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## Afro-American History Month Observance Slated

### Heritage For America Selected as Theme

WASHINGTON, D.C. The United States public will be asked to remember the heritage of black citizens during the 1980 observance of National Afro-American History Month, February of next year. Dr. J. Rupert Picott, Executive Director said the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, sponsors of the celebration, initiated by Dr. Carter G. Woodson in 1926 has selected the national theme, Heritage For America.

National Afro-American History Month is observed annually. In 1979, President Jimmy Carter following Chief Executive officers for many years, called upon the American people to "participate in this worthwhile broadening of our knowledge." The President continued, "For over sixty years the Association has been guided by the belief that history is a torch for the future." "May the programs and activities planned for this month encourage many citizens to expand the search for their own ethnic roots," President Carter added.

It is expected that as last year more than 41 of the governors of the fifty states will call upon their citizens to share in the 1980 observance of National Afro-American History Month. In addition, as in 1979, the mayors of America's large and small cities and hamlets will be urged to participate in the February 1980 Observance.

To guide and provide information about the celebration, the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, Inc. with National Headquarters in Washington, D.C., has

prepared a National Afro-American Kit which will contain twelve booklets and posters about the Month. One of these booklets will be entitled *How to Celebrate the 1980 Afro-American History Month*. Another of the booklets will trace *Black Nursing, Pioneer Leaders and Organizers 1770-1980*. Other booklets are: *Photographs of Selected Prominent Afro-Americans of the Past*, *Masks From Selected African Countries*, *Stories About Selected Leaders*, *Stories About Selected Afro-American Families*, *Poetry From Mostly Young Students of America*, *A Look at Inventions and Discoveries*, *Monuments and Plaques to Selected Afro-Americans, 1980 Calendar - Remembering Our Heritage*, *Paintings by Prominent Artists for the 1980 Year*, and *Afro-American Posters for 1980 Bulletin Boards*.

The Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, Inc. was founded in 1915. Its purpose is threefold: to promote appreciation of the life and history of the Black American, to encourage an understanding of present status, and to enrich the promise of the future.

In addition to Dr. Picott, other officers include Dr. Charles Walker Thomas of Howard University, President; Dr. Earl Thorpe of North Carolina Central University, President-Elect; Irvin E. Washington of Washington, D.C., Public School Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer. Vice Presidents of the Association are Dr. John Hope Franklin of Chicago and Dr. Benjamin Quarles of Morgan State University in Baltimore.

Howard Lee Says

## Ben Chavis Will Be Paroled Before Xmas



Fortieth Anniversary Observed

During the initial program commemorating the Fortieth Anniversary of Holy Cross Church, a plaque was presented to Dr. and Mrs. Norman Cordice. Dr. Cordice has been a member since the church was established December 8, 1939, with its first masses celebrated in the waiting room of his dental office.

Charles Blackmon, a parishioner of Holy Cross, is shown presenting the plaque to Dr. and Mrs. Cordice. Rev. F.M. O'Connor of the Society of Jesus, the largest religious order in the world, is the current pastor.

### Curriculum Structure Recommended

Dr. Cleveland Hammonds, Durham City School Superintendent, has introduced a plan for a new curriculum structure for the city schools to the board of education. The board approved the third and final reading, Monday night, December 10.

The plan calls for a cur-

riculum board which will serve as a collective agency or a clearinghouse for ideas from the staff on how the curriculum should be restructured. The curriculum board would consist of one member of each grade level, a member of each junior and senior high building, a representative

from pupil personnel and supervisors of mathematics and reading. The associate superintendent for instruction will be permanent chairman of the curriculum board. The purpose of the curriculum board will be that of conducting studies and research in the areas of [Cont. on Pg. 2 This Sec.]

HILLSIDE BANDS  
CHRISTMAS  
CONCERT  
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Monday  
December 17  
7:30 P.M.  
Hillside High School  
Auditorium  
Free Admission

### Addresses Durham County Demos Tues.

By Felicia M. Cassels

In an interview Tuesday night, December 11 at Northwestern Bank, Secretary Howard Lee said Rev. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., the only member of the Wilmington Ten still in prison, will be paroled before Christmas.

The Ten are nine black men and one white woman who were convicted of burning property and conspiracy in 1972 during a period of racial turmoil in Wilmington. Since then, the three prosecution witnesses have recanted their testimony, Amnesty International has declared the Ten "prisoners of conscience" and the U.S. Justice Department has advised that Chavis be immediately released, or the entire group retried.

Lee, head of North Carolina's Department of Natural Resources and Community Development said Gov. James Hunt has done more for the Ten than any other governor, and possibly "lost some support" because of it.

Hunt reduced their sentences, totaling 282 years, in 1978. This made all the Ten, but Chavis, eligible for parole within four months and they were subsequently released.

Lee emphasized that parole for Chavis is part of the prison agenda and

that the Governor has no direct influence on the decision.

Lee was at Northwestern Bank to address a group of Durham County Democrats and other interested persons. In his speech, he challenged the Democrats to help bridge internal party gaps to reach victory in 1980. "Strain gave us Richard Nixon in 1969," he said.

He said these are "difficult times...people are losing and have lost a great deal of confidence in government." He urged Democrats not to allow support of candidates to become emotional. Lee, a Hunt appointee, said he is supporting the incumbent Governor for re-election, but urged the audience to make their own decision.

Lee admitted North Carolina still has "300,000 substandard units of substandard housing," the lowest manufacturing wage of any state and a high illiteracy rate in the schools. He added, however, that the Governor's office has designed a Housing Unit to cope with such problems, has recruited more industry than any other state, and has made the first steps in identifying and solving the problem of illiteracy.

He urged the group to support Hunt's New [Cont. on Pg. 2 Clubs Sec.]

### Ministers Urge Hunt to Give '10' Full Pardon

By Felicia M. Cassels

An organization of Durham ministers has issued a Public Statement of Concern regarding the Wilmington Ten case and Governor James Hunt's reluctance to meet with them.

The Durham Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance urged the governor in the statement to issue the Ten a full Pardon of Innocence. The statement noted that to offer them parole "does not remove the lifelong, damaging stigma of being convicted for something they didn't do."

The Ten were convicted in 1972 for burning property and conspiracy in connection with racial

violence occurring in Wilmington, N.C. Since then, numerous petitions, resolutions, and letters have been submitted to Governor Hunt and President Jimmy Carter on behalf of the Ten. Hunt reduced their combined total of 282 years prison sentence in 1978; Carter has made no comment on the case.

The fifty ministers of the Alliance are led by Rev. Percy L. High, president of the organization and pastor of Mount Vernon Baptist Church. Rev. L.H. Welchel, vice president of the group, said its purpose is one of "fellowship of ministers and a united front for [Cont. on Pg. 2 This Sec.]

## HEAD START RE-EVALUATED

A research team headed by two Cornell University professors has concluded that Head Start and other compensatory programs for low income children raise IQ scores of these children by five points.

The researchers, Irving Lazar and Richard Darling, who entitled their

governmental funded report, "Lasting Effects After Preschool", have contradicted the Westinghouse Report (1969), another governmental funded report, that concluded that Head Start and similar programs had no effects on the intellectual capacities of the

### Research Team Claims IQ Scores Show Rise

children they served. Reports from the Westinghouse Study resulted in the reduction

of federal funds that were being allocated for such programs as well as public apathy and hostility.

Lazar and Darling's research also showed that children who attend programs like Head Start exhibit more self-esteem, fail fewer or need fewer special education classes, have higher ambitions and are ahead of children who have not attended similar programs.

The Lazar and Darling study did show, however, that gains made in the compensatory programs at age six are lost by the time the children exceed age thirteen. This seems to support the findings of Kenneth B. Clark, noted black psychologist, that in the late 60's black public school pupil of New York City lost IQ points between the first and the sixth grades. Neither the Clark or the Lazar and Darling studies accounted for the loss in IQ gains. Their conclusions indicate, nevertheless, that public schools work to the detriment of children of low

socioeconomic income level.

During a recent review of the Durham Head Start program, teachers of the program contended that Head Start and other compensatory programs had been unjustly evaluated. "The evaluation of Head Start programs indicates that they do not feel that these children are worth spending money on; but if you study carefully these children as they enter the programs and again at the time they leave, you will have to conclude that they improve," commented one of the teachers in the [Cont. on Pg. 2 This Sec.]

### Business Banquet Set For February 21

The Durham Business & Professional Chain has set February 21, 1980 as the date of its annual Business Awards Banquet. The Dinner will also mark the 42nd Anniversary of the Durham based group. Guest speaker for the occasion will be Daniel P. Henson, III, Director of the Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. Henson, a native of Baltimore, Maryland is a 1966 graduate of Morgan State University with a degree in history. He later attended Johns Hopkins University as a graduate student in the school of business.

Following a brief career as a public school teacher, Henson entered the life insurance business as an

agent, and over a ten year span, accumulated numerous sales and management awards. In 1973 he became a general agent for a major New York Insurance Company.

In 1977 Henson was appointed as Philadelphia Regional Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). He directed his efforts toward improvement of the agency's delivery of services to its minority clients both as a program manager and as a manager of SBA's management board. His efforts led to a large increase in region III lending to minorities, as well as tripling of procurement to firms in SBA's 8(A) program between 1977 to 1979, from \$88 million to \$272 million.

At its last banquet the Durham Business and Professional Chain presented Awards to four businesses, among which were included Systems Research & Development Corporation, a research, computer service and consulting firm located in the Research Triangle Park; Custom Molders, Inc. injection molders of thermoplastic materials for industry; Sharp Music Company.

The Durham Business and Professional Chain is a business development organization which provides management and technical assistance toward minority business development. Approximately six hundred people are expected to attend this year's banquet.

### Congressional Black Caucus

### Calls for Rededication to Passage of King Holiday Bill

WASHINGTON - Congresswoman Cardiss Collins (D.Ill.), chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus, today said that the Sunday commemorative amendment to the King birthday bill was "totally unacceptable" and said that Caucus members had requested pulling the bill from the House floor rather than passing an emasculated one. To make the holiday fall on a Sunday, she said, "denigrates the memory of this great man. There are literally hundreds of

commemorative days, most of which are frivolous. To place Dr. King's memory on the same plane is demeaning." She said, "the task at hand is to organize in the Black community, and among all Americans who honor Dr. King's memory, to pass a bill that makes his birthday a full legal holiday."

Congressman Johnny Conyers (D-Mich.), principal author of the King Holiday bill, said, "We are used to long-term fights. It took us a long time to pass the

Humphrey-Hawkins Full Employment Act, and we are prepared for the struggle to pass the King holiday bill." The Sunday commemorative amendment "is an affront to millions of Americans, black and white, who regard Dr. King as the individual who had the greatest positive impact on American life in this century."

Congressional Black Caucus members vowed to bring the King birthday bill back again when Members of Congress appreciate the depth and

breadth of support for making Dr. King's birthday a national legal holiday. Congresswomen Collins called adoption of the Sunday amendment "a temporary roadblock in our path". She called upon all Americans of good will "to speak out forcefully in support of a national legal holiday for Dr. King."

Congressman Conyers called the King Birthday Bill a critical issue for presidential and congressional candidates to address in their campaigns. "Congress made an un-

fortunate statement yesterday," Congressman Conyers noted, "that it was not prepared to honor Dr. King for his unique contribution to the cause of world peace and human rights, or prepared to close out forever the divisive sectional and racial chapter in America's history. Congress sent a regrettable signal to the rest of the world in which Dr. King is regarded as a legendary hero. We will win this fight, but only with the help of everyone in America who believes in Dr. King and his legacy."