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"A mule always boasts that his ancestors were horses."

—German Proverb

"Men tire themselves in the pursuit of rest."

—Laurence Sterne

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DR. LARKINS

Governor Hunt Pays Tribute to Dr. John Larkins

RALEIGH—Governor Jim Hunt said that North Carolina had "lost its greatest pioneer in the quest for equal opportunities" with the death of Dr. John R. Larkins.

Dr. Larkins, who was special assistant to the Governor for minority affairs, died Friday at Duke Medical Center after a long illness. He was 67.

Hunt, who attended Dr. Larkins' funeral Monday in Raleigh, issued a statement which said:

"In the passing of Dr. John Larkins, North Carolina has lost its greatest pioneer in the quest for equal opportunities for all its citizens. I have lost a close personal friend.

"From the difficult early days, he worked tirelessly to bring minorities into state government and into the mainstream of society. He cared deeply about all people, and he dedicated

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Churches Withdraw \$60 Million From Citibank

NEW YORK—Expressing frustration with Citibank's continuing investment in white minority-ruled South Africa, four New York-based religious agencies announced the withdrawal of accounts worth over \$70 million annually from Citibank March 24.

In addition, ten Protestant agencies and Roman Catholic orders with combined investment portfolios of over \$250 million pledged they would no longer buy Citibank certificates of deposit, notes or bonds.

"Citibank is America's largest lender to South Africa, with exposure of over \$400 million," explained National Council of Churches president M. William Howard, Jr., at a press conference in New York. "It is the only U.S. bank with branches there, and it stands as the 12th largest bank in South Africa."

Speaking for the council, Howard called upon Citibank to withdraw its operations and adopt "a policy of no further lending to South Africa until the system of apartheid is dismantled."

Joining the NCC, which withdrew a payroll account through which \$4.7 million flows annually, were:

•the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, which voted Saturday to sever all relations with Citibank, including 28 separate accounts with annual cash flows of over \$57 million;

•Union Theological Seminary, which announced plans to close several accounts worth approximately \$1.5 million annually; and

•the U.S. office of the World Council of Churches, which will withdraw its payroll account "if after renewed discussions the bank does not commit itself to terminating investment and loan operations in South Africa."

Those agencies pledging they would no longer buy Citibank

Frustrated With Continuous Investment In White Minority-Ruled South Africa

notes or bonds were the United Presbyterian Church Foundation; the United Church board for World Ministries; the United Christian Missionary Society of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); the Reformed Church in America; the United

Methodist Board of Global Ministries; the Sisters of Loretto; the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, Connecticut Province; the Adrian Dominican Sisters, Michigan; the Dominican Fathers and Brothers, St. Alberts Province, Illinois; and the Sisters of Charity,

Willie Mills Found Dead Tuesday

The decomposing body of Willie Mills, 52, was found Tuesday morning about 8:50, buried in soft mud at the reconstruction site of Fayetteville and Pettigrew Streets.

Jimmy Lipscomb, a loader operator for Bradsher Grading Company, working at the site, had been ordered to spread and level three mounds of dirt. Because the mounds were in a lower area and it had rained intermittently over the past week, Lipscomb walked approximately 75 yards down to the mounds to determine how wet the earth was before bringing in his heavy machine.

While inspecting the site, Lipscomb said he noticed "a bunch of flies swarming" and looked to see what was attracting them. Almost immediately, he said, he noticed what appeared to be a leg sticking out of the mud.

At that point, Lipscomb called to State Highway Inspector Leroy Creech to come and look. "We counted five toes," Lipscomb said. "I ran to Service Printing Company to call police. I've never been so shocked in my life," he said.

Police arrived at the scene and crime personnel spent a little over an hour meticulously removing thin layers of mud from the body.

A pair of pants and shoes thought to have belonged to Mills were recovered from the area for examination.

Among the numerous bystanders who gathered, there was early speculation that the body was that of Mills. The body was taken to the Office of the State Medical Examiner in Chapel Hill for positive identification. An autopsy is reported to have found that Mills died of natural causes.

It was not officially determined how long Mills had been dead, but, being well-known around town, every one questioned about when he/she had seen him last answered, "about a week."

He survived by his mother, Mrs. Belle K. Mills and three sisters, Mrs. Naomi M. Michell and Miss Ada Mills of Durham, and Mrs. Remelia M. Snipes of Washington, D.C.

At press time, final arrangements for burial were incomplete.

Nazareth, Kentucky. The Sisters of Mercy of New York announced they had decided to reject an otherwise financially attractive Citibank offer of services until such time as Citibank's position on South African investments changes.

The Rev. Howard, the black American Baptist minister who presides over the 32-communion National Council of Churches, said the announcements were timed to coincide with the anniversary of the March 21, 1960 Sharpeville massacre [Continued on Page 7]

Anti-Defamation League:

Ku Klux Klan Likely To Produce Fresh Violence This Summer

NEW YORK, N.Y.—The Ku Klux Klan—heavily armed and pursuing deliberate confrontation tactics—is likely to provoke fresh violence this spring and summer, the Anti-Defamation League has warned federal officials.

In a report to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights in Washington last week, Irwin Suall, director of ADL's Fact Finding Department, said "increased vigilance" from law enforcement officials and greater public awareness of KKK ac-

tivities was necessary to meet the "challenge."

The reasons for the escalation of the Klan threat are threefold, Suall told the Commissioners: The advent of warmer weather, facilitating outdoor demonstrations; increased competition among Klan groups for headlines and notoriety, and announcements by leftist groups of their intentions to stage "direct, violent confrontations" of their own with Klansmen.

The report made public today by ADL cited four [Continued on Page 6]

Kennedy Tells Policyholders NCM's Gains Continue

North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company's assets increased to \$184.8 million in 1979; insurance in force increased to \$5.1 billion; and net gain from operations increased to \$1.1 million.

These were some of the indications of the company's growth, which continued in 1979, W.J. Kennedy III, NCM chairman, president and chief executive officer told policyholders Wednesday.

His remarks came during NCM's 81st annual policyholders meeting in the auditorium of the company's home office building.

"These figures solidify our position as America's pre-eminent predominantly black-managed financial institution," Kennedy said, "and are indications that continued growth will be our corporate goal as we enter a decade of uncertainty."

Kennedy said that although the economic situation remains unstable—he described it as chaotic and fragile—NCM was prepared for any economic eventuality.

"The growth in all areas of operations looks well for the future of North Carolina Mutual, no matter which way the economic indicators move," Kennedy added.

Some of the other year-end figures that Kennedy cited included a \$4.6 million increase in premium income to \$58.3 million, an increase in total income to \$69.2 million, up \$6.7 million over 1978, and dividends of \$2.15 million paid to policyholders, an increase

of \$585,000 over 1978. By surpassing the \$5 billion insurance in force figure, Kennedy said, meant NCM became the first predominantly black-managed life insurance company to reach that

mark. Insurance in force is one of the ways in which an insurance company is measured.

Elmer Young Jr., senior vice president of First Pennsylvania Bank [Continued on Page 6]

National Caucus On Black Aged To Convene May 4-8

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A Senate Special Committee on Aging Hearing to be convened by Senator John Heinz (Pa); the Spring meeting of the Congressional Black Caucus Brain Trust on Aging, chaired by Con-

gressman Harold E. Ford (Tn), and a Black Leadership Roundtable on the Economic Well-Being of Older Black Americans, presenting such noted authorities as Miss Dorothy I. Height, president, National Council of Negro Women; M. Carl Holman, president, National Urban Coalition; and William Pollard, director, Civil Rights Department, AFL-CIO, are only three of the major thought-provoking and action-oriented sessions scheduled to be held at the National Caucus on the Black Aged's Tenth Anniversary Conference, May 4-8, at the Philadelphia Sheraton Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Congressman William Gray (Pa) will convene the conference on the evening of Sunday, May 4, with a presentation on the important role the church plays in the lives of the black

elderly. Malvin Goode, pioneer black journalist, will deliver the keynote address at the main plenary session; Congressman Charles Rangel (NY) and Dr. Jean Harris, Secretary, Department of Human Development Services, State of Virginia, will co-chair a forum on "Health Programs and Policies for the 80s," Dr. Sadie T.M. Alexander will be presented NCBA's Living Legacy Award at a luncheon in her honor, and actor-poet Oscar Brown, Jr. will entertain at NCBA's Tenth Anniversary Dinner Dance. The conference agenda also includes a number of issue-oriented workshops, and other exciting and pertinent activities.

NCBA's annual conference has become the single most important forum for discussing issues affecting older black Americans. Further information and registration materials may be obtained by writing Ms. Kathy Coleman, Director of Special Projects, at NCBA, 1424 K Street, N.W., Fifth Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, or by telephoning (202) 637-8414.

Last Day To Register April 8

April 8 is the last day to register in order to be able to vote in the May 6 General Election for the Durham County School Board and the Primary Election for Durham County Commissioners, North Carolina Offices and United States President.

Registration books are open at the Board of Elections office in Room 224, Durham County Judicial Building from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Registrations can also be made at the Durham County Library, all branch libraries and the Bookmobile. Call the main library for registration hours.

A VOTELESS PEOPLE IS A HOPELESS PEOPLE

TIME REMEMBERED:

'Niggers, Jews and Dogs Not Allowed'

By James A. Thomas

There is an important, yet unanswered, historical question that needs to be asked.

Where are the historians of those wonderful, yet turmoil-filled days of yesteryear? Have the historians allowed memories of the great and important relationship that existed between southern blacks and Jews to become buried under today's loud and vicious racial attacks?

In the South, the blacks, because of color, lived under legal restrictions. Jews, on the other hand, because of their faith, customs and beliefs were also placed under the same restrictions. The black was born into his restrictions; the Jew was forced into his. Yet both lived under the same yoke of hate, deprivation and segregation. They learned to depend upon one another.

The poor Jew was never a part of the South's social pattern. The Jim Crow signs for blacks applied to Jews as well. "Niggers, Jews and Dogs not allowed."

Because of color and

economic deprivation, blacks could not move easily from their segregated communities. Nor could the Jew live in the "better" white neighborhoods.

When the Ku Klux Klan rode through black neighborhoods, more than once the Jew also felt the sting of their whips. Many Jews, knowing the sentiments of the "old" South, used their little shabby stores as both home and business.

For years, small Jewish neighborhood stores served the needs of the blacks. Today, many blacks look back upon those family dealings with bitterness. Sure, we can say that the Jew robbed us by the prices we had paid, but we always had food on the table and a healthy and loving family relationship. And they often allowed the heads of households to buy on credit.

It was in the Jewish department store that the blacks were first permitted to try on merchandise before purchasing it. Even though this was done behind a curtain or in a small stock room, it gave the black mother and

father some semblance of dignity. And there was also credit.

When the news got around in the black neighborhoods that Morgan's Department Store in Jacksonville, Florida did this, of course,

July 27-August 1 Set As Black Women's Week

WASHINGTON—The National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc. (NACWC), the nation's oldest black women's volunteer service organization, has declared the fourth week in July as "National Black Women's Week." This annual observance is designed as a tribute to the contributions of black women nationwide. The 1980 activities are scheduled for July 27 through August 1.

"The nation and indeed the world have benefited from the commitments and leadership abilities that black women have demonstrated for centuries," explained Mrs. Inez W. Tinsley, president

of the association. "The unrelenting efforts of these courageous women to induce progressive and positive changes for the betterment of all is to be commended and remembered."

According to Mrs. Tinsley, the fourth week in July marked the first conference of Black Women in America and was initiated by one of the organization's members, Mrs. Josephine St. Pierre Ruffin in Boston on July, 1895.

A major highlight of the week's observance will be the release of an extensive report, "The Status of America's Black Women." The report will

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march on Washington, D.C.

But before then, there was that unsung year when a group of black and Jewish scholars and lawyers met in Niagara Falls, New York in 1903 to lay the spearhead for the oldest and most recognized voice for the Black American—the NAACP.

The bond between the two goes even back into the 1800's, to the Sears and Roebuck affair in Missouri.

In that year, the first and oldest education scholarship foundation for blacks, the Rosenwald Foundation, was founded. Sears and Roebuck was the first to sell shares of its company to black employees. Each employee was permitted to buy bricks (company shares). Yes, there was a wonderful and workable relationship between blacks and Jews.

There is still a great need to continue this strong and productive relationship.

[Editor's Note: James A. Thomas is a community leader in Harlem. This article was originally published in the New York Amsterdam News.]

Triangle Groups Join Southeastern Coalition for A Non-Nuclear World

Six Triangle area organizations — NC PIRG-SANE, the Kudzu Alliance, D.A.N.G.E.R., Citizens Against Nuclear Power, Friends of the Filipino People and the People's Alliance — have joined with over sixty organizations from North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Puerto Rico in forming the Southeastern Coalition for a Non-Nuclear World. This group is part of a national coalition which is sponsoring a march and rally in Washington, D.C. during April 25-28.

The coalition, composed of labor, environmental, senior citizen, minority, peace and Native

American organizations, has listed as its five goals: (1) Stop Nuclear Power; (2) Zero Nuclear Weapons; (3) Safe Energy; (4) Full Employment; and (5) Honor Native American Treaties.

"CP&L" Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant is less than thirty miles from Durham, Raleigh and Chapel Hill, so all Triangle area citizens will be threatened by the potential for accidents like the one at Three Mile Island," said North Carolina Coalition coordinator and NC PIRG-SANE member Ms. Marilyn Butler. "Since CP&L has such a poor safety record at its Brunswick reactor, we

have good reason to be concerned for the area's safety. It's important for all Triangle area citizens to register their opposition to nuclear power in Washington."

The coalition's activities will include lobbying North Carolina's senators and representatives and a civil disobedience action at the Pentagon on Monday, April 28, in addition to the march and rally on Saturday, April 26. The groups in the coalition will also arrange for buses to take interested people to and from Washington on the day of the rally.

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