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NATIONWIDE ANTI-APARTHEID ACTIONS SET

P.I.E. To Host Southeast Confab at St. Joseph's

Several Notables Scheduled To Attend 2-Day Meeting

Partners-in-Ecumenism (P.I.E.) is a project of the National Council of Churches. It will host its first Southeast Regional Conference March 29-30, 1979 at St. Joseph A.M.E. Church in Durham, North Carolina. Speakers at this conference include Congressman Louis Stokes (D-Ohio), Mayor Maynard Jackson, Atlanta, Georgia, Rev. Dr. William Holmes Borders, pastor Wheat Street Baptist Church, Atlanta and H.M. Michaux, Jr., U.S. Attorney, Durham, North Carolina. Dr. Martin Luther King Sr., is also tentatively scheduled to speak.

P.I.E. is a national organization of grass root black churchmen and lay persons who are mobilizing the black church to form strong inter-denominational partnerships. The object of these partnerships is to develop and articulate strategies that will revitalize the church-based movement that seeks social, economic and political redress for the unique plight of blacks in America.



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In addition, PIE seeks to develop a partnership with the white church that will enable the religious institutions of America to be strong and positive forces in helping America to become a better place for all her people.

In June 1980, PIE will host its first national convention in Washington, D.C. Here the delegates will develop positions on all major issues affecting blacks. These will be presented to the 1980 conventions of both national and political parties.

Ben Chavis to Speak at Duke for King Service

Wilmington Ten defendant Rev. Benjamin Chavis, Jr. will be the speaker at the Duke University main Chapel Wednesday April 4 at a Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial Service. The worship service is being sponsored by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and the Duke Black Campus Ministry.

Imprisoned since 1976, on generally believed "trumped up charges", only recently has Rev. Chavis been allowed to speak in public. Chavis is a student at Duke University's Divinity School and an associate minister at Russell Memorial Church.

The Black Mass Choir of Duke will provide music for the affair which will be the first instance that a black prisoner has preached in the Chapel. Chavis' address, he says, will be "The Dream Continued". He says injustices of underfunding black colleges, and many other abuses of North Carolina

to its black citizens will be part of his sermon.

In other matters related to the Wilmington Ten case, U.S. Magistrate Logan Howell recommended that Federal Judge Franklin T. Dupree not order a new trial for the order anew trial for the Wilmington Ten. Howell's announcement took three years.

Dupree is expected to hear the matter next Monday.

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Demand U.S. Sever Ties With S. Africa

United in their demands that the U.S. sever its ties to the racist minority regimes in southern Africa, student and community activists throughout the country will participate in a week of coordinated anti-apartheid actions, April 4-11.

In the first of a series of activities throughout the spring, students on the campuses in the northeast, the southeast, the midwest, the northwest and California will demonstrate for divestiture of university assets from firms doing business in southern Africa. Last spring similar actions involved thousands of students at schools such as Harvard, Princeton, Columbia and several University of California campuses.

In related efforts community groups and students in New York, Boston, Chicago, Minnesota, Oregon and San Francisco will call for banks to discontinue making loans to South Africa. These activities are part of a growing national campaign



SEEKING NAMIBIA'S INDEPENDENCE — U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Andrew Young (L) and Nigeria's Amb. Leslie O. Harriman, this month's Security Council president, leave the U.S. Mission following talks aimed at rescuing a floundering U.N. plan for free elections and independence in Namibia. UPI

sponsored and coordinated by the Committee to Oppose Bank Loans to South Africa (COBSA).

In the northeast, activities are organized at over thirty universities and banks in Amherst, Boston, New Jersey, New York and Philadelphia.

Five colleges in the Amherst area will hold educational activities, culminating in a march and rally in Amherst on April 7 at which Senator Paul Tsongas (D-Mass) will speak. Harvard, Brandeis, Tufts, Boston University have all

HEW Rejects UNC Plan

Funds To Be Cut Off Case By Case

Health, Education, and Welfare Secretary Joseph Califano announced Wednesday his Department's decision to reject the University of North Carolina's court ordered desegregation plan. A day later Coleen O'Connor HEW public affairs director said HEW could decide to cut-off funds to the UNC system on a case by case basis. Reaction to the funds cut-off was expected by state officials, who had already retained a Washington law firm to represent the state.

Meanwhile reaction of some of the state's black leaders has been varied, but solidly against inferior funding of black campuses, the core of the issue. UNC officials and the state legislature could

have avoided the cut-off, HEW officials said, if black schools were funded \$121 million dollars, to repair and remodel buildings and develop new course offerings. HEW had previously submitted plans to integrate white and black campuses, which has been opposed by many of the state's black leaders.

Former State Senator Clarence Lightner, Chairman of the N.C. Black Democratic Caucus responded to claims by several state officials that there's not enough money to meet the HEW request to add more money to the coffers of the black campuses.

"If we can find enough money to build veterinary schools and new legislative buildings, and put doctoral programs on campuses that

already have them, and generally spend money where they want to spend it, then we can find enough money to upgrade these five campuses," Lightner said. "I just think that the priorities should be reset."

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference Field Secretary Gooden Frinks announced this week a suit to be filed later in the week against Governor James Hunt the state legislature and the UNC Board of Governors in the U.S. District Court in Raleigh.

"We are going to file suit to make them appropriate that money and I believe that this will halt the move by the UNC system, the governor and

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Trade Pact Would Cripple Capacity Building For Minorities

WASHINGTON — The new trade agreement reportedly approved by the Carter Administration is not only a retreat from the President's stated commitment to minority enterprise development, it is an effort to the entire small business community. That was the view expressed Tuesday by National Business League President Dr. Berkley G. Burrell in testimony before the House Small Business Committee's Subcommittee on General Oversight and Minority Enterprise.

In his strongest words yet, since terms of the Administration's trade agreement were reported, Burrell blasted the agreement as being "not simply bad policy, but bad business as well."

"No matter how one looks at this agreement, once cannot help but have the feeling that a temporary advantage for big business is being sought at the expense of the small and minority business community," he said. At issue is the recently reported multi-lateral trade agreement which would virtually eliminate preferential consideration for small and minority business firms in the award of nearly \$90 billion in federal procurement contracts.

Current procurement regulations, which have been supported by four previous American presidents, require certain agencies to set-aside portions of their procurement business for

Seeks Funds to Provide Legal Assistance For Poor

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Thomas Ehrlich, president of the Legal Services Corporation, went before a Senate Appropriations Subcommittee last week to ask that Congress provide the funds that will assure that all the nation's poor have at least some access to the legal system.

The Legal Services Corporation is a private, non-profit organization created by Congress in 1974 to provide financial support for legal assistance to the poor in civil matters. It funds some 335 legal services programs operating out of approximately 900 offices in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Micronesia.

When the Corporation began operation in 1975, only six per cent of the country's poor had access to this level of service. By the end of 1979, approximately 90 per cent of the country will have reached this level. Ehrlich told the Subcommittee on State Justice, Commerce, and the Judiciary that the \$67.5 million increase over the

current year's appropriation of \$270 million will enable the Corporation to reach its goal. Ehrlich stressed that much of the corporations expansion of services has been to rural areas. When the Corporation took over the federally funded program, almost all services were delivered in urban areas. Most areas in the West, Midwest, and South had no services at all.

China Ambassador to UN To Speak at N.C. Central

China's ambassador to the United Nations will present a keynote speech at a conference on the relations of the three great powers at 9 a.m., Thursday, April 5, at North Carolina Central University.

Lai Ya-Li, ambassador at the permanent mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations, will speak at the conference's inaugural session at the Farrison-Newton Communications Building, according to Dr. G.W. Choudhury,

director of NCCU's Center for International Studies. The conference is entitled "The Great Powers Relations: Washington Moscow-Peking" and is the fifth annual conference on international relations sponsored by the Center for

International Studies. Other speakers for the conference will include Robert Barnett of the Asia Society, Dr. Sin-Ming Chiu of Temple University, Dr. Victor Feday of the Institute of American Relations, Dr. Vladimir Petrov of the Institute of Sino-Soviet

Studies at George Washington University, Dr. Thomas Robinson of the National War College, Dr. Dimitri K. Simes of the Center for Strategic and International Studies at Georgetown University, and Dr. Ross Terrill of Harvard University.

Claims "Carter Deceives Small Business Community"

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The National Association of Minority Certified Public Accounting Firms' Executive Director, Lydia A. Hill, expressed dismay at the latest ploy of the Carter Administration supporting an international agreement which has the direct effect of dismantling every regulation promoting minority business development. This action directly conflicts with Carter's policy of only a year ago requesting that Federal agencies triple their procurement activities with minority small business entrepreneurs. Now, under the auspices of the International Government Procurement Code negotiated by the Multilateral Trade Negotiations (MTN) in Geneva, the U.S. is accepting a concept "to discourage discrimination against foreign suppliers when government purchase articles for their own use". To enact such an agreement requires waiver of the Small Business Set-Aside program. Is not then the U.S. discriminating against its own suppliers when it asks U.S. firms to compete in markets where foreign suppliers from Japan, Sweden, etc.

are subsidized by their respective governments and whose prices are always lower than U.S.-produced goods? The MTN Agreement, transmitted to Congress in early January, must be voted up or down by Congress. Once the MTN body finalizes the document, not item in the procurement

code is negotiable changeable. Items which the MTN are still negotiating include: excepted Federal purchases (not to include services), dollar value of procurement threshold, and agencies to be included under the agreement. The Senate Government Affairs and House Ways and Means

Sims Found Innocent of Resisting Arrest

BY PAT BRYANT

Bobby Sims, was acquitted of charges this week that he resisted an arrest by Durham Public Safety Officers on February 1. Judge Milton Reed also found Sims guilty of not having a North Carolina driver's license, although Sims who claimed his permanent residence is Augusta, Georgia, had a valid Georgia license at the time.

Sims' case has been supported by several Durham organizations which cited his arrest and assault by police an example of police harassment and brutality to blacks. As a result of Sims' trial and several others recently, the county's courts have been accused of protecting police wrongdoings. Public Safety Officer (PSO) Dewayne Jordan testified that he had waited near Sims' home to question him about suspicions of another law enforcement officer Detective A.L. Parham, that Sims may have

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