

Wilmington

10 Loses

Support

The Wilmington 10 have lost support from the Justice Department says the United Church of Christ Commission for Racial Justice.

According to the Commission, it recently received word from Wilmington 10 defense attorneys that the Solicitor General's office has decided not to file a Friend of the Court brief with the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals on behalf of the Wilmington 10.

"I find it difficult to understand how the Justice Department could adopt a stance totally contradicting their 1978 findings which revealed a lack of due process in the trial..." according to Dr. Charles Cobb, executive director of the Commission.

When the Justice Department in November, 1978 filed a Friend of the Court brief with the Federal District Court of North Carolina, Cobb said, the Department protested the trial was unfair to the 10 defendants.

The Solicitor General's recent action contradicts the Department's prior findings, Cobb said.

"How can constitutional violations which the Justice Department pointed to in 1978, no longer be present in 1980?", Cobb asked.

The question of why the issue is being dismissed has yet to be publicly explained.

More Turkey

Production

Is Forecast

North Carolina continues to set a fast pace in the expansion of its large and growing turkey industry. More growth is forecast for 1980.

Tar Heel producers have expressed an intention to increase production 12 percent this year. That would place total output at around 26 million turkeys.

The state is the second largest producer of turkeys in the U.S., with a total production last year of 23.1 million.

If intentions are realized, there will be a slight increase in heavy breeds and a substantial increase in light breeds.



CENSUS QUESTIONS are answered by filling in the appropriate circle with a pencil or simply writing in a word or two. All individual census answers are kept confidential, by law, even from other government agencies.

Census Information

Will Be Kept Confidential

By Susan Ellworth
Post Staff Writer

The 1980 census worries some people. Will they lose government benefits if they answer certain questions?

In efforts to dispel myths about the census, The Charlotte Post will present a two-part series providing an overview of the census.

When the questionnaires arrive my mail on March 28, recipients will answer the questions and either mail the forms on April 1 or hold them for a census taker to pick up, depending on instructions.

In 90 percent of the nation's households people will answer the questions by themselves and mail the forms in postage free envelopes. Census takers will obtain the information from households that don't return the questionnaires.

The other 10 percent, which will wait for the census takers to collect the forms, are mostly in sparsely settled areas in the western half of the nation.

All information is kept confidential. In the 50 year history of the census confidentiality law, not once has the Bureau or its employees been charged with releasing information about any individual, according to U.S. Department of Commerce findings.

Landmark court rulings have upheld the Bureau's refusal to release this information, even to top

government officials or corporations.

Names, addresses and telephone numbers are not entered in computers and Social Security numbers are not requested by the census.

Curiosity is sparked sometimes about why certain questions are asked. Why are questions about plumbing facilities asked, for example? For decades plumbing facilities have been a key indicator of housing quality. Adequacy of plumbing helps determine which communities receive Federal housing assistance funds.

As importance of census information has increased,

so has pressure to assure all residents are counted, especially the minorities.

Some innovative methods will be used to secure an accurate count, such as re-checking households reported vacant and placing census takers in all-night movies, taverns, and on street corners in major urban areas to find the uncounted.

The Bureau is required to provide the President with population totals for all states by Jan. 1, 1981 for Congressional reappointment.

A new law mandates that the population of cities and counties be given to each state by April 1, 1981 for redrawing district lines.

ASC Closes In On Its

Goal Of Raising \$618,146.

Sixty-eight percent of the Arts and Science Council's annual goal has been raised announced Bland Worley, general chairman, last week.

During the recent reporting luncheon which 1,200 volunteers attended Worley said a total of \$420,160 has brought the ASC closer toward its goal of \$618,146. The campaign ends March 5.

Charlotte presently ranks second only to St. Louis in the members of corporations supporting United Arts Councils.

The National Endowment for the Arts recently awarded ASC a \$500,000

challenge grant to help further the growth of arts and sciences in Charlotte, if the city can match the amount with \$3 for every \$1 of NEA monies.

Four section leaders received awards for reaching or surpassing 100 percent of their projected goals.

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