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Preventives of evil are far better than remedies, cheaper and easier of application, and surer in result. —Tryon Edwards

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Jerry Paul, defense attorney for Joan Little, at Durham College Sunday.



Dr. Helen Othow, co-chairwoman of the North Carolina Alliance Against Racist Political Repression. She is the sister of Rev. Ben Chavis.



ANGELA DAVIS

SANDRA DUPREE WILL NEVER BE FREE!

HARRY LEE DOESN'T LIVE HERE ANYMORE!

By Rosetta C. Tozzo

If you drive up to the Dickens' house in Scotland Neck, North Carolina and ask for Harry Lee, you will be told "Harry Lee doesn't live here anymore!" You may wonder, (not knowing what has happened,) just "where is Harry Lee?" He has gone from this earth, leaving you and I here to suffer wars, crimes, diseases, and prejudices: His young, twenty-one year old life was "snuffed out" in March of this year, by a white mother of four and wife of a Free Will Baptist minister!

I had the opportunity to meet the Dickens family, Mrs. Dickens (mother) sisters, Mrs. Patricia Powell and Mrs. Katie Lee Smith, and a neighbor, Mrs. Mae West Coffield. Sitting and listening to them relive the incident that occurred on March 11th was very touching. I could tell by the expression in everyone's tear filled eyes that just talking about the March incident was very painful. Mrs. Dickens talked of how much she missed her only son and how he was a good youngster. She related the time that she bought him a little pen knife because at the time all the kids had them, you know, the ones that can be used as key chains. One day she was standing in the kitchen and Harry Lee came; he must have been around six years old, and he just stood there not saying anything just looking at his mother. She asked him what was the matter and he looked up at her and said, "Mama, I don't really want this knife, in fact I don't want to ever carry a weapon as long as I live."

To the day he died, Mrs. Dickens said that Harry Lee never to her knowledge carried any type of weapon on his person.

Harry Lee's sisters and neighbor, Mrs. Coffield, stated that on March 11, 1976, Mrs. Sandra Dupree came on to the Dickens' family yard and

accused Harry Lee of earlier assaulting her son and relieving him of \$5.00. Her son could not actually identify Harry Lee as the culprit.

Witnesses said that Mrs. Dupree struggled with Harry Lee and he was holding her hands to keep her from striking him. She left and

then returned a second or third time but with a gun at which point the argument started again. She threatened him with the gun and he wrestled with her trying to get the gun out of her hands. Seeing that he could not make her drop the gun, he

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BEAUTY PLUS BRAINS — Beautiful and brainy Fayetteville State University coed Charlene Hines made all "A's" during the spring semester. Charlene, an English major at FSU, is currently doing summer work in the office of the Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Charlene, a senior, plans to enter law school or pursue a career in education. (FSU Photo by John Henderson).

An Interview With Angela Davis

By Ray Jenkins

Angela Davis, co-chairperson for the National Alliance Against Racial and Political Repression, came to the Raleigh-Durham area this past weekend to promote the Labor Day March which will be held in Raleigh, N. C. on September 6. While here, she spoke at Shaw University and at Durham College.

"The Alliance," said Ms. Davis, "is not alone in pinpointing North Carolina as the worst spot in the country as far as racism is concerned. Working people, blacks, native Americans and whites are speaking out against political persecution in this country and the people of North Carolina live under conditions which are far worse than any place else in the country. When the court ruled on the death penalty, they said that the North Carolina statute was unconstitutional. The real danger in North Carolina now is that they'll try to get the legislature to pass another law using the guidelines that the Nixon Supreme Court established."

"In California, the executioner is talking about starting at the earliest possible date to kill those people who are on death row [in California] and the very same thing could happen here in North Carolina."

"I found something in traveling across the country - that people seem instinctively to grasp something about North Carolina that relates directly to the repression that they're experiencing in their

own communities. I have found that people are still prepared to stand up and struggle; to go out in the streets and march in protest and allow themselves to be counted as a part of a people's opposition and people's determination to make the future into something we can all live with."

"But is the revolution dead?" this reporter asked. "There are so many people who say that the awareness of the late sixties and early seventies is gone, that young people nowadays are apathetic to the struggle."

"That is absolutely incorrect," said Miss Davis. "In fact, I think it's a con job they're trying to push over on us. They're trying to convince us that we don't want to struggle anymore. I found that people today, blacks, young people and white people are much more attuned to what's going on in this country and in the world than even perhaps during the height of the black liberation movement in this country. The problem is that there's a vacuum in terms of organized ways to express this. This is why we feel that it's so important to have Ben Chavis and the Wilmington Ten released, because despite the lull in the movement, Ben has continued to struggle. He began as a teenager to involve himself in the civil rights movement."

This reporter commented, "Every year it seems that North Carolina produces something that reminds

people that oppression is still here." He was referring this time to the case of Sandra Dupree the wife of a fundamentalist minister, who was acquitted by a jury of eleven whites and one black on a charge of murdering a black man, Henry Lee Dickens.

"Take the case of Marie Hill," reflected Miss Davis, "who was picked up because she was the closest black target, tried in two days, convicted and sentenced to death at the age of 16 by an all-white jury. And then you have a case of a white woman who's so clearly in the wrong, who gets acquitted because her victim so happens to be black."

To the question of whether the Alliance has seen any concrete results of their efforts, Miss Davis responded with an emphatic "yes." "Whenever you can build a truly effective movement around a case, there're going to be victories, particularly in court case. Juries find it very difficult to escape the influence of a mass movement and that influence generally

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Force Chavis' Freedom Social Workers Told

By Warren D. Blackshear

Last week North and South Carolina black social workers were told "you must form a critical mass to force the freedom of Rev. Ben Chavis."

These were the words of Jay Chunn, president of the National Association of Black Social Workers (NABSW), as he addressed the Carolina delegation during the national steering committee meeting in Charlotte Saturday.

Steering committee members from around the nation held a three-day meeting to discuss organizational affairs and issues affecting the black community.

Encouraging the members to continue their efforts, Chunn reminded the black professionals "that poverty is still with us." Further, he said, "you must understand that racism is more rampant now than a few years ago."

During the briefing for the Carolina social workers, Chunn told the members that their organization (NABSW) has been the first national group of black professionals to call for the freedom of Angela Davis. He told the group to continue their efforts to free Chavis, who has become "a national symbol for the reform of the penal system."

Chunn, the dean of Howard University School of Social Work, told the gathering that before coming to North Carolina he had sought to visit Chavis in prison. His request was denied and the president of the national organization was also refused a meeting with Governor James E. Holshouser regarding Chavis' condition.

The special briefing for the Carolinians was chaired by Cenie J. Williams, NABSW Executive Director. He told the members that he was proud of their growth rate in the Carolinas with its six chapters. The NABSW has now grown to more than 100 chapters throughout the states and in South Africa, Williams said.

A report on the national fight against social worker

licensing was given by Jim Wright, national anti-licensure committee chairman. Wright told the group that "licensing is a continuation of racism under the disguise of protecting the public against untrained and unethical practices."

Licensing legislation being sponsored by the predominantly white National Association of Social Workers Wright said, is aimed at "controlling who will enter the field of social work." The

Wright said that the people who usually make up the licensing boards are members of the sponsoring group. The test results of another NASW test show that 75% of the blacks who have taken the test failed, whereas, the failure rate for whites is only 10%, he said.

committee chairman contended licensing would ultimately eliminate black people from the field.

Due to the black social work group's national efforts last year, Wright said, licensing was defeated in 29 out of 30 states. He concluded saying, "You must defeat licensing wherever possible."

State Senator Fred D. Alexander told the social workers that the social service system "is a sleeping giant" and that they "must be concerned what the legislature is doing as it pertains to your field."

The Mecklenburg County legislator added, "you must become more politically aware and concerned about who is sent to represent you on both the state and local levels."

Toward A New Bill of Rights

66th National Urban League Confab to Open August 1 in Boston, Mass.

the opening day activities of the 66th Annual Conference of the National Urban League, in Boston, Mass., on Sunday, August 1.

The special program, to be held in the John B. Hynes Auditorium 9 a.m., is a Bicentennial tribute honoring black contributions to the building of America.

Ossie Davis and his wife, Ruby Dee, will give dramatic readings of selected excerpts from the works of Frederick Douglass, Mary McCleod Bethune, and David Walker. The New Temple Singers of the St. Paul AME Church from Cambridge, Mass. will sing several songs interspersed between the readings. Lerone Bennett, Jr., Senior Editor of Ebony Magazine and noted black historian will speak to conclude the program.

The theme of the Conference - "Toward a New Bill of Rights" - was formulated to call the nation's attention to the need to address the pressing social problems of the last decades of the 20th century that were not envisioned when the original Bill of Rights was adopted in 1791. The Conference officially opens at 8 p.m. Sunday, August 1st, when Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., Executive Director of the National Urban League, delivers the Keynote Address.

During the four-day conference, a number of special

programs will be presented, and plenary sessions and speakers will address a number of important social and economic issues. Some of the participants from Business, Labor, Government and Education include: William Ellinghaus, Vice-Chairman of the Board and Director of AT&T; Addie Wyatt, Director of Women's Affairs for the Amalgamated Meat Cutters Union, and one of the highest ranking women in the organized labor movement; Henry Kissinger, Secretary, U. S. State Department; Dr. Edythe J. Gaines, Superintendent of Schools, Hartford, Conn.; Dr. John Hope Franklin, distinguished black historian and University of Chicago professor; and Hubert H. Humphrey, U. S. Senator from Minnesota.

Headquarters hotel for the Conference, which is expected to attract in excess of 8,000 persons, is the Sheraton-Boston. The more than 200 exhibits which comprise the exhibition portion of the Conference will be housed in the John B. Hynes Auditorium where plenary and other major sessions will be held.

Registration to the Conference is open to the public. Information may be obtained by contacting the National Urban League Conferences Department, 500 East 62nd Street, New York, New York 10021.

10 Arrested In Scotland Neck For Fire Bombings

SCOTLAND NECK — Ten black persons were arrested here Sunday and Monday in connection with a series of firebombings that occurred in the town following the controversial "innocent" verdict in the Sandra Dupree murder trial.

Charges ranged from unlawful burning to aiding and abetting burning, according to Scotland Neck Police Chief Ted Mitchell. He said more arrests may be made later.

As of late Wednesday, nine of the accused had been released on bond. According to Detective W. L. Murphy, Norman Little, 20, had "not made bond."

Mrs. Dupree, a white fundamentalist minister's wife, had been charged with killing Harry Lee Dickens, a young black man. The trial was moved to Henderson in Vance County because of pretrial publicity.

Charged with unlawful burning in the Harrison Oil Company fire on July 12 (\$8,000 in damages) were Nor-

man Little, 20, and Ernest White, Jr., 21. Charged with aiding and abetting in that fire were Bobby Smith, 23, Vincent Brown, 20, and Jeffrey Lee Jones, 19.

Brown and Edmond Alston, 21, were accused of attempted unlawful burning in

the Columbia Peanut Company unsuccessful firebombing on July 13. A third suspect in being sought.

Artwood Jones, 23, Ronald Brown, 25 and Theodore Smith, 20, were charged with attempting to burn Edward Forks Grocery.

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OPEN MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, July 25 4 P.M.

Mt. Vernon Baptist Church

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