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"America Can Hasten Release of Hostages"

HOLDS LENGTHY TALKS WITH BLACK HOSTAGE

BY RICK E. ABEL The Call

KANSAS CITY, MO. - The Rev. Nelson Thompson, who talked at length with one black hostage still being held in Iran, [last week] said that the American government - if willing - could immediately hasten the release of some fifty captives at the United States Embassy there.

"If the United States is not willing to take appropriate actions," he said, "then this country could very well be at war with Iran by summer.'

Executive director of the Martin Luther King Urban Center, 1418 Garfield, Kansas City, Kansas, Rev. Thompson, a Methodist minister, was one of three American clergymen who went to Tehran, Iran, April 6, to conduct Easter services for the hostages.

The black hostage, Charles Jones, of Detroit, Mich., was a military liaison at the Embassy before the November 4, 1979 takeover by Iranian students. Because of his role before the takeover, it is possible that Jones was not among eight black persons set free by the Iranians November 19 and 20 of last year.

At that time, the militant students said that the remaining hostages would go on trial for spying. Five women were among those released last November.

Jones was one of 31 hostages with whom the clergy delegation from the

United States met. With Rev. Thompson were the Rev. Darrell Rupiper, a Roman Catholic priest from Omaha, Nebraska; and the Rev. Jack Bremer, of Lawrence, Kansas.

There were clergymen from other countries also conducting services, but the American ministers did not have an opportunity to compare notes with them.

Rev. Thompson, in explaining what the United States could do to quicken the release of hostages, compared the government's measures taken in Iran with measures taken here during the riots and demonstrations of the late 60's.

"Here in Kansas City in 1968, it was clear that the riots were not legal or justifiable acts," he said, "but it became necessary to look at the conditions which made black youths feel and think that they had no other alternatives. And the riots did get the attention of the nation.'

He said that those demonstrations could not be fully understood without first understanding the history of poor housing, unemployment and poverty - as most Americans - both white and black do.

"But most Americans don't know the history leading up to the present crisis in Iran," he said. "The Iranians are saying that the American government has in the past been guilty of supporting an oppressive government particularly under the Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi,"

Rev. Thompson said, "We all know what happened among the black leaders or organizations during the 60's. Martin Luther King, the Black Panthers, SNCC (Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee) and CORE (Congress of Racial Equality). All were infiltrated by the domestic intelligence agency - the FBI."

'In dealing with the Iranian situation," Rev. Thompson said, "we must ask ourselves as American citizens 'Is there any legitimate basis to their claim that we - through the CIA - aided in the overthrow of the Mossadegh government in 1953; placed the Shah into power, and for 26 years after that supported the Shah's government; and aided the Shah in his flight from Iran'.

Thompson, recounting even earlier history, said that the Shah's father had been in power and that the nationalist army - supported by the oppressed people of Iran - overthrew him with the help of the British government placing the Mossadegh government into power.

He spoke of the testimony of Jesse Leaf, a former CIA agent, who said that SAVAK agents (the Shah's secret police) were trained in America by CIA agents on torture techniques.

Rev. Thompson said that if these claims of the Iranians are true, then our government must accept one of their three demands that "America admit its complicity in the Iranian affair."

The other demands are that the Shah be returned to stand trial for allegedly torturing thousands of dissidents, and that they Shah return money taken from the country amounting from \$2.5 billion to \$3 billion (smallest estimates) to \$50 billion (greatest estimates).

"The major reason that the hostages were taken is because they are frightened. They are scared that unless America admits its involvement in their government then they stand the chance that the United States possibly will force another government on them which is not sincere with their concerns. They fear this."

But Thompson said that he feels President Carter will not admit the country's involvement because a war would be advantageous for him during the presidential elections.

Rev. Thompson said that Jones, the black hostage, did not seem optimistic about getting out of Iran alive.

"While we were talking he made a statement saying, 'I am a political prisoner and as such, I am being treated correctly'," Rev. Thompson said. "He said they talked about 45 minutes.

Rev. Thompson said that black Americans, by those outside of America, are seen totally different. "We are seen as leaders - as the pioneers of the modern struggle for peace, justice and equality."

He said that black people in this country are admired because "we are the only group of people who have emerged out of slavery without arms."

"The role of black ministers and preachers is crucial to them because of their historically moral and right stands on issues," he said. "It would be silly to sit back and not use this influence on a world perspective."

He said that black children in America also should know that they are seen as Kings and Queens - not the white children. He said that the world attitude on blacks in America should be taught in churches and schools.

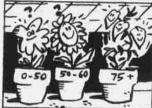
"They need to know how children right here in Kansas City are tied to an international struggle," he said, "especially since we've had a nonviolent revolution through God."

Rev. Thompson said that the United Methodist Council and the Committee for the American-Iran Crisis Resolution financed his trip there.

It requires eighteen hours of flying time to go from New York to Iran, he said.



As America becomes a nation of increasingly longlived people, how's your acuity about aging?



1. The fastest growing segment of our population is (a) under 50 (b) between 50 and 60 (c) over 75?

2. Older adults should (a) get regular exercise (b) always avoid vigorous exercise (c) substitute saunas and steam baths for exercise?





Fire Claims

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made project-wide.

fire, the heat was so intense they could not exit through the downstairs doors. The blaze was so hot that several of the Pierce's had their hair burned as they leaped.

All of the Pierce's furnishings and clothes were destroyed by the fire. Several Durham agencies are assisting the Oxford Manor Tenants Council and the Durham Tenants Steering Committee to raise funds to help the family restore furnishings.

The tragedy was anticipated by Mrs. Pierce. She stated in an interview after the fire, "I had a shortage in the apartment. They (repairmen) came

origin was believed related Supervisor and fixed the shortage to the recent fire. After they fixed the shorw flicken

not been done, which Mrs. Ferrell says tenants ex-The same complaints, tenants made again Wednesday to Housing Authority management. Assurances were given that inspections would be Tenants' patience with promises is wearing thin. Mrs. Pierce's sister, Ms. Mary Pierce, 36, was among one of uncounted victims in the same complex last December. Fire **MRS. GWISHIRI** engulfed her neighbor's apartment next door, in Named OWASA which a sixteen year old Accounting mother and her infant

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4. A decline in intellectual activities among longliving persons (a) commerces



at about age 63 (b) is inevitable (c) if it occurs, is most frequently the result of treatable medical or emotional problems?

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Sunlight penetrates the ocean to a depth of about 600 feet.

Fire in this Oxford Manor Apartment claimed the lite of four-year-old Joyce Pierce Tuesday night. Other members of the Pierce family were injured when they leaped from second floor windows. Pictured in the top insert are: Mrs. Jessie

Ferrell (at right) who is assisting Mrs. Betty Pierce to stand for the photo; Linda Pierce (left) and Charles Henry Pierce. A younger brother was hospitalized with second degree burns. Pictured in the bottom inset is Mrs. Rosa Clayton who lived next door to the the Pierces' who says that her apartment, like that of the Pierces', has wiring defects. Fire officials have ruled out electrical defects as a cause of the fire.

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Business

NCCU To Offer Two Summer Sessions

North Carolina Central Mathematics, Music, Nui- and University will offer this sing, Philosophy, Physical summer, for the first time Education, Recreation, Physics, Political Science, in the school's history, two consecutive summer Psychology, Sociology, Accounting, sessions. The irst session Spanish, begins May 24 and the se-Management Marketing, cond July 1. The university has con-Education and Ad-

ducted two summer ses- ministrative Services, and sions previsouly, but they Business Economics and ran concurrently. Most Finance. classes were offered in a Graduate level courses nine-week session in offered in the first sessio previous years, but a six- include those of the week session began later in departments of Biology, the summer, offering Chemistry, Education, graduate courses in educa-English, History, Home (primarily for Economics, Music, Education, teachers who had not Physical Psychology, Sociology, completed their school year when the nine-week and Business Education

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Chemistry,

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Mathematics,

Departments offering

sessions began.) The two sessions this vices. year include both undergraduate and graduate programs, and evening classes are scheduled in both sessions. Departments offering

English, Health undergraduate classes in History, the first session include Art, Biology, Chemistry, Music, Dramatic Art, Education, Philosophy, English, French, Education, Political Health Geography, History, Psychology, Sociology, Education,

Marketing, and Business Education and Administrative Services.

Evening courses (beginning at 5 p.m. or later) will be offered during the first session by the departments of Biology, Dramatic Art, Education, English, French. Geography, Health History, Education, Economics, Home Mathematics, Music (graduate level only), Physics, Political Science, Sociology (graduate level only), Accounting, and Management and Marketing.

Second session evening courses will be offered by the departments of Dramatic Art, Education (graduate level only), History, English, Mathematics, Political Psychology, Science, Sociology, Accounting, and Management and Marketing, and Business Education and Administrative Services.

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Registration for the first summer session is scheduled from 8:30 to noon, Saturday, May 24, and from 8:30 to 4 p.m., Tuesday, May 27, at NCCU's Farrison-Newton Building. Classes begin at 8 a.m., Wednesday, May 28, and final examinations are scheduled July 2 and 3.

Second session registration is scheduled July 1, 2, and 3, with classes beginning July 7. Final examinations for the second session are scheduled Satur-



A person uses up about 36 calories an hour driving a car.

tage the lights kept going dim and then they would go bright They fixed the lights again about five or six months before."

Charles Henry Pierce, 12-year-old son, told his mother the lights were dimming again earlier this week, two days before the fire.

Residents Believe Death Could Have Been Avoided

Many residents of housauthority owned ing apartments believe that Joyce Ann Pierce's death could have been avoided. The Pierce's apartment, the apartment next door, apartments throughout the complex and apartments in other complexes have had a history of electrical short-circuiting.

the Days before Mrs. Pierce tragedy, reportedly saw the lights flickering, a recurrent problem. Mrs. Rosa Clayton, who resides next door at 3622 Duke Lane Apartment 1, is sure the wiring had something to do with the fire. At the time the fire occurred, she was having trouble with circuit "When you breakers. turn the lights on, they blink and buzz," she said. Mrs. Jessie Ferrell, president of the Oxford Manor Tenants Council,

said that complaints of electrical malfunctioning are widespread, and she believes electrical malfunctions to be the cause of most of the firesat the complex. "This project has its share of fires," she said.

Troy Riley, supervisor of the City's fire inspectors, discounts Mrs. Ferrell's belief, saying that electrical inspectors have ruled out electrical malfunctioning. The electrical system was inspected and found in good order, Riley says.

Complaints about the electrical systems in Oxford Manor and in other housing authority properties are widespread. Last December, tenants from throughout the City's Housing Authority owned property met with Fire Inspector Supervisor Riley, making these same complaints. Since that time, electrical inspections by the fire inspectors have

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were killed. The fire's

Mrs. Ferrell says she Velma Gwishiri of can't prove it, but she Durham as its new acbelieves fire inspectors are counting office superoverlooking the facts that visor. would conclude electrical fires "to save the housing bachelor's degree in acauthority." counting from North

Mrs. Norma Burton, Carolina A & T State chairman of the Durham University and attended **Tenants Steering Commit**tee, was shocked as was Mrs. Ferrell to hear the Carolina Central Universinews that fire inspectors ty. had concluded electrical malfunctioning was not years where she was the fire's origin. employed by the city water

"It's too many people out there having problems with electrical wiring to say it is not that. I can't say that it was an electrical problem that caused the fire, but tenants feel that the department may be quashing the facts that it was an electrical problem

that is causing all these fires around here. It does in seem strange that all these fires that started began in the ceiling around those wires."

Riley has heard the complaints before, following other fires. The buildings were built to inspection standards he says, and the problems occur after the tenants move in. An example he cites is Mrs. Clayton's house, about herself, the better job which was checked out after the fire. The electrical system was found okay. But the inspectors, Riley says, would not turn on power to the unit until fire hazards, long extension cords, extra refrigerators, spliced extension cords and the like, disconnected. were

"Today when you go back they may have put it right back, and there is nothing you can do about it."

Riley says the Housing Authority has been offered fire detectors at a cost of \$10 each. Even in the event of fires, Riley says early warning would save lives.

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must use not only her head. It usually helps if she knows that all of her, head to toe, looks as good as she knows she is. The better she feels she can do. However, achieving that 110 great, puttogether look

is not something that Higgins just happens. The usual routine involves shopping, traffic,

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