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JUDGE PARKER SAYS-

"Inmates Should Be Spanked"

Wake County District Judge Parker said last week, "If students can be spanked in school, inmates should be spanked in prison." The statement was made following Judge Parker finding a Polk Youth Center inmate Cheyenne Burt, guilty of assaulting a correctional officer. A day before the U. S. Supreme Court ruled that school officials could constitutionally use corporal punishment in disciplining pupils. A representative of the North Carolina Prisoners Labor Union and civil rights attorney Jerry Paul have criticized the judge's comment and decision as encouraging assault on inmates by correctional guards.

On March 29 several black and white inmates at Polk Youth Center fought, resulting in one white inmate being hospitalized. Captain Coy Stevenson and several guards stopped the fight, removed the white inmates to another area, then ordered Burt, a black inmate, to accompany them to the shower.

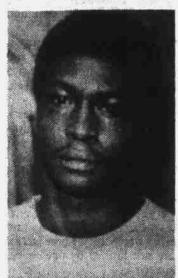
In court, Stevenson said that when he and the officers reached the shower, Burt, a small slender youth of 19

years, attacked Stevenson and choked him until the other guards were able to subdue Burt with their billy clubs. Questioned as to why the youth was taken to the shower. Stevenson replied, for questioning. Burt subsequently was hospitalized for several days.

Burt's story was different. After being taken to the shower, he said two inmates using the shower were ordered to leave by Stevenson. Once in the shower, Burt said that Stevenson told the guards with him "Lay it to him." At that time, he said the guards un-leashed a hail of blows that knocked him to the shower floor where he said that he was beaten for several minutes. Burt was hospitalized for multiple injuries.

At the trial, held three weeks after the incident, Jerry Paul, Burt's attorney, showed the court the injuries which included stitches in Burt's head, a swollen eye and face and wounds on both legs and arms. Burt walked to the witness stand with a bad limp.

Paul contended that Burt was not taken to the shower for questioning but for beating by the officers. Stevenson.



CHEYENNE BURT

questioned on the witness stand, said that most questioning of inmates in the unit occurs in the prison office. Paul said the motive for the beating was that Stevenson wanted to "get back" at the inmate considered the ring leader of the fight which had hospitalized the white inmate. Stevenson, as well as the guards accused of the beatings, is white. On the stand, Stevenson said Burt was the ring leader.

Before finding Burt guilty of assaulting Stevenson, Judge his long hair, as if his was a cial, Dr. James Grant of the difficult decision.

"I think everybody assaul-ted everybody." the judge said. But his sentence was prayer for judgement continued, which would not give any added time to Burt's sentence.

"By this decision, you're encouraging them (guards) to beat prisoners up," Attorney

"I agree with you," Parker remarked. He continued, saying, "If students can be spanked in school, inmates should be spanked in prison."

Explaining his reason for had been punished enough. He said that he felt Stevenson and the officers had "given summary judgement on the scene" the law into their own hands.

An official of the North Carolina Prisoners Labor Union agreed with Paul and said, This particular ruling is going to encourage all kinds of violations of prisoners' rights all

Parker covered his face with his through the North Carolina hand, ran his fingers through prison system." The union offi-Charlotte 3, also said the decision might well "trigger a response from the inmates in terms of having to deal with this kind of act on the part of correction officers." Corrections officers assaulting inmates, Grant said, would also lead to "riots, rebellions and unrest in an already abominable situation that exists in the North Carolina prison system."

> After consulting with his client, Attorney Paul said that a decision on appeal of Parker's decision had not yet been reached.

Contacted after the court giving the sentence of prayer session by a reporter, who for judgement, Parker said Burt questioned Parker on what he meant when he agreed with Attorney Jerry Paul that the decision would encourage the beating of inmates, Parker or, in other words, had taken changed his statement and said that he had not agreed with Paul. Several persons in the court said they heard the statement. Parker did not retract that the statement that inmates should be spanked by the guards. (CCNS).



DR. HELEN G. EDMONDS, left, listens as William Clement, chairman of the North Carolina Central University Board of Trustees announces at a recent meeting of the Board, that she will be named Distinguished Professor Emeritus at NCCU, the first time this distinction has been accorded. Dr. Edmonds, a former member of the U. S. Delegation to the United Nations, has been a member of the NCCU history faculty since 1941. The plaque held by Clement commemorates Dr. Edmonds'

NCCU Honors Retiring Personnel, **Twenty-Five Year Veterans**

North Carolina Central Mrs. Nellie Alston, housekeep- and Mrs. Winnie Robinson, in-University faculty and staff members Sunday honored 12 of their number who retired May 22 commencement.

The university also honored at a reception the five faculty and staff members who this year completed their 25th year of employment at the uni-

Honored on the occasion their retirment were John Alford, housekeeping assistant; McCoy, housekeeping assistant.

ing assistant; Mrs. Alma Biggers director of residence life; James R. Butts, assistant pro-

ing assistant. Mrs Ans

New Highway Commander

structor of history.

Dr. King was also inducted this year or will retire after the fessor chemistry; William Car- into the University's quarterter, boiler operator; Dr. Helen century club, as were Floyd G. Edmonds, Distinguished Brown, assistant professor of Professor of History; Mrs. Alice physical education; Mrs. Willa Farrison, instructor of English; Lewis, assistant professor of Mrs. Juanita Jones, housekeep- physical education; Philip ing assistant; Dr. Charles E. Marable, chief of security; and King, professor of sociology; Mrs. Thelma Smith, administra-Mrs. Lillie McCall, housekeep- tive assistant to the chancellor.

Black Suspensions.. An Issue In Chapel Hill

CHAPEL HILL - Salva- of the school year. tore Degraffenreidt is one of the 221 or so black students Phillips Junior High School prin in Chapel Hill. He was suspend- racial grievance committee. ed from school after he and

pal's office or assistant prin- dents and two parents. cipal's office in which susparent." If the parents cannot of the day.

After Assistant Principal Barbara Booth attempted to call Salvatore's parents to inform them of the suspension without success, Salvatore was told to leave the school. Salvatore told a reporter that and expulsion policy had not he did not have money catch a bus and waited at the edge of tore has been denied "due school property to catch a process." He also argued that ride. Meanwhile, school offi- Salvatore, who has been cials warned him that he was tracked in special education trespassing and had him arrested by the Chapel Hill police. Following his arrest, needs, social maladjustments. his one day suspension was and learning disabilities," and.

Unlike those of many ex- tes. pelled and suspended students.

An interim report of COother students were accused of ED indicates that most stubeing in the school hallway dents have not been informed when prohibited, and later was by the school administration of told to leave the campus. the existence of the The school's suspension committee, which is supposed policy requires that after an in- to be comprised of two formal hearing in the princi- teachers, two ninth grade stu-

At Salvatore's hearing, no pension results, the princi- students participated. The depal will "attempt to call the cision of the Grievance Committee has not been made public, be reached "the student is kept but informed sources said to a at school, in a status of in reporter that the committee school' suspension" for the rest will recommend to the superintendent that Salvatore be allowed to return to school.

Richard Taylor, attorney for the Orange County-Chatham County Legal Services, represented Salvatore and argued

been followed and that Salvaclasses since the first grade "was a child with special made an explusion for the rest under state law, could not be

According to data comwho comprise 28 per cent of in the Chapl Hill schools, Salvathe student population at Guy tore's family appealed the first semester of the 1975-76
B. Phillips Junior High School principal's decision to a bischool year, Salvatore and the other black students at Guy B. Phillips were more than twice as likely to be suspended as white students. During that period, "Eighty-seven disciplinary incidents occurred which led to suspensions." Involved in these incidents were 28 black students (85%) and twelve white students (15%). (Several students were suspended more than one time). Similarly, offenses that grew out of the incidents in the school were charged against 85% of the black students.

> Blacks were likely to be suspended for fighting, skipping class, and insubordination; whereas whites were most likely to be suspended for possession of alcohol. Blacks stayed out of school an that the school's suspension average of 4.6 days compared to whites an average of 1.6 days in the semester.

The same data for the same period is available in the CO-ED report for the entire school system, including the attitudes of the parents, students, and school personnel involved in the disciplinary actions.

Questioned about the

ED, said that the study's findnot been wider utilized, but parent groups and service agencies are now working together to deal with the problem of denial of education to blacks, particularly black males. The legal services' attorney provided the Degraffenreidt family was an example of community service agencies that are now beginning to address the suspensions.

Ms. Martin said, "We felt that all the work that we put into gathering data and writing proposals and programs was no good until the school board and administrators face the problems."

A parents' organization, Parents for Educational Progress (PEP) is beginning to utilize the findings of the CO-ED report to propose alternatives to suspensions. [In a subsequent report we will take a look at PEP's recommendations to Dr. Finley Ruch, Principal, of the Chapel Hill High School regarding suspensions and expulsions.]

While the parents of black students organize against expulsions and suspensions, white groups in the small university town are also organizing, some

racially-motivated suspensions for implementation of ability and community response, Mrs. grouping (referred to by Geraldine "Jerri" Martin's Stu- different names) team teachdent-Home Specialist for CO; ing, house structure, and mainstreaming. [In a later report we will examine the proposed plan and identify student, teacher, parent administrative and black community response to the proposals.]

Meanwhile, Salvatore Degraffenreidt and the other students expelled from Guy B. Phillips and other schools in the Chapel Hill school system are deprived of an education. Salvatore now spends his time working on a pulp wood truck, although he wants to go back to school so he can learn a trade. In subsequent reports we will feature interviews with other suspended students, who can find no work and are left to simply get through each day. (CCNS)

Durhamites Are Named To Honor Group

The Board of Advisors for the Outstanding Young Men of America Awards Program announced that the men named below have been selected for inclusion in the 1977 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America.

The Outstanding Young Men of America Program is co-sponsored by the United States Jaycees and numerous other leading men's civic service organizations throughout the nation. Serving as chairman of its 12 man Advisory Board is Doug Blankenship, U. S. Jaycees

past president. In every community there are young men working diligently to make their cities, as well as their country, better places in which to live. These men, having distinguished themselves in one or more fields of endeavor, are outstanding and deserve to be recognized for their achievements. The criteria for selection include a man's voluntary service to community, professional leadership, academic achievement, business advancement, cultural accomplishments and civic and political participation.

The Board of Advisors and Editors salute all chosen as Outstanding Young Men of

-Tyrone Randolph Baines shuttle diplomacy between . Joseph Leroy Smalls, Jr. London and Geneva, under-

Of Patrol To Hire Blacks RALEIGH - Captain John Patrol eaders in the previous Jenkins of Greenville was administration of Colonel appointed last week to the Edwin Jones stated that qualipost of commander of the fied black men and women state highway patrol by Gover- applicants could not be found nor James Hunt. Jenkins is a for vacant positions in the 30 year veteran of the patrol, patrol. Last fall a recruitment who rose to the top position program was begun by the from the ranks as a trooper, patrol to solicit minority Captain Jenkins said that applicants by speaking to a substantial increase in the groups of senior citizens whom

number of blacks hired in the patrol leaders thought would patrol "would depend on the influence younger blacks who process of applications that we were qualified to apply. get from blacks. I'm sure that there are blacks who are quali- ago, when he was made fied and they will be given captain of Troop A in every consideration." Hunt, assisting Jenkins

about Jenkins' plans to employ blacks in the patrol, said, "I have expressed with Captain Jenkins that that is high priority with me as Gover-

The patrol employs approximately twenty black patrolmen and no women in the 1129 member force in the state. (That does not include telecommunications patrol personnel employed). of morale for several years

Barely a year ago, the

portly, beer guzzling and very

likeable British Ambassador

to the United Nations, Mr.

Ivor Richards, was selected

by her Majesty's government

to proceed with negotiations

with all the parties involved

to achieve black majority

rule in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia).

During the long summer and

fall negotiations, the forever

optimistic Mr. Richards held

high the prospects of ulti-

mate success. The leaders of

Black Africa were one with

Ambassador Richards' high

Richards'

expectations.

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Ambassador

Jenkins said three years Greenville - the position he held until his appointwith a reporter's question ment last week - there were no blacks among the 105 troopers in that district. When he left, he said, he had employed five blacks.

Jenkins is known in the patrol as a strict disciplinarian who says. "I think everybody requires a certain amount of dscipline, in the same token they expect a certain amount of discipline."

The highway patrol has operators and other non- been suffering from lack

which surfaced under the Holshouser administration as apparently political promotions disturbed many of the patrolmen. Governor Hunt's first appointment prior to being inaugurated was the frmation of a task force to study morale and discipline problems in the patrol.

Questioned as to why he did not go out of the state rather than pick a commander from the ranks, Hunt said, "It would have cause substantial morale problems if we could not have found a man in the state."

Some change in the top administration of the patrol will be undertaken by Jenkins. While Hunt said that Jenkins will not be a 'flunky', he said that with decisions affecting top leadership, "I would likely be apprised and certainly Judge Carlton would like to be apprised." Carlton is Secretary of the newly formed Department of Crime Control and Public Safety. Previously, the Highway Patrol was within the Department of Transportation. (CCNS).

The Black Ring of Fire

By Laura Parks

taken with high hopes in the summer of '76 rapidly succumbed to the chill diplomatic winds of the fall. By Christmas the world knew that the Jolly Santa Claus figure of Ambassador Richards was carrying an empty diplomatic sack. For a while the interested parties maintained the fiction that something of importance

ed, even if it was only a tentative date for Zimbabwe black majority rule. The fiction soon gave way to white Rhodesian's

was nevertheless accomplish-

Prime Minister, Ian Smith's undistinguished assertions that former US Secretary of

State Henry Kissinger tricked him into agreements that he could not possibly support. Smith's essential argument was based on the assertion that Rhodesia's 260,000 white settlers were in danger of having their civil liberties and properties annulled and confiscated by the six million blacks. This assertion was a lie of Hitlerian dimensions. Kissinger's proposi were, in fact, designed were, in fact, designed to prolong and perpetuate white economic supremacy in Rho-desia while granting political majority rule to the blacks. Rhodesia's black leaders

and other leaders of Black [Continued On Page 2]



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(1) Dr. Horace G. Dawson, left, of the United States Information Agency chats with Dr. D. D. C. Don Nanjira, Charge d'Affairs of the Embassy of Kenya, center, and Dr. Hamid Taqi of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga., during the recent conference on Southern Africa at North Carolina Central University. The Conference was sponsored by the NCCU Center for International Studies. (2) Dr. Anneliese Markus de Kennedy left, and Sharon Jones, a North Carolina Central Uni-versity student talk with Dr. Darrell Randall, professor of African Studies at the American University, Washington, D. C. (3) Michael Sessoms, a NCCU student shares ideas with social workers from South Africa during the conference. The South African student on the right, is not identified. Others are Esliwe Shuenyame, second from left, and Julie Charles, second from right. The South Africans are studying at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.