

# Southwide Organization Wants Immediate Action

RALEIGH.—Leaders of a Southwide organization, meeting here November 18, called Federal Judge Franklin Dupree to act immediately on the case of the Wilmington 10. They predicted that if he does not do so, there will be a nationwide demand for his impeachment.

The group is the Southern Organizing Committee for Economic and Social Justice (SOC), of which one of the Wilmington 10, the Rev. Ben Chavis, is co-chairperson.

The organization's other co-chairperson, Anne Braden, of Louisville, Ky., said the SOC

executive committee met in Raleigh this weekend in order to find out first-hand the present situation on the Wilmington case. Committee members attended from five states—Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, and Tennessee.

"We were appalled to learn that Judge Dupree has not yet given any indication that he is prepared to act promptly on this case," said a statement issued by the group.

The SOC leaders said it is important that people understand that the Wilmington case is not over, despite the action of the U.S. Justice

Department last week in filing a brief on behalf of the defendants. The brief was filed in support of the Wilmington 10's habeas corpus action that has great people's victory," SOC said.

"That brief represents a habeas corpus action that has been pending before Judge Dupree since 1976.

"That brief represents a great people's victory," SOC said. "It happened because people all across this country and across the world demanded that the U.S. government

"But the Justice Depart-

ment's action does not in itself free the Rev. Ben Chavis, it does not release the other defendants from parole restrictions, and it does not solve the problem of the public's need to know the real story of this case. Nor does it resolve the problem of what will be done about the crimes of those officials who conspired to put the Wilmington 10 in prison. These things can be resolved only when Judge Dupree acts."

SOC describes itself as a "Southwide organization that brings black and white people together around issues that

affect all of our lives." The organization supports union organizing efforts in the South and deals with such issues as unemployment, tenant rights, the arms race, and all forms of discrimination based on race or sex.

"We believe the persecution of the Wilmington 10 in this state is an attack on the rights of all working people in the South who need and must have the right to organize," the SOC statement said.

In addition to calling on Judge Dupree to act promptly, the SOC leaders demanded that the Justice Department

seek indictments against Prosecutor Jay Stroud and "others who committed illegal acts in the persecution of the Wilmington 10." They also demanded that North Carolina officials lift the ban which prohibits the Reverend Chavis from talking to the press.

"The state of North Carolina and the people of this country need to hear what he has to say," the SOC statement said.

In regard to Stroud and other North Carolina officials, the SOC leaders noted that the Justice Department's brief "implies" that Stroud "encouraged perjury" and states that

Superior Court Judge George Fountain, who heard the appeal of the 10 for a new trial, acted in an irregular manner in allowing the assistant attorney-general of North Carolina to write the finding of fact and conclusion that he accepted as his own.

"The Justice Department brief states clearly that the constitutional rights of the Wilmington 10 were trampled upon..." the SOC leaders said.

"In effect, this brief admits what we and thousands of others have been saying: that there are political prisoners in America, and this case proves it."



Rev. Ben Chavis... Still in prison

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## CA Wins Fight For Reinsured Drivers

Carolina Action announced Tuesday that the Reinsurance Facility Board of Governor's has agreed to their demand to require Insurance Companies to send a stricter notification form. They will now have to include the information that the reinsured driver is paying a 10 percent surcharge.

At a Reinsurance Facility Board of Governor's Meeting on Oct. 31, Tom Carpenter, the Chairman told Carolina Action that he would consider their demand to change their notification forms. He had until Nov. 14 to make a decision. Today Tom Carpenter said that they would make the changes.

"The notification form that was going out before was worthless," said Dave Gardner of Carolina Action.

"It was written so slickly so as not to say anything at all. We want the people to know that they're being put into High Risk Pool and their rates will go up 10 percent. We think the public deserves to know the truth and we're glad the Facility has finally come around."

Gardner continues that Carolina Action is still not completely satisfied with the form. They think it should include the reason for being ceded to the Facility. A Hearing on this issue will take place on November 16 by the Insurance Department. Carolina Action hopes to make some headway here, since the Facility still refuses to give the reasons.



ATTRACTIVE EMMA JONES ...Attends CPCC

## Miss Emma Jones Is Beauty Of Week

by Sherleen McKoy Post Staff Writer

Our beauty for this week is 23-year-old Emma Jones who is studying to become a dental assistant.

Emma attends Central Piedmont Community College where she said that she is having fun.

Her heart's desire is to become a professional model in the very near future. "I like a lot of fashions," she said. "I love clothes and usually I get lots of compliments on the way I dress."

A lover of people, Emma said that she "gets along pretty good with them."

Emma said that since she has lived in Charlotte all her life, she plans to someday make her residence elsewhere.

"I'd like to live in Atlanta," she said, "it's a nice place to live with nice surroundings."

Emma's mother has had the most bearing in her life. "She has always been behind me to push myself and try to be somebody," Emma explained.

Emma's interests include partying, traveling, and going to concerts a lot. Occasionally

# NAACP Sets Religious Affairs Public Meeting

## Carter Makes Progress In Appointments

Washington-President Carter, nearing the end of his second year in office, can see the results of an intensive effort to increase the total number of blacks in the federal government's administration positions, and to put more into senior influential posts.

"What really singles out President Carter," said James Joseph, Under Secretary of Interior and one of the President's appointees, "is the fact that he had the audacity to appoint minorities in non-traditional areas."

"Many of them (black appointees) have an opportunity to demonstrate that they can not only manage complex agencies, but that the resources of these agencies can be used to benefit all Americans," Joseph said.



A group of enthusiastic singers: Christopher Paige, Nicole Watherman, Donica Huntley, Robyn Leatherman, Dorothy Blake, Stacy Roland, Angela Hardin and Caroline Huntley at the Afro-American Center's Saturday children's program.

## At Afro Center Children To Host Open House

by Eileen Hanson Special To The Post

Magic dragons, colorful masks and African rhythms will highlight the Afro-American Center's Open House on Saturday, Nov. 25 at Spirit Square. Beginning at 10 a.m. some 50 children will put on a festive program guaranteed to delight parents and friends.

The Open House is sponsored by the Children's Art Program or CAP, which takes place each Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for children ages 4 to 12.

Through songs, dance and visual arts, the children will tell their guests about the 7 principles of Kwanzaa, an East African holiday celebrating the first harvest.

According to the program director JoAnn Moorhead, Kwanzaa has been adopted by many black Americans "to focus on bringing the community together, based on the family and the needs of the community." Kwanzaa is celebrated Dec. 26 to Jan. 1. The Afro-Center is planning a big family celebration the evening of Dec. 27.

For several weeks the children have been learning the principles of Kwanzaa, and the Swahili word for each one: unity (ummoja), self-determination (kujichagulia), collective action and responsibility (ujima), economic purpose (nia), creativity (kuumba) and faith (imani).

The children's bright green, yellow and orange dragon will demonstrate ujima — collective action and responsibility. Visual Arts director Susan Parker said the dragon was made out of bits of paper, with each child doing part of the whole. The idea came from their visit to a Chinese restaurant.

Music director Delcia Harper will lead the children in call and response singing — a style of music inherited from Africa and still used today in many black churches. The children call it "follow the leader" — they will lead and the parents will follow. The singers will perform work songs from black America to stress the principle of ujima-economic cooperation.

"Songs and dance movements give children a positive image of themselves," said Harper. The center's arts pro-

## Rev. Hope Is The Featured Speaker

by Susan Ellsworth Post Staff Writer

The first NAACP Religious Public Meeting with featured guest speaker Rev. Julius Ceasar Hope will be held on Sunday, Nov. 26 at 4 p.m. at the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church.

Rev. Hope was appointed as National NAACP Director of Religious Affairs of New York City in May 1978.

He had previously held positions as Georgia State President of the NAACP, Georgia State President of the School and Baptist Training Union, Congress and Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia.

Rev. Hope has served in the ministry for 20 years. In 1971 he was appointed to an eleven member Georgia Commission on Human Relations by former Governor Jimmy Carter.

Born in Mobile, Alabama in 1932, Rev. Hope attended State College where he received a B.S. Degree in Philosophy. In 1961, he received a Master of Sacred Theology degree from the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta. He then became pastor of the Zion Baptist Church in Brunswick, Georgia, a post he held for eleven years, where upon his leaving, the Mayor and City Council proclaimed August 1, 1970 as "Rev. J.C. Hope Day".

Rev. Hope was a past Director of the Neighborhood Youth Corps for the Coastal Area of Georgia.

Rev. T.W. Samuels, chairman of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg County branch of the Church Work Committee asserted that he is cooperating with the national and state NAACP bodies to enlist support from leaders of all faiths in the NAACP's program.

"The religious affairs program is to promote an educational interest designed to give a moral and ethical interpretation to the Civil Rights struggle and provide resource assistance for religious education and social action activities with the improvement of race relations, Rev. Samuels emphasized.

All organized religious groups are urged by Rev. Samuels to support the NAACP Membership effort for 3,000 members in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg County Community.

## Salvation Army Inspires Xmas Spirit

Kicking-off the 1978 annual Christmas Appeal for Mecklenburg and Union counties, the Salvation Army will offer festivities to help raise money for the needy on Friday, Nov. 24, at 12:00 noon in the NCNB Plaza.

The goal of the Salvation Army's Christmas Cheer Program is \$70,000.

Last year the Army provided Christmas assistance to over 10,000 persons.

Upcoming fundraising activities will include a Doll Show sponsored by the Salvation Army Ladies Auxiliary to be held Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1-2 from 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. in the Eastland Mall.



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## CMS Announces Holiday Schedule

Thanksgiving holidays are scheduled November 23 and 24. Schools, the Education Center and other offices will be closed.

Schools will be closed December 22, 25, 26

# Mrs. Parker Is Recipient Of Francis Makemie Award

Mrs. Inez Moore Parker, former faculty member and chairman of the JCSU-English Department, is the recipient of The Francis Makemie Award for the best book published in this calendar year relating to the Presbyterian Heritage of the South.

This award is presented annually by The Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches (Montreat, North Carolina), and is in memory of Francis Makemie, an Irishman who came to America in the 16th Century, organized the first Presbytery, and became



Mrs. Inez M. Parker... Has book published known as "Father of American Presbyterianism." "The award-winning publi-

cation is entitled The Rise and Decline of the Program of Education for Black Presbyterians of the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., 1865-1970." San Antonio: Trinity University Press, 1977.

Mrs. Parker is co-founder of the JCSU Archives and Research Center which she established in the summer of 1975 while researching her first book, The Biddle-Johnson C. Smith Story. Retired from teaching, she now serves as Archivist of Johnson C. Smith University.

With a Bachelor of Arts See Mrs. Parker on page 4.