

# Leaders urge church action

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INDIANAPOLIS -- A South African church leader wants the world's churches to take a more active role in fighting apartheid.

"We in the church must say to (South African) President P.W. Botha and President Ronald Reagan that suffering and injustice are not what God wants," the Rev. Allan Boesak said recently.

"We must not be afraid to say we have seen another vision, we know another God. This constant death and dying, this persistent despair is not the way of God," he told 700 people at United Methodist Church in Indianapolis.

Boesak, who is president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, was invited by the Indiana Interreligious Commission

on Human Equality to preach. The commission invites experts on South Africa each year "to keep us informed about apartheid and the part people in the United States can play in liberating blacks in that system," said director Dorothea Green.

Boesak, 40, said the end of apartheid, South Africa's policy of racial segregation, is a long way off.

"The fight will become worse before it becomes better," he said. "Many more will die, many more will be imprisoned. More stories of sorrow will be told before the end of apartheid."

He said reforms acceptable to both white and black South Africans are not possible. "It is not a question of moving the furniture. We have to tear the house down."

Boesak, a minister in the Dutch Reformed Church, is founder of the United Democratic Front, a multiracial anti-apartheid committee that serves as the umbrella group for organizations following the political line of the African National Congress.

The ANC, which leads the armed struggle against apartheid, has been outlawed since 1960. Boesak's UDF has been condemned by the South African government.

After Boesak was arrested twice in South Africa for protesting apartheid, the government withdrew his passport in November 1985 just days before he was to leave for Washington to receive the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award. The government has since cleared him for travel.

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getting the black community more committed. We want to continue to do work for humanity. We want to make ourselves available to meet the needs of our community."

To accomplish this goal, he says, the conference will provide information, counseling and support where needed.

The condition of the black family will also be discussed, and Roland says the conference will work with local agencies in addressing the problem. He is confident that that problem, and others, can

be solved through joint efforts and cooperation.

"Through Christ we can do all things," he says. "The black family has problems, and whites have problems, too. We can't do it (solve the problems) on our own. We have to lean on him (God) because without him we can do nothing. There is no defeat or fault in God. It is in us."

Other officers of the conference are the Rev. H.L. Moore, vice president; Dr. Warnie C. Hay, treasurer; the Rev. Rueben J. Gilliam, secretary, and the Rev. L.V. Stennis, recording secretary.

## Funerals

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nephews, Bobby Carter, Billy Carter, Ralph Parks and Kevin Dixon; a great-niece, Roberta Caston; several great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews; several other relatives and friends.

Services were held at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31, in the chapel of the Hooper Funeral Home, with the Rev. Jimmy Montgomery officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery. Hooper Funeral Directors was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

### LILLIAN BURWELL LEWIS

Dr. Lillian Burwell Lewis, 87, of 1524 E. 14th St. died Monday, Jan. 19, at Forsyth Memorial Hospital. She was a native of Meridian, Miss., and the widow of the late Professor John F. Lewis.

Dr. Burwell was a retired professor, having taught at Winston-Salem State University for many years. She received her bachelor's degree from Howard University in Washington, her master's degree from the University of Chicago in 1937 and her doctorate from the same institution in 1946.

Dr. Burwell was a member of Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Moles and many other organizations in Winston-Salem. She was a member of Wentz Memorial United Church of Christ. She is survived by two

sisters-in-law, Elizabeth B. Lewis of Winston-Salem and Annie Lewis Bond of Jackson, Tenn.; five nieces; five nephews; many grand-nieces, grand-nephews and many friends.

Services were held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24, at Wentz Memorial United Church of Christ, with Dr. Marion R. Blair officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery. Clark S. Brown and Sons Funeral Home was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

### NORMAN P. SHELTON

Norman P. Shelton of 4654 Indiana Ave. died Monday, Jan. 19, at Forsyth Memorial Hospital. He was a native of Winston-Salem and attended the local public schools. He was a retired employee of Factory No. 8, RJR Nabisco.

Shelton was a member of United Metropolitan Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy S. Shelton of Winston-Salem; one stepgranddaughter, Ellen S. Jackson of Winston-Salem; two stepgrandsons, the Rev. Charles Smith of Winston-Salem and Sgt. Novell Smith of Houston; four sisters, Jo Anna Harris, Eliza Williams, both of Winston-Salem, Lula Brown of the Bronx, N.Y., and Mary S. Gambrell of New Haven, Conn.; four brothers, Nick Shelton, Alex

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time, he has served in Wilmington and is currently the pastor of St. Mark and Maranatha Seventh-Day Adventist churches of Sumter and Manning, S.C.

The theme of the program is "We Shall Be Changed."

The sermon topic for the program will be "When God Catches Your Eye."




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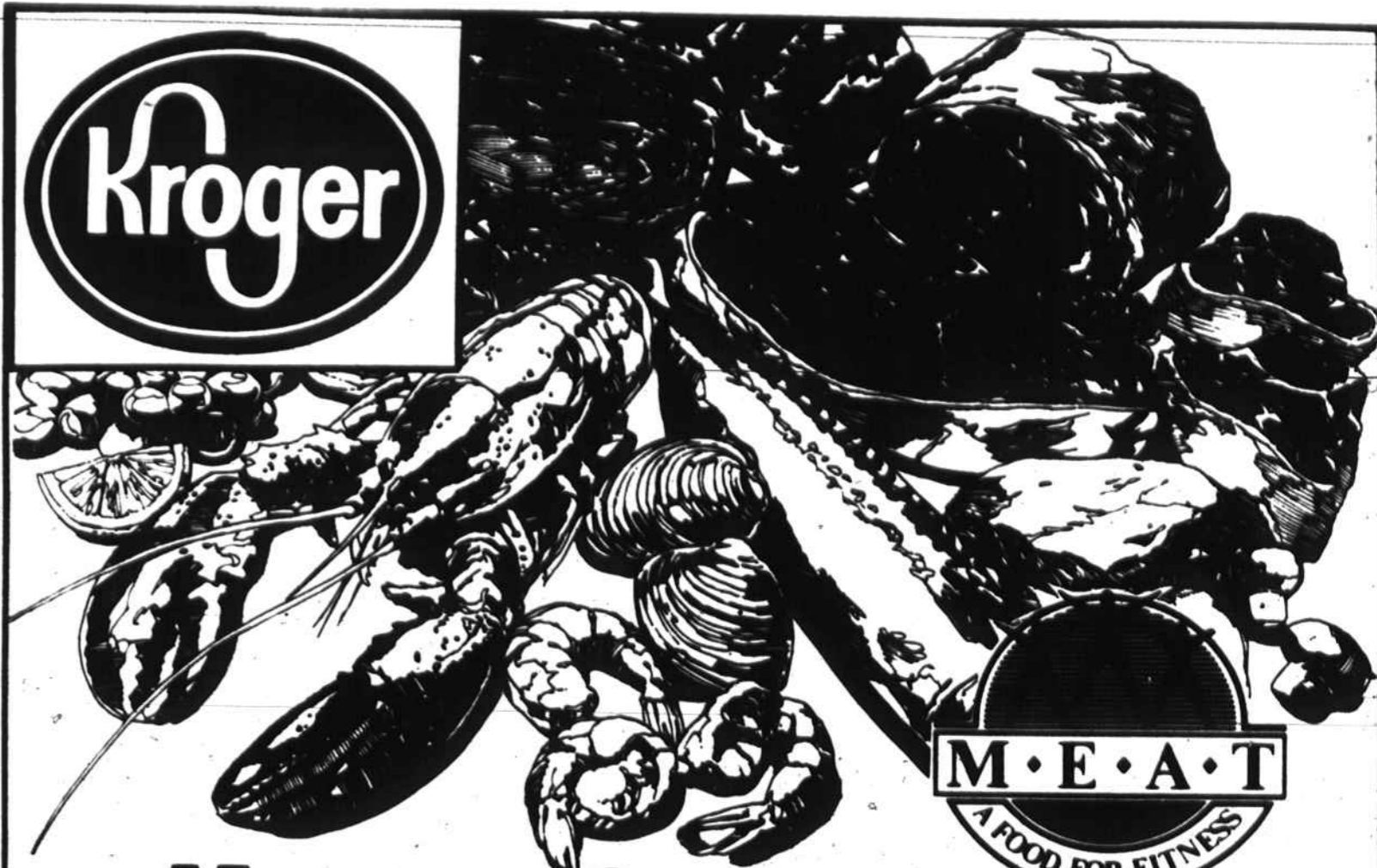
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