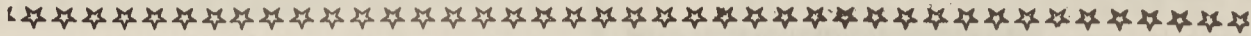


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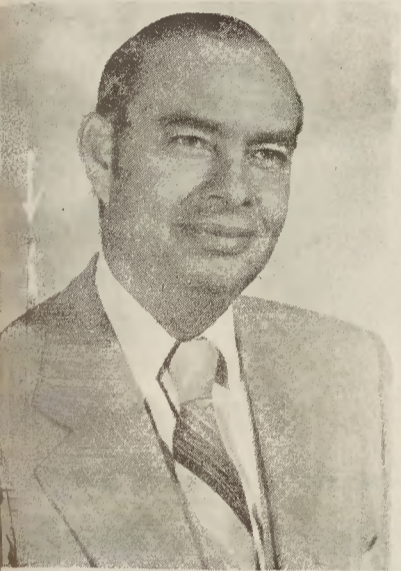
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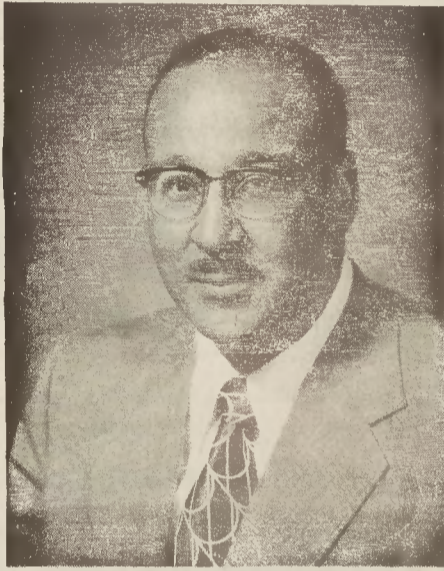


Changing of the Guard

Kennedy To Retire From NCM, Bert Collins Named President



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KENNEDY

William J. Kennedy III, 67, chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company announced (Monday, May 30) his intention to retire as president and chief executive officer and an active employee effective June 30, 1990. At that time he will have completed forty years of continuous service at the company, in addition to several years of employment during his college years.

Kennedy, a Durham native, has been president and chief executive officer of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company since October 1, 1972. He was first elected to the board on January 11, 1975, was elected chairman March 1979. He was last elected to a one-year term as a director on March 22, 1989 and will continue to serve as a director and chairman of the board of the company.

Kennedy earned a bachelor of science degree at Virginia State College (now Virginia State University) and master of business administration degrees from the University of North Carolina School of Business, University of Pennsylvania and the Graduate School of Business (now the Stern School of Business) at New York University. He also completed the Executive Program at Stanford University.

During his tenure as chief executive officer, the assets of North Carolina Mutual increased from \$129 million to \$216 million at the end of 1989, and total annual income increased from \$36.6 million to \$72 million. Insurance in force increased from \$1.4 billion to \$2.1 billion. N.C. Mutual remains the largest life insurance company in the state, predominantly managed by African Americans.

Kennedy serves as a director and chairman of Mechanics and Farmers Bank, Durham; director and chairman of UNC Ventures, Chapel Hill; director of the Jones Group, Inc., Charlotte; Investors Company, Chapel Hill; Pfizer, New York; Mobil Oil Corporation, New York and The Oats Company, Chicago.

Kennedy will continue to serve as a director and chairman of North Carolina Mutual subsidiaries, NCM Capital Management Group, Inc., Life Communications, Inc., Midwest Underwriters, Inc. He also serves as a director of American Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Kennedy serves on numerous boards of non-profit and civic organizations at the local, state and national level.

Kennedy announced also that Bert Collins, 55, has been elected by the Board of Directors to succeed him as president and chief executive officer of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, effective July 1, 1990. Collins, who is currently executive vice president and chief operating officer, started his career with the company September 18, 1967.

A native of Austin, Tex., Collins received a law degree from North Carolina Central University Law School in Durham, an M.B.A. from the University of Detroit and a bachelor of science in business administration from Huston-Tillotson College in Austin, Tex. He holds licenses as a Certified

Public Accountant and as an attorney. Collins completed the Junior Executive Program at the University of North Carolina.

Collins is a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors for Mutual Savings and Loan Association; Board of Trustees of North Carolina Central University; Board of Directors for NCM Capital Management Group, Inc.; North Carolina Business Advisory Board, Duke University; the Governor's Council on the Arts and Humanities; the National Board of Boys Clubs of America UDI, Inc., and is chairman of the Raleigh-Durham International Airport Authority.



NIGHT OF A THOUSAND STARS — Bragtown public library was one of the sites for a program to encourage children to read. Celebrity guests were invited to read their favorite book to demonstrate the need for families to read together. Among those reading at Bragtown April 25 are from left to right: Jack Bond, county manager, Ms. Diane Wright, city council member, Mrs. Mary Black, county commission candidate, Edward Rayford, Dr. Benjamin Speller from NCCU. The children are Damian Allison, Shaneeka Moore, in rocking chair and Keeshia Moore, in dress. (Photo by Mayfield)

County Commission Candidates Air Platforms: Education Is Big

By Donald E. Mason

The ten Democratic candidates for Durham County Commissioner addressed the citizens in a public forum Tuesday night at White Rock Baptist Church.

The forum, sponsored by the Durham Democratic party, was held to allow the public to meet the Democratic candidates and to hear each candidate's political platform.

The candidates who appeared at the forum were William Bell, Mary Ann Black, Doug Davis, Deborah Giles, Sid Ray, John Hamby, Becky Heron, Ellen Reckow and Issac Robinson. Also in attendance Eugene Brown. He arrived later in the evening.

Chairman incumbent William Bell said that his main concerns focused on improving the education system, increasing the tax base, reducing the infant mortality rate and the school merger.

Mrs. Mary Ann Black said that her platform is geared toward teenage pregnancy, education and human services. "I really think that it is important to take care of the citizens of Durham," Black said. "I think that we need to make sure that we put enough money into human services so that the citizens of Durham can be taken care of,"

she said.

Candidate Doug Davis said that the three areas of the community that he plans to focus on are health issues, employment and growth in the area's environment.

"I can assure you that education will be my number one priority," said candidate Ms. Deborah Giles. "It is my belief that the best way to promote growth in Durham County is to promote growth through quality education," Giles said. Ms. Giles also said that growth which is compatible with the environment and transportation top her list of concerns.

John Hamby expressed his concerns for the increasing dropout rate. "This issue concerns me the most," Hamby said. "We're not spending enough time on this issue," he said. Hamby said that a finance plan and a land use and growth plan should be implemented into the Durham County government this year.

Democratic hopeful Mrs. Becky Heron said that the issues that concerned her most were education, social services and balancing growth and environment.

"I oppose school merger," said candidate Sid Ray. "I oppose it because I oppose the merging and

mixing of bodies and I don't think the people of Durham County will vote for a merger unless they are sure something good will come out of it," he said. While Ray opposes a school merger, he is in favor of protecting the environment and strengthening the education system.

Mrs. Ellen Reckow said she will focus mainly upon a school facility improvement plan, the school merger and education.

"I am concerned with the growing underclass," said candidate Issac Robinson. These people include industrial workers, high school dropouts, teenaged mothers and fathers and the young black male who is being pushed out of society," Robinson said. If elected to the Board of Commissioners, Robinson said that he will focus on higher teachers' salaries, and the recruitment of industries into the Durham area which would provide jobs for the working class.

Eugene Brown, the last candidate to speak, expressed his concern about infant mortality, education and cooperation among the races. "We were brought over here on separate boats," he said, "but we're all in the same boat now."

News Briefs

BLACK CAUCUS WANTS MASSIVE CUT IN MILITARY BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Congressional Black Caucus released a budget calling for a massive reduction in U.S. military spending and converting the money to social programs.

The cuts proposed by the 24-member caucus is nearly five times greater than those proposed by the Pentagon. If the Black Caucus has its way, the military payroll would be slashed by 200,000 men and women over the next-12 months. However, the Caucus proposals are not given much chance of success. But they may represent a sign of things to come as growing numbers of Congressional members question the need for a large military now that the chance of war with the Soviet Union has been so greatly reduced.

Currently, blacks make up 12% of the general U.S. population but over 20% of those in the military. Many of them will lose jobs as military cuts gain popularity.

BLACKS HIT HARDEST BY CRIME

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A federal study has revealed what many African Americans already knew — blacks are much more likely than whites to be victims of crime. According to the Justice department's National crime Survey, the rate of violent crime against blacks is 44 per 1,000 compared to 34 per 1,000 for whites.

However, blacks are twice as likely as whites to be robbery victims and nearly six times as likely to be murdered.

Meanwhile, whites are more likely to be attacked and injured during a robbery. But when robbing a black person the attacker is more likely to use a gun.

NEW YORK MAYOR HITS ADMINISTRATION'S DRUG WAR

NEW YORK, N.Y. — The recently elected first black mayor of New York City hit hard at the Bush administration so-called war against drugs. David Dinkins told a U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting in Washington, D.C., that the nation's cities need money to battle drugs but like former President Reagan, President Bush's policies remain "rooted in austerity and mired in inactivity."

Dinkins also echoed the growing view that the current drug wars would never end the drug problem, adding, "We need increased employment drug treatment on demand."



WASHINGTON — President Bush meets with Panamanian President Guillermo Endara in the Oval Office. Endara is looking for aid to help Panama recover from the invasion of U.S. troops. (UPI Photo)