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U. S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE Thurgood Marshall poses for sculptor Reuben Kramer at the artist's Baltimore studio. The City Department of Housing and Community Development commissioned the eight-foot bronze statue of marsha o is a Baltimore native. (UPI).

#### AGAINST NAACP

## Mississippi Supreme Court Dismisses \$240,000 Libel Suit

NEW YORK - The NAA CP this week expressed joy over the decision by the Mississippi Supreme Court that reversed and dismissed a \$240,000 libel suit that State Highway Patrolman Robert E. Moody had won against the Association. To be returned is the \$262, 000 cash bond that the Association had posted to

facilitate its appeal. This victory, although welcomed, in no way affects the more severe \$1.25 million judgment against the NAACP that had been won by a group of Port Gibson merchants in the Hinds County Chancery Court last year. That suit is being appealed in a higher state court and could take up to four or five years to

be resolved. The Port Gibson merchants had sued the NAACP because of alleged damages suffered from a civil rights boycotts in 1966. Initially, the Association was required to post a \$1.6 million bond, But a federal judge set that aside, and, instead imposed a \$110,000 federal bond. The merchants, for their part, have appealed to the Fifth Circuit, U. S. Court of Appeals, to have the ori-

ginal state bond imposed. On the Moody case, NAACP General Counsel Nathaniel R. Jones said; "The decision by the highest court in Mississippi gives hope that, perhaps the climate is changing. We trust that we may be persuasive when we present arguments to that body on the housest arguments. the boycott case." The Moody case had been argued by Associate Counsel Charles.

The case arose one night in December, 1974, when State Highway Patrolman Robert E. Moody, stopped Mr. Stokes for speeding on Highway 18, between Raymond and Utica. The patrolman allocation of the stock of the stoc man allegedly struck Mr. Stokes in the back of the head with his gun and, while he was on the ground, stomped on his face and

inflicted other injuries.

The NAACP was then asked to assist Mr. Stokes, and Dr. Burns subsequently charged the patrolman with police brutality. Charges of brutality were also for-mally filed but subsequently dropped after Mr. Stokes was found guilty of reckless driving and resisting arrest by a Justice of the Peace who admitted that he was a personal friend of Patrolman Moody. Soon afterwards, Mr. Moody sued the NAACP,

Dr. Burns, Rev. Brown and

Mr. Stokes for slander. In Feb. 1976, nine members of the 12-man jury in the Second District Circuit-Hinds County, in Raymond, brought in the judgment against the NAACP only. Had all four of the jurors who initially wanted to dismiss the case held out, Patrolman Moody would have lost. All four of these jurors were black. But one relented and joined the eight jurors in favor of conviction. The eight were white.

**And Local Organizations** NEW YORK - The NAA CP this week joined a number of national and local organizations in picketing the South African Consulate to protest the recent intensification of racial repression in that

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country. Carrying picket signs that said "South African Ban on Black Newspapers" and "South Africa Release Political Prisoners," the NAACP staffers marched quietly for nearly two hours along New York's prestigious Park Avenue at 55th Street, where the consulate is located. Leading the NAACP contingent was Mrs. Margaret Bush Wilson, chairman of the Board of Directors. Gloster B. Current, deputy to the executive director, organized the nine-man contingent of NAACP executives on the line. In all, about 50 people picketed the consulate.

The NAACP joined the protests as a member of The Emergency Coalition for Human Rights in South Africa. The other members are the American Committee

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on Africa, Association of Black Journals (N. Y.), Black Council on Africa, Black Enterprise, Black Tuesday, Community Church, Encore magazine, National Council of Negro Women, National Urban League, One Hundred Black Men, Phelps-Stokes Fund, New York Amsterdam News, The New York Voice. Washington Office on Africa. Also participating as individuals were State Senator McCall and Manhattan Borough President Percy

The text of the Coalition statement is as follows:

We are a coalition of organizations who protest the repressive and despotic actions of the South African government in detaining and banning a large number of anti-apartheid groups and individuals. The white minority government of South Africa is unmatched in its denial of basic human rights. For almost three decades the White Afrikaner National Policy has implemented racist policies which divide the country into ethnic units; disallow black people from entering white areas except for the purpose of exploitative labor; prohibit blacks from participating in elections and from holding

public office. Twenty-one years ago, 156 opposition leaders were arrested and tried for treason. In 1960, the African National Congress and the Pan-African Congress, leading liberation movements, were banned following the Sharpesville massacre. Thousands have subsequently been banned, arrested, imprisoned, and other thousands have been killed by police while protesting apartheid, mostly in non-violent demonstrations.

Since October 18th, virtually all black consciousness organizations, the leading black newspaper, and several hundred black, colored, and white leaders have been banned in a governmental attempt to completely stifle resistance.

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Over Bannings And Arrests

ISIAH GATLING

# **EPA NAMES**

Isiah (Ike) Gatling was recently selected to serve as Area Director of Civil Rights for Research Triangle Park with responsibilities at other U. S. Environmental Protection Agency installations at Montgomery, Ala.; Corvallis, Or.; St. Louis, Mo.; and Wenatchee, Wa. In Gatling, Acting Director of EPA's Washington Office of Civil Rights, Edward Jenkins, praised Gatling's outstanding experience and exposure in the area of Equal Employment Opportunity in the Federal Government.

Commenting on his new position, Gatling said, "My goal is to integrate equal employment opportunity into the system to the extent that it becomes part of the overall Agency mission."

Prior to joining EPA, Gatling held a position with the U. S. Army Headquarters Training and Doctrine Command in Fort Monroe, Va. where he was in charge of the civil rights program, the Federal Women's program, military equal opportunity and Spanishspeaking minority employees program.

Gatling received his bachelor's degree in health education from North Carolina Central University and an MA in education and psychological counseling [Continued On Page 9]

### THE PEOPLE SPEAK

Public Opinion Column

Terrorism is in the news again. "Political extremists" from both the right and left vie for world attention and free publicity to air their views. Lately, Durham has felt the shocks of its own "down home style" terrorists. Impossible as it may seem, the evidence is very clear. Count the number of locks on our doors, guns in our closets, and bars on our windows. Presently there are more security guards in uniform than policemen on and off duty throughout the country. A society under siege not by outsiders, but preying upon itself. The choice is ours; either we remain content prisoners within our own homes, or begin to re-assert our free-

**JEROME WADDELL, 70** retired, Durham - A long dom of movement on our own streets. How would you time ago here in Durham they improve public safety on the used to have cops out on the streets? streets. I think that would stop a lot of crime and these robberies. I don't go out at night at all. Once I come home in the afternoon that's



JIM KERLY, 35, Service Representative, Security, Durham - The biggest thing the community can do to make things safer is to get involved and look out for each other. If you see something around your neighbor's house that looks suspicious or just not right, call 911 and have somebody come and check it out. It may be your neighbor who is trying to get in but its better to check it out than have him come home and find everything missing. Community involvement is the best answer, getting involved with each



ANNIE LYONS, Receptionist, Durham - We need more street lights and foot patrolmen in areas where crime is most likely to happen. Its so bad almost nobody goes anywhere at night. People need more information on crime and how to protect themselves

### **NCCU Building Honors Two English Teachers**



MISS NEWTON

North Carolina Central University's Communications Building will be dedicated at Founder's Day exercises at 11 o'clock Friday morning at the Farrison-Newton Building, in honor of two retired members of the university's

English faculty.
Dr. William Edward Farrison and Miss Pauline F. Newton are expected to attend the Founder's Day exercises in B. N. Duke Audi-

Miss Newton joined the university's faculty in 1924, just after receiving her master of arts degree from Columbia University She was



DR. FARRISON

hired by the founder, Dr. James E. Shepard, to teach language and arithmetic methods to teachers seeking to upgrade their certification.

Miss Newton taught in the school's English department from 1924 until her retirement in 1962. Courses for which she had teaching responsibility included composition, speech communi-cations, American literature, Shakespeare, and business

The late Dr. Shepard also employed Dr. Farrison, who joined the English faculty as department chairman in [Continued On Page 9]

#### A VOTELESS PEOPLE IS A HOPELESS PEOPLE VOTE Tuesday, November 8

#### NCCU Founder's Day Moved From Gymnasium to Auditorium

North Carolina Central University's Founder's Day observance Friday, November 4, will be in B. N. Duke Auditorium, not the R. L. McDougald Gymnasium as previously announced.

The program will begin at 11 a.n., Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., of North Carolina will be the princi-

Founder's Day honors the late Dr. James E. Shepard, who founded the university in 1910 and served as its president until his death in 1947.

Also part of the Founder's Day observance will be the dedication of the university's new Communication Building as the Farrison-Newton Building. The name of the building honors two veteran faculty members of the university, both now retired. They are Dr. William Edward Farrison and Miss Pauline Newton.

The university's Museum of Art will be dedicated during the Founder's Day observance as well. The official dedicatory exhibition is of works by three North Carolina natives, each black. They are sculptors William Artis and Selma Burke and painter Romare Bearden.

# Joan Contacts Atty. Paul

(CCNS) - Civil rights attorney Jerry Paul said Monday that he received a telephone call from Miss Joan Little while he was serving a nine day contempt of court sentence in Wake County jail. Following his release from jail last Saturday, Paul said Joan used a code name when she called and he returned her

Miss Little disappeared from the North Carolina Correctional Center for Women on October 15 and was discovered missing by prison officials at the evening head count. Authorities have since concentrated searches in the Norfolk, Virginia and Raleigh areas.

While not disclosing the

entire contents of his conversation with Miss Little, Paul said "she wants to work out a strategy to deal with the pressures and live a normal life."

Miss Little became internationally known during her struggle to avoid conviction in a 1975 murder trial for the ice pick slaying of Beau-fort County jailer Clarence Alligood. A jury acquitted her and found that Alligood attempted to rape her and

that she killed him in selfdefense. Her trial and acquittal beame one of the most celebrated of recent times, attracting the support of hundreds of organizations and individuals around the

Miss Little was in prison

serving a 7-10 year sentence for breaking and entering and larcency and was waiting appeal when she was attacked by Clarence Alligood. Following her acquittal for Alligood's murder, she was unable to overturn the breaking and entering conviction in state courts.

Immediately following Joan Little's disappearance, Paul said she was "forced to escape" because of pressures from prison officials. That information, he said, was obtained when Ms. Little called him by telephone from the prison the day before her disappearance. Prison officials denied pressures that would have forced Joan to escape but did admit they were questioning her, and others, about possible charges that may have been brought

Miss Little, waiting for a decision from the North Carolina Board of Paroles, for

release, had been suspe because of charges that she was away from work without authorization. Prison officials say that she was not work and was not at the prison. Her employer, Dr. D. P. Lane, said she was at work

both days. Shortly before her escape, she allegedly said to a reporter "they are trying to railroad me.", when explaining that she was innocent of

the charges.

Paul would not say where Miss Little was when he said she called him or where she is now, except to say "if the governor will call off his heat for a while, and let me make a trip to Atlanta, I think in a couple of weeks, we can bring this matter to a head and get it back into the

On October 13, two days before Miss Little's escape, federal magistrate, Logan Howell, ordered the State of North Carolina to answer all allegations in a petition ques-toning the legality of Miss Little's 1975 conviction for breaking and entering and

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