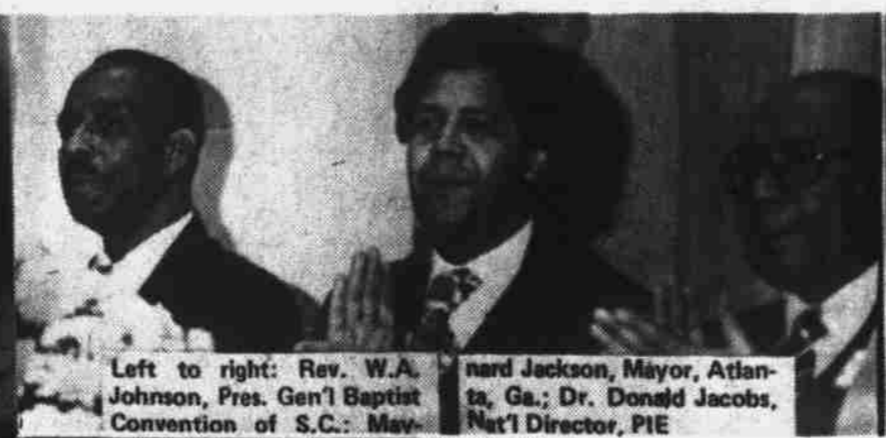


# The Many Moods of P.I.E. Conference



Dr. William H. Borders  
Pastor, Wheat Street Baptist  
Church, Atlanta, Ga.



Left to right: Rev. W.A. Johnson, Pres. Gen'l Baptist Convention of S.C.; Mayor Maynard Jackson, Mayor, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Donald Jacobs, Nat'l Director, PIE



Mr./Mrs. S.P. Biggers reflect the serious side and the funny side of confab discussions



Dr. Donald Jacobs  
Executive Director  
Interchurch Council



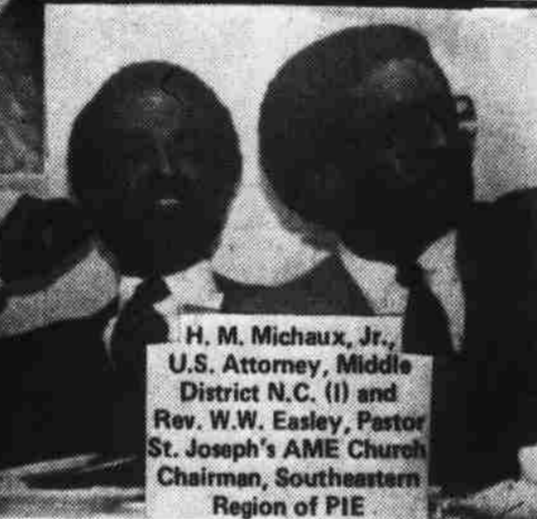
Maynard Jackson  
Congressman Louis Stokes  
Ohio



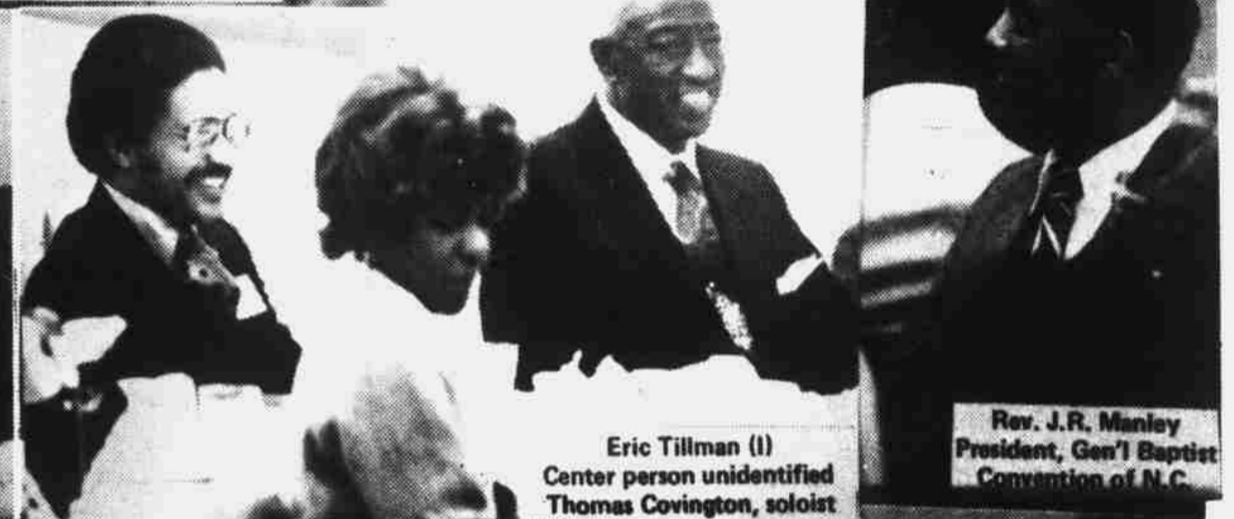
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Mr./Mrs. C. C. Smith near front of audience at worship service on first day of conference



H. M. Michaux, Jr., U.S. Attorney, Middle District N.C. (I) and Rev. W.W. Easley, Pastor St. Joseph's AME Church Chairman, Southeastern Region of PIE



Eric Tillman (I) Center person unidentified Thomas Covington, soloist

Rev. J.R. Manley President, Gen'l Baptist Convention of N.C.

## P.I.E.

[Continued from Page 1] lunch program and many other programs.

Pushing the concept of PIE, Stokes reminded the audience that the only institution owned in the black communities is the black church.

"The black church network is a sleeping giant. And if awakened and coalesced with white churches, will be the greatest social force in America," said Stokes.

Atlanta's Mayor Jackson made similar observations. "Christianity is not a side line religion," said Jackson. "You have got to be activists..."

The activism that Jackson, Stokes and other speakers urged was in getting church members registered to vote, informed on the issues, and voting at the polls.

The white church has been more active in politics in America, said Jackson, noting that the "only people who set public policy are elected officials". "We have to change the people who set public policy if we don't like how we live," Jackson told of a white church in Richmond, Va., which endorsed candidates.

Referring to politicking with Republicans as well as Democrats in the 1980 election, AME Bishop Frank Madison Reid observed that "blacks need to learn that the Democratic Party is not the party of Jesus Christ."

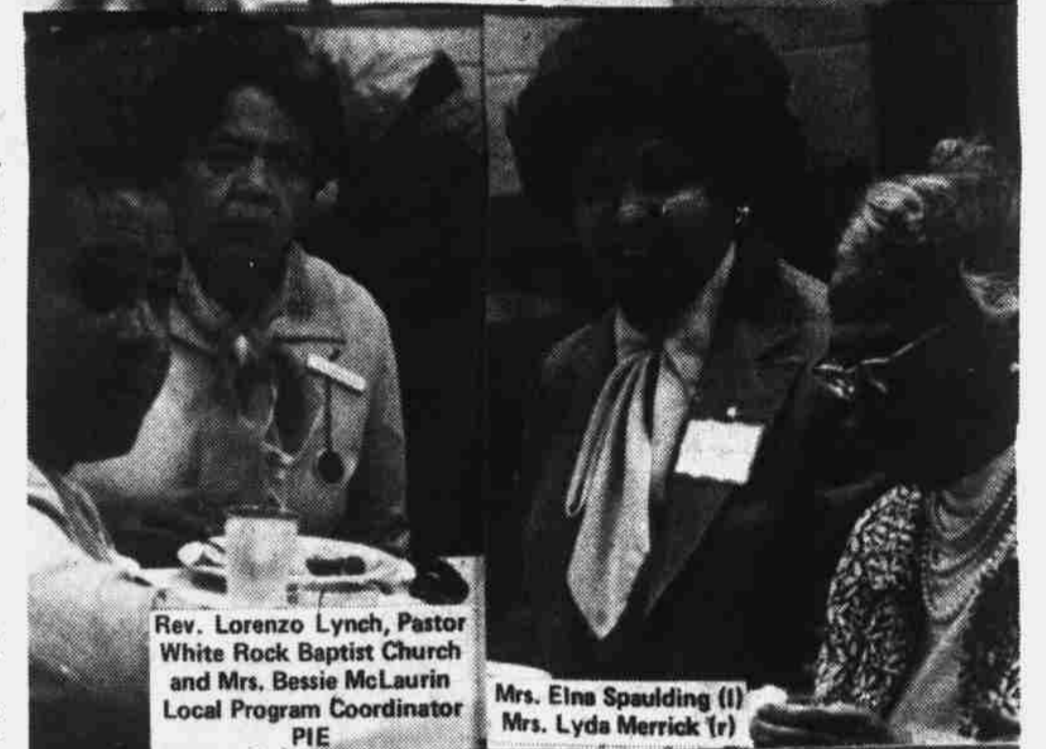
He suggested that ministers become involved in electoral politics along with getting tough on crime. The church should "deal with the disparity of justice" between black and white and the rich and poor. Reid called for a coalition of white and black churchmen on the social issues.

But Mayor Jackson in his address warned of the whites taking over the leadership. "Our allies should be looked to for support, not leadership," said Jackson.

Can a network of black churchmen be effective in the 1980 election?

Congressman Stokes said, "in light of the present state of black America, the black church is in a great position to give the kind of leadership exerted in the 1960's."

"The black church is absolutely tremendous," remarked Dr. William Holmes Borders, pastor of the



Rev. Lorenzo Lynch, Pastor White Rock Baptist Church and Mrs. Bessie McLaurin Local Program Coordinator PIE

Mrs. Elna Spaulding (I) Mrs. Lyda Merrick (r)



Rev. Percy High, Pastor, Mount Vernon Baptist Church (I) and Bishop Frank Madison Reid Seventh Episcopal District AME Church



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