

Hoyle Martin:

Judicial System Is Cracking Down On Racial Barriers

By Susan Ellsworth
Post Staff Writer

A possible racist attempt to bar Judge Richard Erwin from higher office was thwarted recently when Rep. Jesse Helms withdrew his opposition to the black candidate.

The Senate Judiciary Committee has confirmed Erwin's nomination as a Federal District Court Judge. Now he must go before the full senate for

approval.

Erwin was the first Black elected to statewide office in North Carolina. He has served on the Court of Appeals and the State Board of Education.

Our judicial system "is cracking down" on racial barriers and offering more encouragement to Blacks," according to Hoyle Martin, a city official.

Martin credited political pressure for Sen. Helms'

decision not to resist Erwin's approval.

Robert Davis, principal of the Street Academy, maintained Helms was attempting to hold out until after the presidential election. He was hoping Reagan would secure office and select another candidate, Davis said.

Republican party pressure forced Helms to go along, Davis said, since his negative attitude toward a popular candidate threat-

ened the chance of other Republicans seeking office in N.C.

Former county commissioner Bob Walton praised Sen. Kennedy for not allowing one senator to block approval of a candidate who was otherwise well-favored by the committee.

Walton emphasized that in a full senate vote, however, Helms may still vote against Erwin.

"Many older people are not receptive to a Black

judge," protested Kelly Alexander Sr., a Charlotte civil rights leader.

Walton expressed hope that Erwin will not be the last Black federal appointee to the bench but "will be a turning point of Blacks being accepted in Federal Court.

Less optimistic, Davis warned white America is growing more conservative.

"It will be a long time before we see more Blacks in high levels of govern-

ment," he added.

"Many whites feel that Blacks had their chances in the 60s," Davis continued. "Now business will continue as usual."

Blacks suffered a setback during the Nixon Administration, based on presidential attitude, Alexander said. He affirmed President Carter was the first president to appoint Black judges.

"Blacks can lose if they don't vote," Alexander added.

Sixteen Inducted In Society Of DAHS Students

Greater Mt. Moriah R.B. Church announced recently that 16 student members have been inducted into The Society of Distinguished American High School Students.

The students' sponsors - Elder T. W. Samuels is also the pastor of Greater Mt. Moriah R.B. Church. He received a National Appreciation Award from the Society on behalf of the students for the interest shown in honoring and rewarding excellence on the secondary school level.

Students awarded this honor include Janice Tobias, Evangeline Bolton, Karen Hyatt, Melanie Westmoreland, Richard L. Johnson, Courtney Able, Charles McMillan, Pamela Bolton, LaPetite Deas, Nannette McMullen, Pazara James, Johnny Love Jr., Sharon Hubert, Margie Bellamy, Wanda Moore and Wilhelmina Harris.

The Society, one of the nation's foremost high school honoraries, tapped these students because of their demonstrated excellence in scholastic leadership and civic achievement. Only 2 percent of all the students in the United States are accepted for membership. Nominations can only be made through the student's school or church.

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Flavored Medicines

If you use flavored medicines, don't coax your child to take them because they taste like candy; be sure he knows its medicine.



Mrs. James Earle Fuller
...She was Miss Carolyn Gaither
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Is Bride Of James Fuller

Carolyn Elaine Gaither and James Earle Fuller exchanged wedding vows on Saturday, September 20 at Gethsemane Baptist Church.

Church. Rev. C. E. Dewberry of Gethsemane Baptist and Rev. James E. McCoy of East Stonewall AME Zion Church officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gaither of 3200 Graymont Dr. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield Fuller of 1008 Druid Circle.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white gown with beaded pearls circling the neck and a white lace veil. She carried a bouquet of red roses on a white Bible.

Matron of honor Mrs. Patricia Swift was attired in a long pleated blush colored gown and carried a carnation bouquet.

Outfitted in burgundy pleated gowns, the bridesmaids, Mrs. Lillian James, Miss Gloria Clark and Mrs. Gloria Bolden carried carnation bouquet.

Curtis Bernard Weathers served as the best man. Ushers were Cleatus Anderson, Edward Camp Jr. and Arnold Fernando Weathers.

Other attendants were Robert Williams as the ring bearer, and Ellegra Elaine Flowers who wore a white eyelet gown and carried a white straw basket filled with rose petals as the flower girl.

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The task force members include Purvis Lee, entertainment chairman, Caesar Wallace, refreshment chairman; Larry Lloyd, Housing Authority; Fay Jones, games coordinator; Catherine Stroud, information booth coordinator; Mildred Nix, committee coordinator and member of the Crime Prevention staff; Viola McClendon; Rosa Duncan; Willie T. Hart; Anita Stroud; Lucy Younge, chairman, registration committee; Bonita Morgan, program chairman and president of resident organization; Evelyn Farmer; Catherine Chapman; James H. Lindsay; and Jennings Brewer.

Other members include Paul Franklin, Robert Bailey Jr., Mary Hayes, Ida Dunston, William Simmons, Walt B. Taylor, Florindra McClure, Leticia Gaddy, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Horton, Ella Yarborough, Wilhemina Garis, Joyce J. Matthews, Billy Hopkins Jr., Teresa Coleman, Mildred Knox, Petunia Nolley, Joyce Moore, Robert McCullough, Dewitt Reid, Lawrence Pettis, Gean Philson Sanders, Lawrence McRenzie III and Jennings Brewer is resident manager.

Business League

There will be a special meeting of the Charlotte Business League to be held Tuesday, September 30th at 7:30 p.m. at the Excelsior Club, 921 Beatties Ford Road.

BY THE WAY...

By Joe Black



Are you one of those who is always asking, "Where is the political representation for our community?" Are you tiring of too little action and too much rhetoric? Would you like to see things turned around?

If you answered yes to those questions, then heed the advice of the National Coalition of Black Voter Participation when they urge us to become involved by locating the voter participation campaign in our town and offering our services. My friends, we have arrived at the time when we must become more sophisticated in our selection of political candidates. They all promise us a chicken in every pot, but the pages of history show that too many of them mean a chicken for those who have and unfulfilled dreams for those who have nothing except hope.

Thus, it requires our recognizing that the selection is more than Democrat or Republican, or Carter versus Reagan. We must listen to and evaluate those political leaders who project sincere plans that are designed to give us lasting dignity and self-respect via equality of justice and an opportunity to attain preparation for today's jobs so that we receive paychecks rather than handouts. To achieve this goal, we must not let political parties think that we are their robots.

So, register....think....and then vote.

Joe Black
Vice President
The Greyhound Corporation



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