

Political Defendants Seek Meeting With Carter

RALEIGH — Two defendants in the Wilmington 10 and Charlotte 3 cases have written President Jimmy Carter requesting a pardon for both groups which have been designated by Amnesty International, as cases of political repression.

Jim Grant, a Charlotte 3 defendant, now out of prison on \$50,000 bail and Mrs. Anne Shepard-Turner, the only Wilmington 10 defendant who has been paroled, dispatched the letter to President Carter, dated December 16, 1977.

Carter has refused to comment on the Wilmington 10 case when questioned by the media. The last instance was at a press conference last week following the visit of six U. S. congressmen to North Carolina to ask Hunt to pardon the Wilmington 10.

The letter focuses on violation of the human rights of the two groups of defendants, indicating that the courts have shown "no recourse but to turn to you."

The Wilmington 10 and Charlotte 3 cases are connected through the relationship between Rev. Ben Chavis and Jim Grant, two freedom fighters, who became targets of the U. S. Justice Department's "Cointelpro" operation against civil rights workers and leaders.

The letter states "Our Human rights have been violated by the racist criminal justice system of the state of North Carolina, along with the Nixonian U. S. Department of Justice who con-

spired together to deprive us of our freedom because of our political beliefs and activities on the part of human rights."

A former U. S. treasury agent, William Walden, now retired in Hickory, N. C., along with other federal and state officials, were involved in a web of entanglements through which state courts were given information which led to indictments against Chavis and Grant.

The tactics of the state and federal officials to get convictions point to payoffs and enticements of witnesses with favors for convicting testimony. Last May, three witnesses against the Wilmington 10 said that they lied against the ten for favors and reduction of their sentences. In 1974, the Charlotte Observer, owned by the Knight Publishing chain, reported payments of more than \$4,000 each to two defendants who testified against Grant, T. J. Reddy, and Charlie Parker, all Charlotte area freedom fighters. Documents obtained through the freedom of information act by THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER revealed that the payments to the informers were approved by Watergate conspirator Robert Mardian.

Despite the evidence of wrongdoings in both cases, the courts have not moved to order new trials. A three-judge panel of the U. S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals denied a petition for new trial for the Charlotte 3 recently. Attorney James



CAC APPROVES CD PLAN—Pictured above is the Durham Community Advisory Committee as it approved, Tuesday, the draft plan for the fourth year community development program for a total budget of \$2.3 million. The CAC endorsed \$0.9 million for comprehensive neighborhood revitalization, \$0.6 million for public improvements, \$0.78 million for public service programs (housing counseling, housing education, recreation, home repair for senior citizens, in-home health aides for senior citizens, and Edgemont Community Center). The plan and budget will now be reviewed by the finance committee of the City Council, prior to being submitted to the Council.

Mrs. M. Jones Named "Outstanding Young Educator" By Durham Jaycees

Ferguson has applied for a rehearing before the entire eight-member court.

The Wilmington 10 case, better known as the Charlotte 3 case, is also subject to appeals in federal and state courts. Recently officials of the U. S. Justice Department related to the staff of Governor James Hunt that federal and state courts were not equipped to handle the Wilmington 10 case.

Mrs. Marian Thompson Jones, a teacher at Lowe's Grove Junior High School, was selected "Outstanding Young Educator" of Durham County for 1977 by the Durham Jaycees last Tuesday evening.

Contestants were between the ages of 21 and 35. Judging was on the bases of character, enthusiasm for the profession and the quality of teaching skills.

Mrs. Jones, whose career objective is "to always be involved in some meaningful and productive work that can possibly promote the cause of humanity", is the wife of Paul E. Jones, a manager at IBM in the Research Triangle Park. She is a graduate of Barber-Scottia College, Concord, State University of New York at New Paltz and has studied at Hunter College,



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James H. Peace Named Director of Systems Community School Program

The Superintendent of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, Dr. Robert C. Hanes, has announced the appointment of James H. Peace as director of the local system's Community School Program. Peace served as principal of the Frank Porter Graham Elementary School for the past seven years.

The Community School Program, funded by an act of the 1977 General Assembly, endorses the concept of community involvement in school programs and community use of public school facilities under its jurisdiction. The major responsibilities of the director will be to organize and work with the nine individual community school advisory councils and to utilize volunteers as much as possible in carrying out the activities recommended by the individual councils. In addition, the director will handle arrangements for the use of school facilities when such use is requested by various recrea-



J. H. PEACE

tion departments or by educational, governmental, charitable, civic, or religious groups, will gather information about educational and recreational programs available within the community and will serve as a resource to citizens interested in locating programs which will meet

their needs. Peace brings to this new position a varied background of education and experiences. He attended North Carolina Central University and UNC-CH. He holds the B. S. degree in Commerce and Economics with a minor in Education; the M. S. degree in business administration with a minor in education; the "C" certificate in business education; the Sixth Year (Advanced) certificate in educational administration with a minor in sociology and with special emphasis on school-community leadership. Peace's family includes his wife, Mrs. Constance Peace, a teacher at Carrboro Elementary School; a son, James, Jr., a senior at UNC-CH, and a daughter, LaVera, a medical technologist who resides in California.

A native Chapel Hillian, Peace resides on Maple Drive. He will assume his duties as director of the Community School Program on January 2, 1978.

Woman Hired As Temporary City Durham City Manager

In the wake of Durham's first woman city manager being hired to temporarily fill the position that will be left vacant by the resignation of I. Harding Hughes, several council members have expressed opinions on whether an affirmative action plan should be adopted before a new city manager is hired. Some council members estimate that hiring a city manager will take as long as six months due to the volume of applications which might number more than 500.

Ms. Regina Brought, an administrative assistant to I. Harding Hughes, took the post at 5:30 Friday. Her

choice by the council is read by many observers as an indication that the council will place priority on the adoption of an affirmative action plan for the hiring of blacks and minorities. Three other city employees, including Comptroller Paul Bland were on hand to be considered by the Council.

Proposals to adopt an affirmative action plan has been pigeon-holed in the council's finance committee, but the matter is expected, by some council members, to be placed on the committee's calendar very soon.

Finance committee member Mrs. Margaret Keller, who

represents the city's Ward I, says the council should "communicate something to the new city manager about the council's position" by "taking a step on affirmative action." Her comment was made when questioned by a reporter as to her position on hiring a black assistant city manager, as had been proposed.

An affirmative action plan would set goals and a timetable for blacks, women, native Americans and other minorities to be hired at all levels of city government where they are not hired in numbers corresponding to their existence in the city's population. A black assistant city manager, some councilmen say, could be in charge of monitoring affirmative action.

Council member Carroll Pledger, who represents the City's Ward 2, seeks the adoption of an affirmative action plan and the hiring of a city manager as unrelated matters. He says that he supports equal hiring.

Although several members of the council have said that a black to enforce affirmative action in city government would be better than a white, a six member search committee, appointed by Mayor Wade Cavin, will be prohibited from asking whether prospective candidates would hire a black assistant, assuming the manager is white. Mrs. Keller said the council's action on affirmative action would make its position clear.

If the hiring process takes as long as six months, even Pledger, dubbed by many as a conservative, says that an affirmative action plan would possibly be adopted before a manager is hired.

Councilman Stewart Pickett who says he stands behind affirmative action 100 per cent, comments that whether a black or a white person is hired in a position to monitor makes no difference. "I don't think it can be implemented any better by one than it could be by the other (race)," Pickett said.

In other matters related to the selection of a city manager the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People received a report of its executive committee to back having a black chosen for the assistant city manager position.

Warren Carroll Joins Hodges Campaign

Warren Carroll, for years the driving force behind the highly successful N. C. State University Wolfpack Club, has joined the Luther Hodges for Senate campaign staff as assistant treasurer.

Carroll will work in fund raising and related campaign activities.

Carroll said he was joining the Hodges campaign for two reasons: "First, because I am proud of North Carolina and want to make sure that we have the very best representation in Washington. And second, because I think Luther is the best candidate for the Senate and the one who can do the most effective job for North Carolina."

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