

Words of Wisdom
Creative thinking is today's most prized, profitable possession for any individual corporation or country.—Robert P. Crawford
People never improve unless they look to some standard or example higher and better than themselves.—Tryon Edwards

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BLACK VIETNAM VETS HIT HARD BY RECESSION

By NORMAN OLIVER

"I'm not asking for the world. I'm not asking for welfare. I just want a good job so I can have money to pay the rent and buy some food," explained Carl Snipe. Snipe, one of this country's 6.8 million Vietnam veterans, spends a lot of time these days waiting in line at the Veterans

Administration (VA) assistance center in Brooklyn.

Snipe, who is Black, was discharged from the Army in November 1972, and hasn't had much luck getting a job. "I spent one and a half years in this center," Snipe recalled. All they ever did was give me carfare home."

He finally got a job as a

company security guard, but was only making \$111 for a six-day week. Recently he injured his leg while on the job and now is back at the VA center.

However, like the other Black veterans at the center, Snipe didn't think that the VA would be much help. "I've been sitting here since eight

this morning. I know I'll be sitting here six or seven hours and I'll go back to one of those offices and the dude will say, "Sorry, can't help you."

"It's enough to make you lose faith in the system. I mean, soon these big supermarkets chains are going to have to protect their stores with machine guns. People have got

to eat, and money doesn't mean anything if your belly is empty."

The massive layoffs and other hardships of the current economic crisis bear down particularly hard on veterans especially the younger veterans. In the first half of 1974, recently discharged (See VETERANS Page 11A)

Jackson: Elderly Blacks Should Lobby More, Sing And Pray Less

By WILLIAMERWIN

Elderly blacks should spend some time lobbying and not confine themselves to singing, praying and other traditional activities to older persons, says a Duke University Medical Center professor.

They should get behind

legislation that will put more money in their own hands, says Dr. Jacquelyne Jackson, an associate professor of medical Sociology.

Dr. Jackson was the first black woman to become a Duke professor. She was a founder of the National Caucus

on Black Aged and has for years spoken out against racial and sexual discrimination. Writing in a recent issue of "The Annals of the American Academy," she blasts those who ignore the special needs for black people over 64. She also indicates that

older blacks will have to become political activists if they hope to make themselves heard.

The black aged, Dr. Jackson says, "often experience multiple jeopardy from racism, ageism and poverty, and, in the case of females, sexism." They

are different from other aged in this country, she continues.

Old blacks are poorer than old whites or older Spanish-Americans, for one thing, she says. Pointing to the latest U.S. census figures, the professor notes that 83 per cent of black women 65 years old and older have yearly incomes of less than \$2,000. About 77 per cent of the Spanish surnamed aged and 68 per cent of elderly whites fall into that category.

For men, the figures show (See JACKSON Page 11A)



"NINETY-YEARS-OLD AND PLUS"—Mrs. Ada Y. Leach strums her guitar singing "Put Your Hand in the Hand of the Man that stilled the water, Put your hand in the Hand of the Man that calmed the Sea. Take a look at yourself and you can see others differently. Keep your hand in the Hand of the Man of Galilee."

Urban League Gets \$4.8 Million To Continue Outreach Program

WASHINGTON—\$4.8 million contract with the National Urban League to prepare, 2,672 economically disadvantaged people for construction jobs in 31 cities was signed by Secretary of

Labor Peter J. Brennan and NUL's Executive Director Vernon E. Jordan Jr.

The contract continues for another year an outreach program the League has conducted since 1967. With

some \$15.7 million Federal funding since 1967, the League has placed more than 13,000 people in skilled jobs.

The League will subcontract with its 31 local affiliates to recruit and tutor participants, most of whom are expected to be members of minority groups.

The contract calls for: Motivating and tutoring 2,360 youths to help them pass apprenticeship entrance examinations in the building and construction trades, and

Training 312 people who have some construction experience but are over the apprenticeship age so they can enter the construction trades as journeymen and union members.

A pilot project will also recruit and place an undetermined number of women into non traditional occupations, including the apprenticeship trades.

Participants in the program are recruited through local state employment service offices, construction, industry, management and labor groups, and community action agencies.



A&T In \$1.7 Mil. Study To Assist African Nations

A&T State University has been named a partner with West Virginia University in a \$1.7 million project to assist in agricultural development in East Africa.

The grant, sponsored by the Agency for International Development, was announced Wednesday, by Dr. Burleigh Webb, dean of the school of Agriculture at A&T.

Webb said that in the new project, A&T will provide technical assistance to the Republic of Tanzania in developing trained manpower for that nation's agricultural industry.

The government of Tanzania is deeply interested in upgrading the state of agriculture in that county," said Webb, "but has been handicapped by insufficient trained government with technical assistance during this four year project.

Webb, who visited Tanzania earlier this year, said he expects the new project to make a significant difference in the productivity and agricultural economy of the developing nation.

He said a nine-man team from A&T will be assigned to participate in the African proje A&T has also been asked to assist in the development of a program in agricultural education at the University of Das es Salaam, and to provide advanced training here for faculty members of Tanzania's institutes.

The government of Tanzania has an announced goal of becoming self sufficient in agricultural manpower by 1980, said Webb. This program should help them in a big way. A&T recently completed a two year agricultural development program with Ohio State and West Virginia University to assist the nation of Uganda.

LABOR Leader Charges Gov't With Aiding Discriminatory Practices

WASHINGTON—NAACP National Labor Director Herbert Hill charges, in an article in the current Civil Rights Digest, that the Federal Government has aided and abetted discriminatory racial practices in the construction industry.

The relationship between the U.S. Department of Labor and the various unions affiliated with the AFL-CIO under both Democratic and Republican administrations, Hill states, is a prime example of how government policy can transform voluntary associations, such as labor unions into a private sovereignty.

And, Hill says "While the Department of Justice was suing building trades unions and contractors' associations for violating the law, the Department of Labor was subsidizing them."

Hometown plans which establish citywide goals and timetables for minority hiring in construction jobs have also failed, Hill maintains. Although the legality of mandatory preferential hiring systems, as well as the Government's power to enforce them, has been repeatedly sustained in the courts, the Federal Government has substituted voluntarism in the form of hometown plans.

OPPOSING ROCKEFELLER NOMINATION

New York Assemblyman Arthur Eve of Buffalo who once proposed that Nelson Rockefeller be impeached as governor of New York for his handling of the Attica prison riot, appeared before the House Judiciary Committee to oppose the nomination of Rockefeller to be vice president. Eve said Rockefeller's nomination should be rejected not only because of Attica, but because of "degrading and dehumanizing" social legislation he proposed while governor. UPI.

Police Blame Ethiopians For Recent Blasts

Three powerful bombs were set off in the turbulent Ethiopian capital last weekend. But, because of the confused situation there, no one is sure which dissident group is responsible for the action.

An official communique blamed the bombs on "Clandestine elements," who oppose the recent execution of 60 leaders of the old regime. The blasts took place at a fuel depot near the Addis Ababa airport, at City Hall, and at a major Downtown Hotel. No deaths were officially reported, but one news agency says several persons were killed when a bomb ripped down a wall at the municipal building.

The military Junta that now holds power in Ethiopia seems to hint in its communique that relatives or supporters of the 60 slain officials may be responsible for the bombings. But, Another report claims that Ethiopian Security police believe that the Blasts were the work of the Eritrean liberation front, a secessionist group in Ethiopia's Northern province. There is speculation that the bombings may have been provoked by a large Ethiopian troop deployment to fight rebel Guerrillas in Eritrea.

Secessionist forces in Eritrea have been active since the territory was annexed

Hearing Scheduled Monday For The "Charlotte Three"

By JOYCE SESSOMS

Three men convicted earlier this year for the burning of a Charlotte riding stable in 1968 have been granted a second hearing following the discovery of evidence which indicates that witnesses brought to testify against the men in the first hearing were paid by the federal government.

The three T.J. Reddy, Charles Parker and Jim Grant known as the Charlotte 3, a December 9th hearing on the basis of evidence showing that Walter David Washington and Theodore Alfred Hood, the witnesses who testified against them in their 1972 trial were paid by Robert Mardian a one time top aid to former Attorney General John Mitchell. Mardian is now on trial.

A request by the three for a new hearing was originally set for Nov. 7 before Judge Sam Ervin III in the Mecklenburg County Superior Court, but was postponed. They requested a new hearing on the contention that their conviction was based on tainted evidence.

Last march the Charlotte

Observer reported that information on the case had been uncovered by Observer reporters but had not been presented at the hearing. The evidence disclosed that the two witnesses had received \$1,000 "reward" payment from the U.S. Treasury Department and were each promised \$3,000 more from the U.S. Justice Department, following the trial.

The Observer also reported that a Justice Department official in Washington had confirmed from official department records that the \$4,000 was paid in two installments to Hood and Washington, and that the two men were granted immunity from prosecution for their admitted part in the stable burning, and for federal charges of illegal possession of guns and dynamite bombs and for bond jumping. The two men were "relocated" to Mexico, according to the Observer, after they had spent three months at Atlantic Beach at a cost of about \$10,800 to the federal government.

Washington and Hood testified that they were part of

a group, organized by Grant that called themselves "United Souls" and which carried out the lazy B burning and the burning of the George Wallace Headquarters in Charlotte that same year.

The two witnesses testified that Grant and the Reverend Ben Chavis, a civil rights activist, had once offered them \$5,000 to kill a white man accused of killing a black youth in Oxford, but they declined the offer. They also said that Grant and Chavis had given them money to flee to Canada when they jumped bond but they returned to the U.S. when Grant failed on a alleged promise to deliver passports to get them to Hanol.

Reddy, a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and a writer, Parker, who also attended UNCC, and Grant, and holder of a doctorate in chemistry from Penn State University, were all involved in the civil rights and black consciousness movements at the time of the fire. According to the Observer the testimony of Hood and Washington was the only evidence

Mrs. Ada Yarborough Leach Celebrates Ninetieth Birthday

By ELVA P. DEJARMON

Mrs. Ada Yarborough Leach, long time Durham resident, educator, civic and community worker, celebrated her 90th birthday on November 28 with all the anticipation glamor, good foods, gifts, cards and anything else that goes with a birthday celebration in these days. This writer has termed it as her "ninety-years young" celebration and a most unusual occasion.

A charming still articulate and with a style most unusual in recalling memories, pleasantries and her family especially with love, as well as the many friends and constant visitors to talk with and admire this lovely lady, Mrs. Leach lives in Oldham Towers, the Senior Citizens High Rise Center in Durham. She is the widow of the late William T. Leach and maintains a most tastefully arranged apartment.

Mrs. Ada Y. Leach was born in Raleigh in 1884 and was brought to Durham at an early age by her parents. They

worked in the home of the late Washington Duke. At that time their home was a mansion called Fairview and by all accounts, it was quite some place.

She recalled that as a child she attended the old Whitted School, then located on Red Cross Street near the Bulls Factory. The school was then moved to the site of the former

old Boys Club on Ramsey Street.

Mrs. Leach remembers with fondest memories her first teachers. Among them were Mrs. Florence Johnson and Miss Portia Whitted, daughter of the founder of the James A. Whitted School. She gives highest praises to Miss Portia Whitted for her diligence and

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Retired General, Wife And Aide Are TWA Crash Victims

Retired Army Brigadier General Roscoe C. Cartwright, one of the first black generals, and his wife, Mrs. Gloria Cartwright, were killed Sunday in the crash of the TWA jet in the Virginia mountains.

Among the passengers were James Applewhite, an aide to Rep. Andrew Young, D-Ga., and his wife Susan and son, Benjamin, 3, of Georgetown, Virginia.

One of the worst disasters

of the year scattered flaming debris and torn victims atop the rainswept and foggy Mt. Weather area. None of the 92 passengers and crew on the Boeing 727 jet survived.

Cartwright retired last August as deputy chief of staff, comptroller with 7th Army, Heidelberg, Germany after a military career of over 31 years. The Kansas City, Missouri native was promoted to brigadier general in 1971.



CHRYSLER PLANTS LAYS OFF WORKERS—Chrysler Corp., worker throws up his arms in disgust as Chrysler closed five of its six U.S. assembly plants idling 80,000 workers, including 15, white collar and managerial staff. The new layoffs are the industry's latest response to the sharply slumping car sales that has left storage lots filled with unsold cars. Chrysler has a record 120-day supply of unsold models with sales so far this month off 37.4 per cent from a year ago.

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