

# CHURCH FIGHT CONTINUES

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### NC Bishop Backs Bd. In Fight

GREENSBORO - A telephone interview with Bishop Wyoming T. Wells, who has charge of the work in North Carolina, of the Church of God in Christ, revealed that Bishop O. T. Jones, Philadelphia, Pa., and Bishop R. E. Ranger, Houston, have not gotten too far with their efforts to have their Executive Board's ouster decision over ruled.

Bishop Wells told the CAROLINIAN that Bishop Ranger lost an injunction that he went into Harris County District Court to obtain that would enjoin the Executive Board from taking over the power and that he was divested off at the General Assembly meeting, held in Memphis, Tenn., in November.

The case was heard by Judge Warren P. Cunningham and was decided in favor of the Executive Board on the Churches of God in Christ.

The decision by Judge Cunningham is regarded by the Executive Board members as a key victory in the group's fight with a church faction representing Bishop O. T. Jones, of Philadelphia, who was ousted as Senior Bishop of the Church of the annual COGIC convention in Memphis last November.

Ranger, who was removed from the State Bishop's Board at the same time, is a supporter of Bishop Jones in the factional fight.

Bishop Jones, in defiance of the Board's ruling, held what he called a nationwide rally of support in Philadelphia and reported that "a dozen bishops and 300 ministers" of the COGIC attended.

However, the Executive Board is supported by the more than 70 "bona fide" bishops of the Church and practically all ministers of the denomination's more than 5,000 churches throughout the United States and several foreign countries. In addition, the Board has the support of all national officers who head auxiliaries, as well as Dr. Arenia C. Mallory, president of the Saints Junior College, Lexington, Miss.

Bishop Ranger had asked the court to issue a temporary injunction restraining the Executive Board from interfering with his authority and dispossessing his jurisdiction in the Church of God in Christ of Southeast Texas.

The Executive Board was represented by A. A. Latting and J. O. Patterson, Jr., attorneys of Memphis, Tenn.; O. T. Wells, of New York City, and Warner Brock, of the law firm of Brock and Williams, Houston.

Following Judge Cunningham's decision, the entire Executive Board went into special session at the Buck Street Memorial Church of God in Christ to weigh the future of the Church in Southeast Texas.

It was decided that the South- (See N. C. BISHOP, P. 2)



AMERICANS ANTI-AMERICA - This is the scene in front of the U. S. Embassy in London, England, as Americans demonstrated against the war in Vietnam. Even two-year-old Rachel Countryman, comfortably lodged in her stroller, got into the act. (UPI PHOTO).

### SWEEPSTAKES NUMBERS

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### EDITORIAL FEATURE

#### A Look At 1967

James Weldon Johnson's memorable lines:

God of our weary years  
God of our silent tears  
Thou who has brought us  
Thus far, on our way;

could and should be perused very carefully not by any particular race, group, or segment of North Carolina, but by everyone who would like to see our state move on and upward, in 1967.

The perusal should not be made in a gloating manner, but one which would enable us to realize that we have fallen far short of the goal, set by the One, whose birthday we just celebrated. History should not be preserved for the plaudits of the contributors, but to be used as a guide post for the future.

1967 offers a great opportunity for priest and prophet, Christian and sinner, wise and foolish to take stock of himself, not in the usual resolve, that is generally broken before the ink gets cold on the paper of the heart of the maker, but a downright determination to first respect the rights of human beings and then a firm resolute to serve mankind.

There will be much said and done about "brown bagging". New schemes to put men in office, church squabbles, fraternity fights and family spats that will end in disaster. 1967 should be a year in which each of us should try to aid in the building of a better society for this generation and those to follow.

The different organizations which are nurtured and fostered to strike at the very root of American democracy should redirect their energies toward making man conscious of his obligation to other men.

It is true that God has brought us thus far on our way. Many of us have come through blood and tears and there are many of us who will have to continue to plod through weary years, but all of us can make the plodding a little easier.

The legislators can take a new look at our wage and hour law. Big business can

lower its walls so as not to put too much stress on dividends and give more service to its customers. Churches can really be the arsenal of love and have a light of interest that would really be the symbol of the "Star of Bethlehem".

Parents could take a real look at their children and instead of giving them a key to the house, use the key to lock their offsprings in, at a reasonable time. It might not hurt if they restored the family altar and asked the blessing of the Almighty upon the household, as it retires for the night.

Through too many of our weary years we have given a boy a gun for Christmas, as one of his first toys, and then put him in the penitentiary when he holds up someone. Yes, in too many of these weary years we have given a girl a doll upon which she can practice motherly care, and when she strays, to the point of having a baby out of wedlock, we have attempted to put her out of society. Certainly these have been weary years to the victims and 1967 should find us more concerned.

In these weary years we have permitted too many children to begin begging for money on our streets and as a result we have had too much purse-snatching, hold-ups and murders to obtain money, by youngsters. The planners of society should certainly take a sharp look into this nefarious practice.

They should study the gathering of mobs of teen-agers at questionable places and do something about the conduct of many of our people, both young and old, as it relates to loud talking, boisterous language and even gambling on our streets. 1967 offers a good opportunity to do something about the unnecessary killing on our highways, due to excessive speed and a general disregard for the rights of others.

Surely we have come through many weary years. However, we have a long way to go and 1967 would be a good year to get started, on our way.

### Prof. Fuse Succumbs Suddenly

AMERICUS, Ga. - The body of Bobby LeAndrew Fuse, 41, asst. professor of mathematics, at St. Augustine's College, Raleigh, arrived here Wednesday, for burial Friday.

Fuse was stricken at his home, 1505 Minerva Drive, Fayetteville, where he lived with his wife and two children, in the early hours of December 26, and was dead upon arrival at a hospital.

The deceased educator was a native of Americus and received his early education in the local schools. He did his undergraduate work at Albany State, where he received a B. S. degree. He was given a M. S. degree from Atlanta University and did further study at the University of Kansas and the University of Illinois.

He began his teaching career here. He was principal and teacher in Summerville, Ga., for 4 years. Mr. Fuse assumed the same duties at Dallas, Ga., and stayed there 4 years. He was employed at Fayetteville State College, Fayetteville, for a length of time and joined the faculty of St. Augustine's College, in September 1966.

### U. S. Comm. Hopes To Open Jobs

CHARLOTTE - When the United States Equal Opportunity Commission conducts a public forum here, Jan. 12-13, the matter of whether Negroes and other minority groups of the labor force in the two Carolinas are being fully utilized by the textile industry.

Commissioner Samuel C. Jackson was quite optimistic about what would come out of the forum. It is to be remembered that Negroes have been few and far between in the skilled jobs of the textile industry and for a long time the lines of communication between textile workers and this group were very strained.

Commissioner Samuel C. Jackson, who is intensely interested in the Charlotte forum, feels that the forum, if it attains its objectives, can open up hundreds of jobs for Negroes in the Carolinas, immediately. (See U. S. COMM., P. 2)



BOBBY LEANDREW FUSE

### Officers Rule Out Race Hate In Anson

WADESBORO - Even though there has been quite a bit of racial unrest over recent shootings in this section police were slow to tab the Thursday night shooting as being racially inspired.

"To our knowledge, there is no racial connection," Police Sgt. Roland Hutchison said when asked to comment about reports broadcast in Charlotte that the shooting may have been racially motivated.

Hutchison said five .30 caliber rifle bullets were fired at a 1955 automobile parked outside a restaurant about 3 a. m., Thursday, two hitting the top of the car and one hitting the front windshield. The two other shots did not hit the car, he said, but those that did "caused considerable damage to glass and holes in the roof."

The car is owned by Julian Garris, 40, of Wadesboro, who works as a short order cook at the restaurant.

Garris, who is white, told police he knew of no racial connection that might have prompted the shooting except that in the past "when Negro customers caused any trouble, they were ordered out." He said the same was true for white customers causing trouble. The apparently erroneous reports were prompted by the fact several Negroes were seen in the area shortly after the shooting, police said, emphasizing that "just because they were there does not necessarily connect them." The SBI, (See RACE HATE, P. 2)

### Sweepstakes Worth \$210 This Week

Jesse Mitchener picked up \$15.00 in The CAROLINIAN Sweepstakes because he had ticket number 2342. Be sure you visit one of the stores listed on the Sweepstakes page. It is possible for you to get \$175.00 with pink ticket number 6987, dated December 24.

Ticket number 5000 is worth \$20.00 and 4607 will get you \$15.00. The merchants are happy to have you visit their stores and will be glad to give you a ticket. You don't have to answer any questions, there is no signing or red tape. Remember the numbers this week are 6987, 5000, 4607.



SAMUEL C. JACKSON

### From Raleigh's Official Police Files THE CRIME BEAT

#### Irate Husband, Shoots Thru Door

Lizzie Rhodes Whitaker complained to police that her husband, Albert Laws Whitaker, 29, 514 S. Boundary St., was not too merry with her about 12:26 p. m. Christmas Day. She alleges that they engaged in an argument and that her husband shot thru the bathroom door and injured her in the upper right leg, with a .32 caliber gun. She signed a warrant for his arrest.

#### Knocked Down And Knifed

James Cleveland Bennefield reported to police that James Frazier was not symbolic of that lasting peace about 3:51 p. m., Dec. 24 and did engage in an affray with him at 720 S. Bloodworth St. The report showed that Frazier, 23, knocked Bennefield down and proceeded to use a knife on the left side of his face. He said his face was also bruised. (See CRIME BEAT, P. 3)

### Greensboro Man Killed In His Home On Christmas Eve

GREENSBORO - Gerrell St., at house # 323, Apt. 1, was the scene of a shooting Christmas Eve night, that eventually turned

into a murder. Lee Arnell Dobson, 31, 315 Murray St., is being held for murder, in the fatal shooting of Johnny Brown,

34, at the Gerrell St. address. It is alleged that Brown was shot in the abdomen, in his apartment. He was rushed to L. Richardson Hospital, where he under went surgery, but died on Monday.

Dobson is being held in jail for a preliminary hearing in the County - Municipal Court. Dobson was not given bond.

Malcom Boykins, 42, Apt. 3, of the Gerrell St. address is believed to have been shot in the same incident. He is said to have been shot in the right thigh. He was treated at the L. Richardson Hospital and released. There were no details as how Boykins was shot, nor by whom.



THE WHITE HOUSE TOUCH - Washington: Lynda Bird Johnson and a number of children, from United Givers Fund agencies in the National Capital area, are entertained by a marionette during a party at the White House Dec. 16. Refreshments and gifts from Santa Clause were provided for 150 children, guests of Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson. (UPI PHOTO).



Let us join in prayer that the world finds peace in 1967... A blessed New Year!

FROM THE CAROLINIAN



TO SPEND \$4 MILLION IN CHICAGO - Dr. Martin Luther King, 3rd from left, shown at a news conference Dec. 20 said his Negro movement will spend \$4 million in Federal money to rehabilitate Chicago slums. He said about 500 dwellings will be fixed up, with new kitchens and bathrooms installed and other improvements being made. L-R: Dempsey Travis, pres. Sivart Mortgage Co.; Al Raby, convenor, CCCO; King; Ernest Stevens, Director local Insuring office, FHA; Frank Palmer, chairman board community renewal foundation, and Jess Gill, project director. (UPI PHOTO).

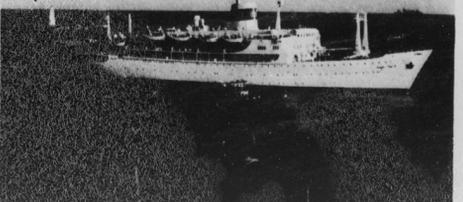
### NNPA Confab Includes Nassau Cruise

MIAMI, Fla. Publishers of Negro-oriented newspapers throughout the U. S. will converge on Miami Jan. 11-16 to attend a Mid-winter Workshop hosted by The Miami Times.

The National Newspaper Publisher Association will hold two days of meetings, then, by invitation from the Bahamas government, will entertain them upon arrival, board the luxurious S/S Miami for a three day cruise to Nassau.

A program, both informative and entertaining, has been arranged for the delegation and visitors by President Frank Stanley, publisher of The Louisville Defender and Garth C. Reeves, managing editor of the host paper.

The convention will get underway with an evening get-acquainted party. Workshop sessions begin the following morning preceding a luncheon meeting where Miami Mayor Robert King High will welcome the group on Jan. 12.



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