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Words of Wisdom
By every part of our nature we clasp things above us, one after another, not for the sake of remaining where we take hold, but that we may go higher. —SPEICHER

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TWO MEN ARE BEING HELD IN DOUBLE MURDER

First To Be Charged With Capital Offense Since Death Penalty Return

SMITHFIELD (CCNS) — The death penalty may be exercised in North Carolina again. Possible victims are two black men, Henry Smith, 29 and David Stewart, 25, both of Benson. The two men were charged on June 10 with the fatal shooting of Dennis Wilbert Allen, 23, a Four Oaks policeman and Linwood "Big Boy" Johnson, 49, a truck driver. Both of the dead men are white. On Saturday, June 4 and on Thursday, June 10, Smith and Stewart maintained their innocence to reporters.

Smith and Stewart are the first men to be charged



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with a capital offense since the North Carolina General Assembly reinstated the death penalty in North Carolina, in effect, as of June 1 1977.

Both men cooperated with law enforcement officers and freely gave statements of their whereabouts on the evening of June 2 and the early morning hours of June 3 when Allen was found dead of multiple bullet wounds and Johnson was last seen alive.

Rounded-up from the beds on Friday morning, June 3 at the dangerous end of more than fifty gunpoints, the two said they answered law officers' questions nearly all day Friday, except for a few hours in mid-day.

The two said they were questioned as to whether they had been at the 8-Day Inn Motel in Benson on the morning of June 3 around 12:30 a.m. That was the last time Johnson was seen alive, according to the motel's manager, who said Johnson left with three black men. Stewart and Smith said they were shown by police to the motel manager, but said she could not identify them. District Attorney John Twidale would not

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Last Rites Held For U. C. Cobb, Jr., PSO Applicant

Funeral services for Ulysses C. Cobb, Jr., 29 of 114 Archdale Drive were held on Monday June 13 at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church. Rev. Percy High officiated.

Cobb, who was an applicant to the Durham Public Safety Academy, collapsed while running the obstacle course on Friday at 10:20 a.m. and died soon after. He is survived by his

wife, Mrs. Geneva Cobb; a daughter, Arteria Cobb of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Cobb of Durham; three brothers, Johnny, Von Kevin and Steven Cobb, all of Durham; one sister, Mrs. Patricia Gyant of Durham; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hillman of Stroudsburg and paternal grandmother, Mrs. Veora Cobb of Durham.



ON THE DOLLAR -- If the Senate concurs, the dollar bill will soon carry a new signature. President Carter nominated Azie T. Morton to be treasurer of the United States. The job is largely ceremonial and the President kept up the tradition begun a generation ago of nominating a woman to the post. She will succeed Francine Neff, whose name has been on the bills since 1974. (UPI).

Carter Appoints Ms. Azie Morton Treasurer of U.S.

President Carter has appointed Ms. Azie T. Morton of Annandale, Va., to serve as Treasurer of the United States. Ms. Morton, a black woman, has been serving as staff assistant to the U. S. House District Committee, and has been involved for several years in Equal Employment Opportunity activities.

Meanwhile, the President named Claud Anderson of Tallahassee, Fla., to serve as Federal Co-Chairman of the Coastal Plains Regional Commission. Anderson has been advisor and education coordinator for Florida Governor Reubin Askew since 1971 and was named Black Educator of the Year by the Black Women's Political Caucus in 1975.

Ms. Morton was born February 1, 1936 in Dale, Texas, and received a B. S. from Huston-Tillotson College in 1956.

From 1958 to 1961 she was as administrative assistant

at the Texas State AFL-CIO in Austin. She served as an administrative assistant and community relations specialist for the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity and the President's Committee on Equal Opportunity in Housing from 1961 to 1966. From 1966 to 1968 Ms. Morton was a complaint investigator and conciliator for the U. S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. She was director of social services for the Wichita, Kansas Model Cities Program from 1968 to 1971.

Ms. Morton was special assistant to the chairman of the Democratic National Committee from 1971 to until 1977, when she went to work for the House District Committee.

She was a deputy convention manager for the 1976 Democratic National Convention. In 1975 and 1976 she served on the DNC's Compliance Committee.

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Humphrey-Hawkins Bill Sponsors Ask Carter Meet

WASHINGTON — Senator Hubert H. Humphrey and Rep. Augustus F. Hawkins, joined by the leaders of 32 national organizations, have requested a meeting with the President to discuss the Humphrey-Hawkins Bills and to seek reaffirmation of his earlier support.

In a letter to the President, dated June 9, Humphrey and Hawkins wrote, "We are increasingly convinced that enactment of this measure during this session of the Congress would be beneficial to the economy, the American people, and your Administration."

"It would also be in accord with our Party Platform as adopted last year." The lawmakers pointed out to the President that "this revised Bill is fully responsive to detailed suggestions from you and your advisors last year."

"The action resolution transmitted to the President, calling for prompt enactment of the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1977, was signed by the

heads of 32 national organizations, representing more than half of the American people. While praising President Carter's human rights record, the resolution states, "we believe that the most abused human right in our nation today is the right of those able, willing, and seeking work to useful employment at fair compensation. The massive unemployment today is a profound moral issue."

"We do not lack the material means and know-how to attain full employment. We need to set basic goals and timetables for the reduction of unemployment."

While indicating their support for a balanced budget, the organization signing the resolution maintained that "full economic restoration and a balanced budget within four years cannot be achieved with huge shortfalls in employment and production."

Further, they said: "It is indefensible to inflict the

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Carter Nominates Michaux For U.S. Attorney's Position

State Representative H. M. "Mickey" Michaux, Jr., of Durham, was nominated Monday by President Jimmy Carter to become U. S. Attorney for the federal Middle District Court in North Carolina, embracing 28 counties from Durham in the east to

Wilkes and Surry in the west. The nomination must be confirmed by the U. S. Senate.

Michaux expects confirmation hearings to take place within the next few days. He will take office July 1, if his nomination is confirmed.

The Middle District Court is in Greensboro, with a branch office in Durham. Michaux said he would commute to Greensboro, as he has no plans to relocate his family.

Michaux does not expect the hearings to interfere with the concluding sessions of the North Carolina General Assembly which is winding down toward adjournment within the next ten days.

Speculation is that Gov. Jim Hunt may fill Michaux's vacancy in the legislature by appointing his younger brother, Attorney Eric Michaux or A. J. H. Clement, III, Durham County Democratic Party chairman.



BEING CONSIDERED — Wayne County Sheriff William Lucas says June 7 he has received no official confirmation that he is one of five finalists for the post of FBI Director. But he said that, if the job was offered, his associates would "keel-haul" him if he didn't accept. Lucas, a former assistant attorney with the U. S. Justice Dept. and a special FBI agent, has been elected sheriff of Michigan's most populous county three times. He would only confirm that he was interviewed in Washington two weeks ago, and he said he believes the committee is seeking character, competence, background and an "innovative" approach to changing police problems. (UPI).

Young Speaks 'Unvarnished Truth' NAACP Declares to Carter

NEW YORK — The NAACP extended its full support to U. N. Ambassador Andrew Young who has come under increasing criticisms for his comments on white racism.

In a telegram to Mr. Young, NAACP Executive Director Roy Wilkins said that the Ambassador was speaking the "brutal, unvarnished truth about the role racism has played in shaping America's institutions and attitudes." A copy of the telegram was also sent to President Carter.

Also signing the telegram were NAACP Administrator Gloster B. Current and General Counsel Nathaniel R. Jones. The text of the telegram is as follows:

"We think the American people should be appreciative of the fact that a spokesman is talking sense to the world and saying things which essentially are true and must be said."

"You are speaking the truth — the brutal, unvarnished truth about the role racism has played in shaping America's institutions and attitudes. So infected is this nation with the virus of racism that it appears to be a natural condition."

"Your reference to two previous Presidents and their attitudes toward racial problems in this country is essentially correct. We of the NAACP tried to alert America to the Nixon anti-black strategy in 1970. Mr. [Continued On Page 12]

Durham Target Area Residents Await Decision From HUD

BY DAVID SQUIRES Staff Writer

The fate of Durham's less affluent citizens rests on the wings of a report from the U. S. Housing and Urban Development regional office in Greensboro.

The citizens are residents who feel that they are financially unable to bear the weight of assessments for the pavement and/or improvement of their streets. Therefore, they feel that community development funds should be used to pay for the work to be done.

Accompanied by Carolina Action members, a group of predominantly black residents from Durham's East End Community attended the community services, and the finance committee meetings last week with the following proposals: (1) That no assessments be made on streets paved/improved with community development money; (2) That assessment funds paid by citizens on streets paved/improved with community development money be refunded; and (3), That a public works committee meeting be held at night so that all concerned citizens will be able to attend the meeting.

Many of these residents live in low income zones called target areas and are therefore eligible for community development funds from HUD. These funds are used for home repair and street improvement but the citizens feel that the community development money (\$2.3 million)

should be used also to pay the bill levied against landowners by the city for the installation of water and sewer lines, curbing and guttering.

Most of the residents seeking the use of the aid for this purpose are renters who argue that because their landlords are being assessed, rent is going up

higher than they can afford.

Now the residents and the city must wait for the answer that Dan Pearson brings back from the HUD regional office in Greensboro.

Pearson, assistant city manager for community development was asked to go to Greensboro and inquire as to whether community development funds can be used for curbing, water lines, etc.

Leaders Asked To Support March For Wilmington 10

WASHINGTON (CCNS) — Golden Frinks, National Coordinator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) said that he is discussing with black leaders in North Carolina the feasibility of a march from Wilmington to Raleigh in support of the Wilmington 10 mothers to get their sons and daughter pardoned by Governor James Hunt. Frinks said that he has also called upon the North Carolina Human Relations Commission to place on their agenda a recommendation to be sent to Governor Hunt to pardon the Wilmington 10.

The Wilmington 10, sentenced to a total of 282 years in 1972 for arson and assault on emergency personnel, were denied a new trial last month by Judge George Fountain. Rev. Ben Chavis, best known of the Wilmington 10, said he was not surprised by Fountain's ruling, and expects no justice from the North Carolina Courts. Meanwhile, Wilmington 10 supporters have apparently been marshalling efforts to influence Governor Hunt to pardon the

group. Rev. W. C. Banks of Thomasville, and president of SCLC said a meeting which would involve a cross section of the state's leaders would discuss the feasibility of a march. Frinks said that the march would include several thousand individuals, leaving Wilmington on June 29 and stopping in several cities throughout the eastern part of the state, including Burgaw and Smithfield, arriving in Raleigh on July 4 for a massive march and rally.

"I plan to talk to black leaders across the state, and especially the mothers of the Wilmington 10. What I really have in mind is the black leaders staging a march from Wilmington to Raleigh involving the church groups, the civic groups, the civic groups, and the educational world in the state in that effort. We believe that to support the mothers will automatically force this state to free the Wilmington 10. We want a pardon of innocence for the Wilmington 10 immediately because we

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A positive decision from Greensboro would be a blessing for the fund-seeking residents but Finance Chairman Don Christian pointed out that this still would not solve the problem.

Christian warned the Finance Committee and the group that his office has received two phone calls threatening to sue the city if community development funds are used to pay for street improvement only in target areas. "They say it is discrimination," Christian said. Christian also said that he'd have to check with the city attorney to see if it is legal to relieve some of the homeowners of assessments without relieving all of them.

One of the black residents, Ms. Margaret Lewis spoke to the finance committee. "It makes it hard for us as renters. Our rent is going up and many of us have fixed incomes."

The residents argued that their landlords had "upped" the rent when they heard that the assessments would be imposed. "They've made no improvements on the houses," said a black male [Continued On Page 12]

NATIONAL NEWS NOTES

NEW ORLEANS — Dillard University is one of five predominantly black colleges and universities selected by Corning Glass Works Foundation's Scholarship Grants to Black Colleges program, according to President Samuel DuBois Cook.

NEW ORLEANS — Dillard University Vice President for Academic Affairs Daniel C. Thompson has been elected president of the newly organized Coordinating Council of Black Leadership, a non-profit, non-political and non-partisan organization designed and structured to unite the Black leadership in New Orleans.

A technology commercialization program developed over the past three years by the U. S. Department of Commerce's Office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE) became the basis for \$70,000 OMBE grant to the State of North Carolina's Department of Natural and Economic Resources.

OMBE is providing partial support for the establishment of a Technology Commercialization for Community Development program in the State of North Carolina. During the initial year, Federal, State and industry sources will be looking for ways in which creative technology can be brought to the market place in support of minority business development. North Carolina will contribute \$23,304 in matching funds.

WASHINGTON — Congressman Ike Andrews (D-NC-4) voted to virtually repeal the Hatch Act in floor action last Wednesday.

The Hatch Act, on the books since 1939, was designed to prevent employees of the federal government from being coerced into engaging in political activities against their desires and insured an employee could not be discriminated against for personal beliefs. The bill would remove almost all restrictions on participation in political activities.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — Bill Howard, national executive director of the Foxes and Hares, Inc. announced this week that the aspiring black fashion model organization will hold its 18th annual national convention August 12, 13, and 14th in Los Angeles, California.

Visitors to the conclave are welcome without any mandatory membership required. For information, contact: Foxes and Hares, Inc., 2016 W. Adams Blvd., Los Angeles, California 90018.