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NAACP Launches Massive Campaign For Solidarity Day

NEW YORK — Busloads of demonstrators will be pouring into the nation's capital from as far away as California as NAACP branches gear up for the September 19 Solidarity March, NAACP Executive Director Benjamin L. Hooks announced from national headquarters in New York.

The massive demonstration sponsored by the NAACP, the National Urban League, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and Operation PUSH, in conjunction with the AFL-CIO and a coalition of civil rights, labor and other social organizations, is being organized to protest the Reagan Administration's budget cuts, Hooks explained. "The policies of this Administration to balance the budget on the backs of the poor does not have universal approval. We must raise the level of consciousness among the members of Congress and the federal government by making them aware of our unalterable opposition to this Administration's effort to make the poor, the elderly, the handicapped and minorities, the scapegoats for the economic ills of our society."

In his appeal for widespread community support, Hooks said, "Lifting up our voices today will ultimately save our country tomorrow." Visible public support, he said, will help deliver the urgent message that more than seven million people are out of work they need jobs now.

Demonstrators will assemble on the west slope of the Washington Monument at 15th and Constitution Avenue, N.W. starting at 10 a.m. with the march expected to begin at noon. The march route will extend from Constitution Avenue to 15th Street and down Pennsylvania Avenue. In addition, a mass rally has been scheduled for 2 p.m. featuring nationally recognized speakers and live entertainment.

The coalition of organizations lending heavy support to the effort also includes a number of professional organizations, fraternities and sororities, Hooks said, including the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., the National Council of Negro Women, the National Association of Real Estate Brokers, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the National Newspaper Publishers' Association and Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

"Special appeals have been directed to churches and religious organizations," he added. "We've already received support from the African Methodist Episcopal Church and we expect many others to join our noble cause."

Warrants Issued Against Two

By Donald Alderman

In a move that some citizens say is unusual, a Durham County magistrate issued warrants against two public safety officers last week at the request of a woman who said officers injured her arm while attempting an arrest.

Charged with assault and battery on a female are officers N.J. Blake and Paul Martin, both black.

Blake was responding to a call at 1212 Dawkins St., where a taxi driver said Ms. Joan Webb refused to pay a fare. Ms. Webb is charged with defrauding a taxi driver, assaulting a police officer and resisting arrest.

Chief magistrate Audrey Merritt issued the warrants against the officers. She refused to comment on whether the action was unusual. She said all warrants are issued based on "probable cause and testimony under oath." She would not comment when asked the number of attempts by citizens to obtain warrants against officers within the past year or how those attempts were generally decided.

Recently, citizens refused warrants against officers sparked concern throughout the community. The concern being that officers, the same as citizens, should be subject to the law.

The magistrate's office had contended that internal affairs would have to

investigate complaints against officers before a warrant could be issued. However, Ms. Webb obtained warrants without the prior investigation.

Two white women have been attempting since late March to obtain warrants against officers. Refused, they say attempts will continue.

Ms. Webb, who is black, would not comment on her case or the warrants-against-officers controversy.

Lt. R.B. Day of the department's internal affairs division described the action as "not everyday, but not uncommon."

Lt. Day would not release information concerning how complaints against officers were generally decided. He said when complaints are filed, internal affairs gathers facts and presents a detailed report to the public safety director where a final judgement is reached. He said when officers were found to have used excessive force, punishment ranged from an oral reprimand to termination.

On the integrity of the internal affairs division, he said the group is one of well-trained investigators. Many citizens contend that because of the division's interdepartmental relation, impartial investigations may not be rendered.

The officers involved, and PSO director Talmadge Lassiter could not be reached for comment.

Parent Protests PSO's Treatment Of Ten Year Old

Tommie J. Porter, president of The Copy Express of Durham, who described himself "as a concerned father, an extremely irate parent and an outraged citizen," has written a letter to Governor James B. Hunt, with copies to Attorney General Rufus Edmisten, U.S. Attorney General, Civil Rights Division; and Mayor Harry Rodenhizer, protesting the treatment of his ten-year-old son and nephew by a Durham Public Safety Officer on Wednesday, July 29.

In his letter, Porter described the situation: "On Thursday, 29 July 1981 my wife sent my son and nephew, both of whom are 10 years of age, on an errand to our neighborhood store.

Enroute to the store, Public Safety Officer D.L. Carlton, of the City of Durham Police Department, without even a minute degree of probable cause, took my son and nephew into custody, from where they were walking down the street in our neighborhood, and without permission took them to the home of a lady in our community who had reported being robbed. Upon viewing the two young boys, the lady evidently told the police officer that they were not the right young boys. As far as I can gather, this lady had been robbed by

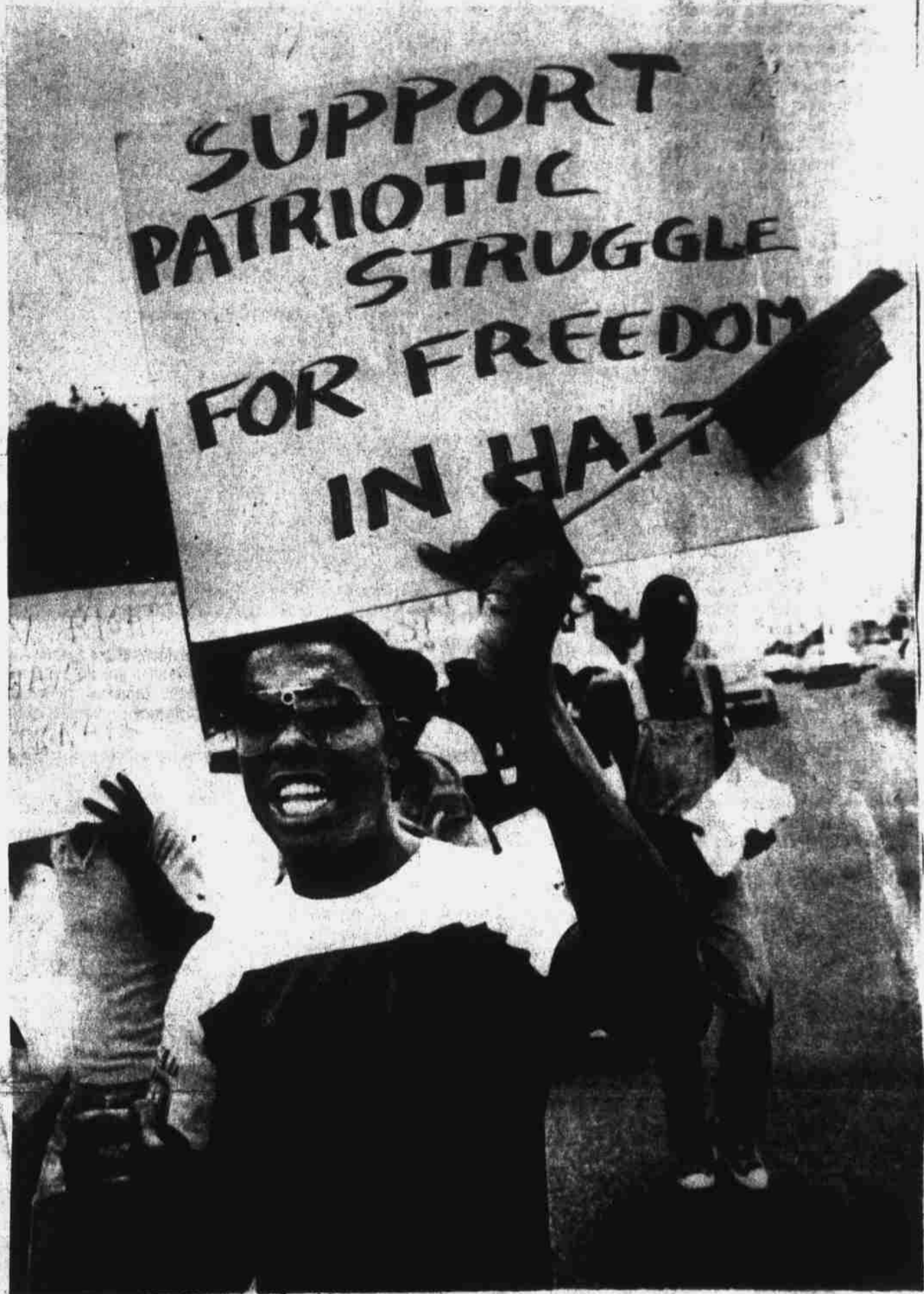
two young black males, teenagers, who were riding on a 'moped.' Neither my son nor my nephew have mopeds or were riding on one that day.

"Officer Carlton then took the two young boys, who, by this time, were terrified over what was happening to them and put them in the back of his squad car and returned them to the place on the streets where he had picked them up. He left them with no explanation for what had transpired or whether they were accused of wrong doing and that he had concluded that they had not done anything wrong.

"The experience of being 'arrested' by a police officer in a squad car so frightened them that by the time the two young boys walked the distance to my home they were so terrified that they were bordering on hysteria. When they reached home they were incoherent, almost unable speak. My wife had a difficult time securing from them information with respect to what actually had happened to them. Upon seeing the traumatic condition they were in, she then called me at my place of business to inform me of what was happening.

"My wife and I discussed the matter with Officer Carlton's superior and with the Mayor of

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Protest For Black Boat People

About 150 persons marched from Miami's "Little Haiti" neighborhood last week to a rally to protest legal treatment of Haitian refugees in the United States and the political climate in Haiti. Many of the marchers shouted slogans such as "Freedom to Black Boat People," and "Haiti yes, Duvalier no," referring to Haitian President Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier. Nearly 400 persons attended the rally, where former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark was one of the speakers.

UPI Photo

Nelson Johnson Vows Hunger Strike

By Donald Alderman

Nelson Johnson, Communist Workers Party member, was jailed in Greensboro Wednesday, July 29, on contempt of court charges. Johnson has vowed a hunger strike for the duration of his jail term. He said the reason for the strike is to "protest being held as a political prisoner."

Johnson is expected to be set free in about two weeks, a CWP spokesman said.

Johnson was initially charged with "participating in a riot"

following the November, 1979 Greensboro Massacre. In the pre-trial motions, prosecuting attorneys were seeking to raise his bail from \$15,000 to \$115,000 when Johnson was found to be in contempt of court.

Johnson had been held on \$100,000 bond until Judge Elrita Alexander-Ralston allowed him to leave on his own recognizance.

He has been criminally charged with six separate counts directly or indirectly stemming from the November 3 anti-Klan rally.

ly, most have been dismissed.

Since the Greensboro incident, in which five CWP members were killed, and the subsequent acquittal of six Nazis and Klansmen accused of the shootings, the CWP has worked persistently to expose what they claim is government involvement in the murders.

"The reason for the criminal charges brought by the government is to repress me, to slander and discredit me," Johnson said. "They have been calculated to present me and the CWP as 'terrorist crazies and hatemongers.' Such vicious attacks are meant to confuse people and block the truth about government assassinations."

... says Johnson.

He called the acquittal of the six Klansmen and Nazis "a total mockery of justice." He said the six were freed on the basis of self-defense despite evidence to the contrary.

Johnson decried the recent Asheville mistrial saying the Nazis should have been convicted of conspiring to bomb sections of downtown Greensboro.

Only CWP members have been found guilty of anything in relation to the Greensboro killings, mostly contempt of court charges. However, there have been two major trials, both stemming from the November 3 slayings.

In all, the CWP contends, the FBI, SBI, Bureau of Alcohol,

Tobacco and Firearms, and the Greensboro police department conspired with Klansmen and Nazis to kill the five CWP members and to bomb sections of Greensboro.

The Greensboro Justice Fund, a legal fund for the widowed and injured in the Greensboro shootout, has filed a civil rights suit against the various government agents and officials allegedly involved in the killings.

Former U.S. Attorney H.M. Michaux stated shortly before leaving office that the government should seek civil rights indictments against those involved. Johnson and the CWP agree, but say that action will not be taken because "the government was involved" in the killings.

Nonetheless, Johnson says "no amount of lies and distortions will be able to cover-up the truth about November 3. The mountain of information gathered... shows the conspiracy between the government, Klansmen and Nazis."

Johnson said the court system has acted contrary to all evidence from the first Klan-Nazi trial to his present contempt charges. "I have nothing but contempt for the court," said Johnson. "I will not contribute one bit of respectability to the court by pretending that it is anything except a disgusting, hypocritical, repressive control mechanism for the rich."

"Blacks Are Honorable," Says Speaker

Dr. Ada Markita Fisher told students at the July 25th closing seminar of the Third Annual Summer Academic Advancement Program in Chapel Hill, to "hold high the torch." In a paraphrase of a poem, Dr. Fisher challenged the students in the health sciences program to "Hold high the torch, you did not light its glow, 'twas lit for you by others you know." "Too often," she said, "blacks who have achieved some modicum of success, talk of how they made it in spite of being black." This is demeaning and a put down of our people, she explained to the students. "I cannot believe the despair being moaned by

our people in response to the conservative tide the country now faces," Dr. Fisher said. She told the students not to believe the statistics quoted regarding blacks on public assistance. "Only 10-12% of welfare recipients are black," she said. "When the cuts in the budget are appreciated, it will be the

poor white Americans who will suffer most." We know that cuts in Medicare are coming, she told the students. Many black Americans have not qualified for Medicare; therefore these cuts will hit the white population more. Many of the programs destined to be cut will affect some portion of

our people but for the most part, our involvement in these programs has not been as extensive as has been publicized, Dr. Fisher explained.

"I do not understand our despair," she continued. "If ever there was a people destined to lead in these times, it is black people. For so long we have been a group which has made something from nothing. Dr. Shepard started NCC from dreams and a hope and a prayer. N.C. Mutual sold life insurance policies for 25¢ to become the largest black insurance company in the world. To be black is to be proud. To be black is to be honorable. It does not mean we tolerate wrong

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Durham Committee On Affairs Of Black People Meetings

Aug. 9, 7:30 PM	Education Committee
Aug. 13, 6 PM	White Rock Executive Committee
Aug. 13, 7 PM	Library Regular Meeting
Aug. 15, 9 AM	Library Housing Committee
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