced celebrations. I suppose for they are in the height of their competitive seasons. They will take in more money during the next month than they will at any other time of the year. After all, Christmas is the symbol of love, peace, and freedom. And those things cost money.

If the story of Christmas still lives today, other than in department store windows, we may feel fortunate in the knowledge that we would have fit well in the picture of a mother and child not being able to find a room. They probably could not have found one in Durham either, what with conventions, parties, and business meetings to discuss the Christmas campaign, all our inns are full.

But if somewhere out there, there is a child or an elderly person who still remembers the beauty of what Christmas is supposed to represent, then perhaps it is possible for them to overlook the bright lights, pre-Christmas sales, and tinsel; and to keep peace somewhere in their minds that this upcoming holiday does mean something to those other than the merchants. Perhaps the following poem will give a closer look at the meaning of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS

Decorations are up  
restaurants playing carols  
the parade has been held

Our economic structure  
says it's Christmas

Plastic trees are being sold  
the local 7-11  
has tinsel in the window

The Christmas rush  
has just begun

It's the twenty-fifth of November  
I don't see how  
Mary stood a month  
of labor pains.

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Sir:

I have enjoyed reading the "Carolina Times" for many years and every Friday morning look forward to reading the "Times."

Since the passing of Mr. Austin, I really miss his editorials. They encouraged Black people to act on problems faced by us. It would be helpful to students of Black studies, especially those students studying the history of Blacks in Durham, to have the opportunity to read Mr. Austin's editorials. They will also serve as a reminder to many of us

that the battle is not over and that we must continue to fight. Many problems that Mr. Austin wrote about years ago still exist today in Durham.

Therefore, I am suggesting that the "Carolina Times" run a series of Mr. Austin's editorials under the title "Writings of Louis Austin" or some other title that is deemed proper by the staff.

Keep the truth unbridled.

Sincerely yours  
John W. Edwards  
Director

**DR. NATHAN F. MOSSELL**

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