

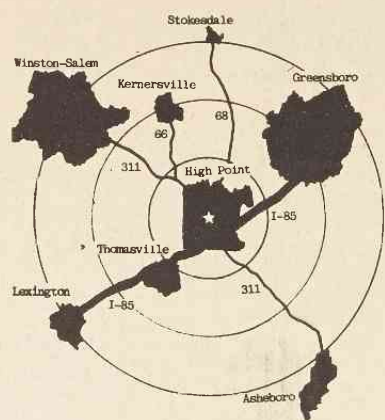
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"Tell It Like It Is"

## TRAGEDY OF A MAN

By Carl T. Rowan

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WASHINGTON --The verdicts in the Watergate coverup trial have pushed past half a hundred the

number of people convicted of one offense or another in this most pervasive political crime in America's history.

When so many people are jailed, so many marriages busted up, so many brilliant careers crushed, it is easy to think of Watergate as a national calamity. But it really isn't.

Watergate was a test of this nation's institutions -- of the judiciary, of the Senate's investigative powers, of the diligence and guts of a free press, of the character and strength of the House of Representatives in an impeachment proceeding.

While none of us can rejoice in the convictions of John Mitchell, H.R. Haldeeman, John Ehrlichman or Robert Mardian -- as this is a tragedy for their families -- we can exult in the fact that every one of our institutions proved equal to the challenge.

One need not be Pollyannaish to conclude that Watergate has strengthened the institutions of liberty and justice here -- even after allowing for the fact that justice and punishment were not dispensed evenly to those guilty of Watergate crimes.

Punishment has never been dispensed evenhandedly and never will be. But it will be a long time before another U.S. President has the gall to draw up an enemies list, to try to commit the FBI, the IRS, the CIA, to his special paranoias, his peculiar hatreds. We may be lucky enough to go a few more generations before presidential aides assume the kind of witless arrogance that characterized the Nixon team.

What I am saying is that President Ford failed to comprehend the real situation when he said, after the resignation and pardon of Nixon, that "our long national nightmare is over," a comment that was repeated often after the

New Year's Day verdicts in the coverup trial.

It was never really a "national" nightmare. It was a personal nightmare for Richard Nixon, a man who, for psychological quirks and aberrations that we may never fully understand, stood at the very center of it all.

Those jailed men, those humiliated lawyers, those shattered families are the shame of Richard Nixon who, even now in his friends' moments of greatest tragedy, lurks in his secluded California compound, perhaps asking himself again and again, "Did I fail to become a millionaire?"

Millions of Americans

who voted for Nixon in 1968 and 1972 did so with active suspicions that he was mentally questionable and morally despicable. Of all the passages in those Watergate tapes that condemn and damn Richard Nixon, the one that haunts me in his April 16, 1973, conversation with John Dean about Alger Hiss and the stupidity of lying:

NIXON: That son of a bitch Hiss would be free today if he hadn't lied about his espionage. He could have just said he-he didn't even have to. He could've just said, "I look, I knew Chambers. And, yes, as a young man I was involved with some Communist activities but I broke

it off many years ago." And Chambers would have dropped it.

DEAN: Well-- NIXON: But, the son of a bitch lied, and he goes to jail for the lie rather than the crime.

DEAN: Uh-- NIXON: So believe me, don't ever lie with these bastards.

Nixon was dispensing fake morality right to the end.

Whatever else we may blame the various Watergate characters for, surely not the least important is that they were gullible enough to pledge their very souls to a Richard Nixon

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## Freedom Day Celebration 1975

by Albert Campbell, Staff Writer

LEXINGTON--The Lexington Civic League held its Second Annual Freedom Day Celebration on Sunday, January 5, at First Baptist Church.

The guest speaker was the North Carolina Field Representative of the SCLC, Mr. Golden Frinks, who was introduced by the church's pastor, Rev. B.F. Daniels.

Mr. Frinks began his

address with, "I AM SOMEBODY!" He later said, "I ain't no flea, but I'll be doggone if I won't keep the white man itching." That brought applause from the entire audience.

Frinks went on to say that, "Injustices are still happening, while we (Blacks) are still singing and shouting." He stated, "Racism is the number one problem of this country, while all others are

Labeled at times, "Nigger Aggitor", Frinks declared, "I am an aggitor because the civil war is yet a part of me, because my great grandparents were slaves at that time.

Frinks in his way of stirring his audiences received a standing ovation at the conclusion of his address.

Albert A. Campbell, editor of THE TRIBUNAL AID newspaper, gave response to the welcome which was offered by Mrs. Jessie Wood, a member of the Lexington Civic League. Campbell congratulated the League for being involved. He said, "Without involvement, there can be no freedom."

Also responding was Rev. R.L. Thomas, who said, "It is not the Black man alone in this country

who needs emancipation, but America."

Mr. Willie Shoaf, who served as M.C. reminded the audience that "Today racism is no longer obvious, but has now become the nation's undercurrent. We now must fight a different type battle."

Rev. B.F. Daniels, who gave closing remarks said, "We don't need people with cold feet who only sing and pray; but rather, those who will get involved and stand up to their enemies."

One example was the Buncombe Baptist Church Junior Choir which rendered the soul stirring music that set the pace of the program.

The Freedom Day Celebration was a kick-off of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday commemoration on January 15th.

## Black Publishers Consolidate

Jean M. White, Staff Writer

GREENSBORO--Black publishers of weekly newspapers in North Carolina met this weekend and formed a coalition, The N.C. Black Publishers' Association.

The NCBPA represents a circulation of approximately 60,000 and will be headquartered at the Carolina Peacemaker's offices in the Southeastern Building, Greensboro. Officers of the newly formed organization are President, Dr. John Marshall Kilimanjaro; Vice-President, Mr. Albert A. Campbell; and, Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Vivian Austin Edmonds.

This history-making coalition is membered by The Carolina Peacemaker, Greensboro, Dr. John Marshall Kilimanjaro, pu-

blisher; The Carolina Times, Durham, Mrs. Vivian Austin Edmonds, publisher; The Carolinian, Raleigh, Mr. Paul C. Jervay, publisher; The Charlotte Post, Charlotte, Mr. Bill Johnson, publisher; The Tribunal Aid, High Point, Mr. Albert A. Campbell, publisher; The Wilmington Journal, Wil-

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## Beauty Pageant Held

by Albert Campbell, Staff Writer

HIGH POINT--The High Point Chapter of Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Abdallah Temple No. 189, held its First Annual Talent and Beauty Competition last Sunday in the High Point College

Memorial Auditorium. Vying for the newly formed crown of Miss High Point were ten young ladies from and around High Point. There were three levels of competition: Talent, Swim Suit, and Evening Wear.

Miss Gwendolyn E. Clinton was crowned the winner. Miss Chiquita L.

Winston-Salem Auditions for the Second Annual March of Dimes Telerama are set for Saturday, January 11, at Summit School in Winston-Salem and on Sunday, January 12, at Elliott Hall on the UNC campus in Greensboro.

Experienced performers

## March Of Dimes Telerama

who wish to audition for the Telerama should call the nearest March of Dimes office to schedule an audition time. The phone number in Winston-Salem is 723-4386 and in Greensboro 273-7334.

The 18-hour Telerama will begin at the Benton Convention Center on Saturday night, February 1, at 11:30 P.M. and run continuously until 5:30 P.M. the following Sunday evening, February 2.

Television Star Gary Collins of NBC's "BORN FREE" fame and his wife, former Miss America, Mary Ann Mobley, will host the special event.

Singer Lee Kirk, a favorite with last year's Telerama audience, will be back again this year to promote the effort to fight birth defects.

Presented by the Northwest Piedmont Chapter-March of Dimes, the Telerama will again be produced through the facilities of WXII-TV, Channel 12 in Winston-Salem.

## Open Meeting For Guilford Delegation

The Guilford Delegation will have an open public meeting in the County Commissioner's Room in the Guilford County Courthouse on Saturday, January 11, 1975 at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to permit interested citizens to present to the Delegation their views on any matters of public concern.

The Delegation Chairman, Henry E. Frye, stated that all persons making

presentations will be asked to limit their remarks to five (5) minutes in order that as many persons as possible may be heard. The meeting is expected to last from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Persons desiring priority on the program should call 274-8463 and leave their name and the subject about which they wish to speak. Time will be allotted at the end of the meeting for persons who have not made appointments.

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HIGH POINT--On January 11, 1975, there will be a wheelchair basketball game at City Lake Park. The High Point Warriors will host the Raleigh Hustlers for two games. The first game will be at 6:30 p.m. followed by an 8:00 p.m. nightcap. Admission will be \$1.00 for adults and children will be admitted free. The games will be sponsored by the High Point Parks & Recreation Department.

ALL THAT GLITTERS: Under Public Law 93-373 the general public will be permitted on and after December 31, 1974 to purchase, sell and possess gold for the first time in 41 years. In anticipation of the lifting of ownership and trading restrictions, some advertisers are already proclaiming "golden" opportunities of high profits and substantial appreciation rates for prospective investors. Your BBB has notified our media of recommendations in advertising which we hope will give the investor in gold a realistic picture of the situation.

A NEW TWIST: Right when you think the office supplies hucksters from the west coast and New York had been finally exposed and warned against, they come up with yet another scheme to part the businessman with his dollar. The Consolidated Office Supply Company of Los Angeles, California and the Commercial Office Supply Company of Los Angeles are currently calling local businesses asking them to pay what they claim is a bill incurred many months ago. Of course, the business never ordered any products or had a bill to pay from these outfits. Apparently, the companies sometimes pay since they can't find a record and want to clear the matter since it is usually for forty dollars or so. If you get a call, refer your caller to your BBB for clearance, before you pay a phony bill.

HIGH POINT - The United States Power Squadron and the High Point Parks & Recreation Department will present the Basic Boating Course of the United States Power Squadrons at Astor Dowdy Towers Auditorium, 701 East Green Drive, High Point. The first class will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 1975, at 7:30 p.m. Registration will be on opening night.

HIGH POINT - The monthly roundtable of Cubs and Cubbers from the High Point District of the Boy Scouts will be held Monday, January 13, 1974, at the High Point Friends Meeting House on Quaker Lane. The meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m., will concentrate on the activities which the Cubs will take part in during the Boy Scout birthday celebration in February. The meeting is open to the public, and all Cubs, Cubbers, and other persons interested in the Cubbing movement of the Boy Scouts are welcome to attend.

HIGH POINT--Y.W.C.A. EVENTS (Fourth Street Branch)--January 8th, Peacemakers at 4:30...January 8th, Co-Ed Club at 6:30--Teenage Drop-In at 7:30...January 9th, Let's Go Girls Club at 7:30...January 10th, Open Recreation at 7:00, Monday thru Friday, Adult Day Care begins at 7:00--After School Care begins at 3:00.

HIGH POINT--Library Highlights, Washington Street Branch--January 10, 9:30 and 10:30, Filmstories...January 17, 9:30 and 10:30, Filmstories... January 23, 9:30, Filmstories, January filmstrips: The Guard Mouse and Brer Rabbit and the Laughing Place.

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"We must give our children a sense of pride in being black. The glory of our past and the dignity of our present must lead the way to the power of our future."

ADAM CLAYTON POWELL