

# NO PRESSURE USED IN AWARDING CONTRACTS

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### WORDS OF WISDOM

The human individual lives usually far within his limits; he possesses powers of various sorts which he habitually fails to use. —William James

Consider how hard it is to change yourself, and you will understand what little chance you have trying to change others. —Arnold Glasow



MRS. CLELAND



MRS. LYON



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## Three Black Men Receive Death Sentence In Edgecombe County Superior Court Trial

### Former Nixon Aide Denies Any Wrongdoing

HIGH POINT — Black businessman Robert J. Brown, former aide of President Nixon, has denied any wrongdoing in connection with government contracts to two firms he partly owns.

"The only comment I have is I'm sure it doesn't put me in any kind of bad light," he said. "It's the policy of the government to get black-owned companies or maybe companies owned by poor whites into the mainstream."

He said reports that he pressured the Small Business Administration into approving contracts for black businesses were not fair.

"They're trying to put me in the position to being a bad guy," he said. "It's bad that some black got several hundred thousand dollars of contract?"

It was reported last week that Brown, who quit his \$36,000 a year post in



ROBERT J. BROWN

February, had been listed as a part owner of two firms certified by the SBA for sizeable government contracts earmarked "for the socially and economically disadvantaged."

The firms are Cades Services Inc. of Santa Ana, Calif., and B&C Associates, a High Point public relations firm.

"It's hard to get business for a small business, extremely hard," Brown said. "If small business don't have something to fall back on, they're going to be out of it."

"I wish you'd mention that up to 1968, small businesses, including those owned by blacks, were not helped in any substantial way," he said.

"Everybody knows that nowhere in the history of the \$60-billion contracting by the federal government were blacks ever helped until recently. Now that's a great tragedy, if someone wants to talk about tragedies."

Asked whether he felt he fell into the "socially and economically disadvantaged" category, Brown replied: "That's a matter of determination for the SBA. And the determination was made years ago that blacks, Spanish-speaking and other minorities, by and large, were disadvantaged, unless your resources were a million dollars or something. Because most black never had an opportunity to go into these things,"

### Charged With Raping White Woman Aug. 5

TARBORO — Three young men were sentenced to die in the North Carolina gas chamber for rape late Sunday morning in an unusual session of Edgecombe County Superior Court here.

The defendants, Vernon Leroy Brown, 22, of Rt. 3, Tarboro, Bobby Hines, 23, of Princesville, and Jesse Lee Walston, 23, of Washington, D. C., appeared emotionless as Judge John Webb pronounced the mandatory death sentence.

The defendants' relatives seated in the court room began to cry audibly as the judgment was entered.

The order in each case was that the defendant be taken to state prison in Raleigh and held there until Jan. 10, 1974, at which time each is scheduled to die.

The attorney for the defendants, G. P. "Jack" Hopkins of Tarboro immediately gave notice of appeal.

Brown, Hines, and Walston, all black, were charged with raping a 22-year old white woman during the early hours of Aug. 5 in a secluded area near Tarboro, which is about 40 miles east of Raleigh.

The jury of 11 men and one woman (See SENTENCE Page 7A)



NIX-ON SUNDAY GAS!—DETROIT—The operator of a service station in downtown Detroit combines his sense of humor with his announcement that he will be following President Nixon's directive of no gas sales on Sunday.

### Memorial Service To Be Held For Thomas F. Pinson

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, December 16, 1973 at the Church of the Abiding Savior, 1625 South Alston Avenue for Thomas Franklin Pinson, former NCCU instructor.

According to reports, Pinson was stabbed to death on December 4th in the Riverside Park on Manhattan's West Side.

Pinson was completing (See PINSON Page 7A)

## Kennedy Reveals Changes in North Carolina Mutual Staff

W. J. Kennedy III, president, North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, on behalf of its board of directors, announced the election of two vice presidents and an assistant secretary, effective January 1, 1974. He also announced two changes in the Administrative Staff. They are: Cleo M. Green, vice president and treasurer, Bert Collins, vice president and controller, Mrs. Stella H. Cleland, assistant to the president and assistant secretary, V. J. Alston, manager of mortgage loans,

and Mrs. Constantine G. Lyon, assistant manager of mortgage loans.

Green holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees from North Carolina Central University, and is currently enrolled in the Executive Program at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He joined North Carolina Mutual in 1957 as a special home office representative, subsequently receiving promotions to assistant manager of the Tabulating Department, controller's staff assistant, administrative assistant,



ONLY PERFORMING PATRIOTIC DUTY—HOUSTON.—Mrs. Reva Williams was "only performing her patriotic duty to the President of the United States" when she was ticketed for driving too slow on U.S. 90A southwest of Houston, her lawyer said. Her speed; 50 mph as recommended for saving fuel. The posted speed limit was 65 miles an hour and Texas has no minimum speeds on open highways. A Department of Public Safety spokesman said officers will continue to ticket slow drivers if they are obstructing the flow of traffic. Mrs. Williams was on the inside lane of a 4-lane highway. State law requires slow moving vehicles to remain on the outside lane.

### Kleppe Claims Political Motives Prompted Investigation of SBA

WASHINGTON, D.C.—In a hard-hitting statement before a Congressional subcommittee, Thomas S. Kleppe, Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration said today that recent charges and allegations concerning the SBA were prompted by political animosities rather than a genuine interest in helping improve the agency's service to small business.

Kleppe told the Subcommittee on Small Business of the House Banking and Currency Committee which is conducting hearings on SBA operations, "I believe your Subcommittee has been deliberately misled, that these hearings are being used for purposes that have nothing to do with helping us serve the small businessman better."

Kleppe asserted that the charges and allegations concerning a number of SBA officers, specifically the Richmond, Virginia office, were prompted by the former director of the SBA Philadelphia office, Russell Hamilton, to "direct attention from the FBI and Grand Jury investigation of his (Hamilton's) own office."

Acknowledging that

### Plans to Appeal Decision in the Memphis Case

MEMPHIS — NAACP attorneys have announced that they will appeal last week's ruling by a Federal appeals court here which refused to grant expanded school desegregation and busing. The announcement followed the refusal of a three-judge panel of the Sixth Circuit Court in Cincinnati to overthrow an order by Appeals Judge Robert McRae, Jr., which was brought about the busing of 25,000 students and left 25 all-black schools.

"This plan, approved by the Court, is offensive and in our opinion unconstitutional," NAACP General Counsel Nathaniel R. Jones said in New York, "because it relegates 21,000 black children to segregated schools. It fails to eliminate the vestiges of segregation—root and branch."

In Memphis, Atty. Louis Lucas said, "We will definitely appeal to the United States Supreme Court and we will (See APPEALS Page 7A)

## Anniversary of Declaration of Human Rights Observed

The greatest challenge to this age is the recognition of the oneness of mankind.

This human interdependence was recognized by the promulgation by the United Nations of mankind's first Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and for all nations. The Declaration was adopted without a dissenting vote in 1948.

On December 10, 1973, the 25th anniversary of that Declaration, the UN General Assembly held a special commemorative meeting at its headquarters in New York, to award prizes for outstanding achievements in human rights.

At a gathering that same day, the General Assembly

## NEA School Desegregation Plans Outreach Those of HEW, Courts

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The National Education Association's state and local affiliates would often lead the way in school desegregation situations under new aggressive guidelines adopted by the Board of Directors.

Executive Secretary Terry E. Herndon noted that NEA's action is in keeping with the UN is initiating a decade-long

## TV Editor Joins Fight for Blacks in Public TV

In an article entitled "Tony Brown Warring to Get Blacks a Share in Public TV," Tom Hopkins, the television editor of the Dayton Daily News, wrote "Tony Brown has doubled up his fists and declared war on the public broadcasting system. I'm in his corner all the way."

Hopkins joins the many prestigious officials and organizations that have deplored the cutback in funds for BLACK JOURNAL and (See EDITOR Page 7A)



FIRST BORN WHILE IN CONGRESS—LOS ANGELES.—Yvonne Braithwaite Burke (D-Calif.), who became 11/12 the first member of Congress to give birth while in office cuddles her new daughter, Autumn Roxanne, at Queen of Angels Hospital her 11/28. Mrs. Burke, 40, was granted maternity leave by House Speaker Carl Albert.

## Governor Names 15 Blacks To NC Sickle Cell Council

Citing a need for a more comprehensive program for dealing with a disease which affects one out of every five Black Americans, Governor James E. Holshouser, Jr. has named 15 Black North Carolina citizens to the Council on Sickle Cell Syndrome and Related Genetic Disorders.

The appointments are a result of a bill ratified during the 1973 Legislative Session. The Act-House Bill 33 directed the establishment of the Council to determine the needs and make recommendations for legislative action with regard to sickle cell syndrome and related genetic disorders.

Dr. Larnie G. Horton, Special Assistant to the Governor, said the appointments are "in keeping with administration's commitment to delve into the problem of sickle cell."

"Many Black Americans are victims of either sickle cell trait or sickle cell disease," Dr. Horton explained. "It is a disease that has been taking its toll of lives for a long time, but only recently has attention been focused on it."

Dr. Horton said that the work-scope of the Council will assess the needs of the state with regard to education of the people about sickle cell, personnel and facilities available for the treatment of patients with sickle cell and establishments of centers for testing for sickle cell, along with special education and (See SICKLE CELL Page 7A)