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South Africa

'Seige Trial' Watched Closely

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JOHANNESBURG [AN] On September 11, a South African appeals court commuted the death sentence of James Mange, a black man convicted of conspiracy in what was perhaps the country's most intense criminal trial in recent years. Mange's reprieve follows ten months of clemency appeals from dozens of governments and international agencies, and coincides with another pivotal court case.

If the death sentence had been carried out on James Mange, defenders of the South African legal system would no longer be able to claim that no one has ever been executed for a purely political crime.

Solomon Mahlangu, hanged in 1978, who like Mange was a self-avowed guerrilla of the African National Congress (ANC), was convicted on a criminal charge—the murder of a white civilian in downtown Johannesburg.

Neither Mange, who will now serve 20 years, nor his eleven co-defendants killed or injured anyone. They were convicted of involvement in a plot to attack a police station in Cape Province, though they had no weapons in their possession at the time of their arrest last year.

The success of the appeal for clemency in the Mange case is seen here as evidence of the government's reluctance to flout local and international opinion, hanging Mange would have tarnished Prime Minister P. W. Botha's carefully cultivated reformist image. It should also be noted, however, that the South African appeals court has a generally more liberal reputation than the lower courts, as evidenced in recent rulings opening up the fields of labor and influx control to broader interpretation.

The appeals court ruling in the Mange case comes in the middle of a similar and potentially more sensational political trial, one involving charges of treason and terrorism in connection with two guerrilla attacks in January 1980. Those accused of carrying out the raids were allegedly trained in socialist countries as ANC guerrillas.

The trial takes on added importance because, unlike the spate of guerrilla attacks against police stations in black townships over the past few years, the attacks in January



This map shows the locations of several guerrilla attacks in recent months. / Africa News map

targeted white areas. In the first incident, a police station in the tiny white farming community of Soekmekkar was riddled with bullets from Soviet-made AK assault rifles. In the second incident, three guerrillas armed with AKs and hand grenades marched into a bank at midday in the Pretoria suburb of Silverton, took hostages and demanded the release of political prisoners. The five-hour siege ended when a police SWAT team stormed the building in a shoot-out that left three guerrillas and two of the hostages dead.

As in the Mange case, the Silverton-Soekmekkar defendants were nowhere near the scene of the attacks when they were arrested. The prosecution, consequently, has depended chiefly on the testimony of security police and unnamed witnesses, who have turned state's evidence to link the nine accused to the armed incidents, allegedly planned by the ANC.

The mood of the current trial, known as the 'Silverton siege trial,' cannot be compared with the Mange case, for that was the most bizarre political trial this country has ever seen. Mange and his co-defendants refused to recognize the legitimacy of the court, fired their legal counsel, interrupted the trial with renditions of freedom songs, and were finally incarcerated in a glass cage in the courtroom.

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Young Twirlers

Photo by A. Blue

The Tiny Indians Midget Majorettes are into their first year as a group. Under the direction of Jacqueline Richardson, the group performs during halftime for the Boy's Club Indians Junior Midget football team. Left to right are: (standing) Mona Redd, Chevy Rice, Pam Mills, Jacqueline Richardson; kneeling left to right: Tammy Brown, April Brown and Angela Holt.

Patterson Ave. Y To Move

'Y' Sites Sought

By Donna Oldham Staff Writer

Three tracts of land in East Winston are being viewed as possible sites for the new YMCA that will be built replacing the one on Patterson Avenue.

Board members of the "Y" had been negotiating and had expressed interest in relocating the facility for

almost a year, however, the executive board has had to make tentative plans since R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., announced last month that it had purchased the land where the "Y" is now located as part of its multi-million dollar expansion project.

According to Richard Glover, executive director of the Patterson Avenue

YMCA* although no definite plans or details can be revealed at this time, the three sites are all being investigated and viewed with interest.

Seventh Street, off Claremont Avenue; Highway 311, between Gerald and Dellbrook Streets and an area of land in Winston Lake Park behind the Jet-

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Big Winner

Jeremy Dion Fulks can hardly carry the large stuffed lion he won the first day of the Dixie Classic Fair which runs through Saturday, Oct. 11.

Photo by A. Blue

Honoring Mrs. Dazelle Lowe

Portrait Unveiled

A portrait of Mrs. Dazelle Foster Lowe, of 2403 N. Cherry Street, Winston-Salem was unveiled and hung in the Agriculture Building at N.C. A & T State University during a program that traced the roots of the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service.

Mrs. Lowe worked 32 years with Extension and through August 30, 1980 continued to support it in her retirement.

A member of a family of 13, Mrs. Lowe was reared by her grandmother and an aunt. Her grandmother influenced her to prepare herself for public service. She studied at Shaw University and taught in the public school system of Wake County.

During the summer of 1919 Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, State Demon-

stration Leader, was employing teachers to assist families with food preparation, sanitation, and conservation. Mrs. Lowe visited with Mrs. McKimmon which resulted in her employment for the summer in Lexington, N.C.; the beginning of her career in Extension.

Mrs. McKimmon was so impressed with Mrs. Lowe's dedication and perseverance that several years later, 1924, she located

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Political Forums Set By NAACP

By Donna Oldham Staff Writer

In connection with its "Voter Education Project 1980," members of the Winston-Salem Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has designated the next three Sundays in October for public candidate forums.

According to Mrs. Bessie Allen, chairperson of the Voter Education Project, and Father Michael Curry, chairperson of the Candidate Forum, the purpose of the Sunday sessions is to inform the voting public of issues in the 1980 campaign, and the position of the candidates on those issues. Each of the three forums is designed to focus on specific issues of federal, state and local concerns.

Question from the audience will provide dialogue and information. According to Allen and Curry, the forums are not debated and all candidates seeking offices will be given equal time.

The format of the forum will include:

1. Each candidate will be given two minutes for opening remarks.
2. Each candidate will be

give an opportunity to respond to prepare questions based on the issues of a questionnaire that was provided to the candidates prior to the forums.

3. Each candidate will be given an opportunity to respond to written questions from the audience.

4. Each candidate will be given two minutes for closing remarks.

Only candidates registered with the Forsyth County Board of Elections for the following offices will be allowed to participate in the forums.

FEDERAL OFFICES- October 12

President and vice president (representatives of) U.S. Senate (representative of)

Member of Congress- 5th District

STATE OFFICES- October 19

Governor- (representative of)

Lt. Governor (representatives of) State Senate

State House

LOCAL OFFICES- October 26

County Commissioner Board of Education District Court Judge (21st

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B&C Survey Part III

Race Relations Worsening

By Robert Brown and Hal Sieber B & C Associates

A black college administrator, an elected official in local government, said: "There's a hotel I know which claims to be an equal opportunity employer. One of its restaurants has only black waiters; its cafe has only white waitresses on one shift, only black waitresses on another shift; all three units have white managers, white maitre d's, white cashiers, black busboys, white top chefs, black assistant chefs, black dishwashers. I've asked questions and I get the same story. "We hire the best people we can find." But the doesn't explain why the staffs are so racially identifiable, does it?" Some of the company presidents and board chairmen ought to look at their EEO figures, especially at the top levels, and see

whether there isn't a whole lot that still could be done to eliminate discrimination in employment."

A black engineer, employed by a large manufacturing firm, said: "Some companies are doing a lot better than they used to, but they are few and far between. I'm okay here, but many blacks, a lot of my friends, have been laid off in our company's cutback recently. The union and everybody is watching to make sure that the cutback is done fairly, but is it fair when seniority means "last hired, first laid off," and the last hired is black people? Affirmative action gains of several years get wiped out and then we've got to start all over."

"These companies aren't very smart. They ought to be trying real hard to get our interest and attention because we spend billions of dollars. If you look at T.V. you can tell which companies care and which

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Crime Up In Housing Complex

By Donna Oldham Staff Writer

money. Ms. Cockerham also said that she believes that adults are prompting

children to steal.

"Children don't know the difference between 12-

karat, 24-karat and custom jewelry. Someone has to

Residents of Kingston Greens, a Turnkey III development off Old Greensboro Road will meet with officials of the Winston-Salem Housing Authority on Oct. 21, to discuss methods of curbing criminal acts involving children of residents that have plagued the area for about three months.

Mary Cockerham of Galaxy Court said that she personally had been robbed of approximately \$2,000 worth of jewelry and

Hunt Cites Economic Growth In Forsyth

Governor Jim Hunt cited Forsyth County today as an "outstanding example of what state and local governments working together can accomplish in creating jobs for the people of North Carolina." Hunt was talking about

the \$299,551,000 invested in new and expanded industry that has come to Forsyth County in the first

three and half years of his administration--an investment that represents 1,637 new jobs.

The largest new investment came in the first six months of 1980 when CPC International, Inc. decided to locate in Forsyth. The plant represents a \$60 million investment and provides 150 new jobs.