

# Police Chief Rules Out Cop Set-Up

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Amid charges that police set up demonstrators in the Klan shootings Nov. 3, Police Chief W.E. Swing denied that the police had any part in such a set-up.

"I don't know," said Swing, "who told the Klan of the site at Everitt and Carver."

"The police didn't. But," he promised, "I'm going to find out who did."

Members of the Workers Viewpoint Organization, led by Nelson N. Johnson, had charged that the Saturday shootings were part of an assassination plot against members of the group. The group had charged that police, in failing to provide adequate protection for the demonstrators, had allowed the Klansmen to come in and have a field day with the WVO.

Coming into the city from I-85 on the U.S. 220 exit, Klansmen apparently had some advance knowledge of the Carver-Everitt site of the demonstration. The vehicles did not go to the originally planned site at Windsor Community Center at

Lee and Benbow, but stopped instead at the other site.

There were reports that the van, under surveillance by the police department, was lost by officers as it entered Greensboro's city limits. Thus officers were unaware that the van, carrying armed men, was able to get into the city to the parade site without the officers' knowledge.

However, Swing denied that the van had been lost. "I didn't say that," he said.

In an article in the Greensboro Daily News, Capt. Trevor Hampton is quoted as saying that he was to meet with Johnson to discuss the Everitt-Carver site Saturday, ruling out that police were unaware that marchers might begin the parade there.

Immediately after the shootings, it was stated that the police were unaware that the site was being used as a starting point for the parade.

Hampton's statement casts some doubt on the previous statements that police were unaware of the use of Carver-Everitt as a beginning point of the demonstration.



Speaking Out

At a press conference, Nelson N. Johnson [r.] explains the strategy behind the demonstration Saturday. Seated with Johnson, from left to right

are Mrs. Joyce Johnson, Nelson's wife, and Mrs. Signe Waller, wife of James Waller, one of the victims of the slayings.

# Residents Oppose March

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The Confederation of Greensboro Residence Councils has protested the use of federal housing areas as sites of demonstrations such as the one Saturday at Morningside Homes.

Mrs. Ruth Beasley,

spokesperson for the confederation and president of Morningside Residence Council, stated that the groups felt victimized. Johnson, she stated, did not, to her knowledge discuss use of the housing complex as a demonstration site with anyone at Morningside.

At an earlier press conference, Johnson stated that he decided on that black neighborhood because Klansmen were against blacks. He reasoned that blacks would fight back in a show of strength between the Klan and The Workers Viewpoint Organization.

However, the resident council indicated that none of the injured, or those who were killed in Saturday's confrontation were residents of Morningside. Leaving a yard full of bodies, and doorways filled with dead

people, the confrontation was one of the worst in Greensboro, they said.

And, in the wake of the shootings, the neighborhood of Morningside was filled with frightened people, afraid to talk to the FBI, or to reporters for fear that the Klan would retaliate.

The residents council included members of Morningside, Hampton, Smith and Warren Homes, Claremont and Springview Courts, and Hall Towers and Gateway Plaza.

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tendent Dr. James Adams for dismissal but the school board's vote of 4-4 granted her a reprieve.

This was her 10th year of academic teaching having spent five years in the Statesville School System. During her first two years with the system she taught the second grade at Walkertown Elementary where she received excellent evaluations.

In her third year she was assigned to teach the first grade at Clemmons Elementary School, her first year as a first grade teacher. She said her problems began from an initial complaint made by a parent who complained that her child was behind other students' classes in reading.

She was then recommended for assistance by her principal. Her assistance was two supervisors, a helping teacher and a reading coordinator.

"I was subjected to conflicting instructions, but I did the things I was

asked," Mrs. Davidson said. "It was frustrating and nerve racking, because too many people were trying to teach my class."

"This disruptive situation became demoralizing, undermined my control of the classroom, and left little room for me to define my role as a teacher to my students and to myself."

In the 1978-79 school year she was transferred to another school where she was still under the Teachers Assistance Program. At her new school, South Fork Elementary, the principal requested that Mrs. Davidson be dismissed at the end of the 1978-79 school year.

Mrs. Davidson said she was recommended for dismissal by her principal at South Fork because, her bulletin boards were something to be desired, she didn't promote fun games and that she could not properly discipline her students.

# Woman Died from 11-Year Old Wound

By Patrice E. Lee  
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An 11-year-old bullet wound caused the death of an elderly woman whom police had first thought was murdered according to the investigating officer.

Mrs. Jessie Wilmore Chandler's death Oct. 23 due to a gunshot would she received Oct. 13, 1968, said Det. Robert Russell, who investigated the case.

"The fragments had eroded a vein, creating the bleeding. She bled to death as a result of a wound 11 years old," Russell said.

Police were actively investigating the case last week as a murder, based on the autopsy report. all Russell came up with after talking with neighbors and friends was that Mrs. Chandler had been shot before. "They couldn't come up with a motive" for murder, Russell said.

A daughter in South Carolina confirmed that Mrs. Chandler had been known as Jessie Benson before her marriage several years ago, and the department was able to solve the case by checking police and medical records, Russell said.

According to a copy of the report filed 11 years ago, Mrs. Jessie Benson was shot accidentally by an unidentified assailant and treated at the Kate Biting Reynolds Hospital for the head wound.

The bullet was lodged in her forehead, near the eye and brain and was not removed, the report said.

# AKAs File Brief With High Court

The 70,000 member Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority has filed a "Friend of the court" brief in a suit challenging the federal government's set-aside programs for minority contractors.

"It's a \$4.2 billion issue," said Dr. Barbara K. Phillips, the local school principal who is national president of the sorority. "If the community gets that \$4.2 billion, it ought to insure a lot of jobs."

The brief, filed by Chicago lawyer Julian B. Wilkins, was the first ever filed by the sorority. Phillips said the move came at the request of Rep. Parren B. Mitchell, D-Md., the legislative architect of the set-aside programs.


"That's why we felt it was time to help to influence social policy," said Phillips.

Fullilove vs. Kreps raises the landmark issue of whether the set-aside program is constitutional.

The sorority filed the brief on Oct. 9 as a result of a challenge by H. Earl Fullilove to the constitutionality of a 1977 law passed by Congress. This law provided for 10% of all federal grants to be set aside for minority contractors. Fullilove and other non-minority contractors have alleged that the 10% guarantee represents an unconstitutional preference for minorities.

As a friend of the court, the sorority argued that the court should uphold the constitutionality.

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