

# POWELL CONTROVERSY UNITES LEADERSHIP

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## Shoots Wife, Takes Own Life

### Liberal, Moderates Flay Solon's Convictors

#### Son Sees Father Slay Mother And Makes Exit

BURLINGTON - A sobbing story of how his father killed his mother and then turned a gun on himself, early Saturday morning, was told by the 10-yr.-old son, to Alamance County coroner, Hubert Lowe.

Michael Spearman told the coroner that he saw his father, Henry Spearman, 44, shoot his mother, Mrs. Ellmine Oliver Spearman, 39, with two pistols -- a .22 caliber and a .25-caliber. The boy told how his father handed him a pocket book and told him he was going

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NEW YORK (UPI) - Negro leadership, almost to a man, stood behind Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, who was denied his seat in the House of Representatives pending a House investigation into his "fitness to serve."

Negro Congressmen, civil rights leaders, ministers, and laymen, for once, had found an issue on which they could all agree; That Powell had been unfairly denied his Congressional seat for racist reasons.

Both Negro militants and conservatives, for a change, were speaking as one. Instead of fighting one another, they had found a common enemy: the forces behind Powell's possible ouster from the House.

From the black power militancy of SNCC to the civil rights conservatism of the National Baptist Convention, USA Inc. came the same cry: "We must stand behind one of our own."

Stokely Carmichael, SNCC chairman, came to Powell's aid, as expected. But it was a little surprising to hear Dr. J. H. Jackson, Baptist convention president, express his "admiration and appreciation" for the embattled politician's "many contributions, as a Congressman, a minister, and Harlem leader."

Dr. Jackson, not known for his support of civil rights militancy, declined to spell out what he considered Powell's "many contributions." He had no criticism for the threats of Negro counterattack in the face of the Adam-smasher efforts in Congress.

He deplored "this tragedy" and said he "wished it had never happened."

Another minister, who has termed Powell's personal conduct "reprehensible and despicable," was directing a "National Pilgrimage to Preserve Powell's Chairmanship."

The Rev. Walter E. Fauntroy of Washington declared that "We need Powell in Congress and at the head of the House Committee on Education and Labor if the war on poverty is to be expanded, if we want a minimum wage, and if we are going to get sufficient government aid to schools in the slums."

At the same time, he said

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For City Council

## CLARENCE LIGHTNER FILES

## Textile Policy Aired In State

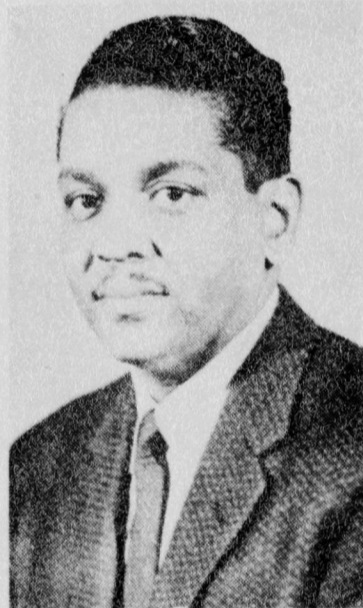
### Mortician To Vie For Place On City Board

Raleigh's political pot seems to be building steam and the constituency is being made aware of the fact that there will be a spring election for city officers.

Clarence E. Lightner, 45, general manager of Lightner Funeral Home, active in civic political and religious doings of the area and one of the state's leading morticians, tossed his hat into the race for a City Council seat, Wednesday.

Mr. Lightner had the following to say: "I feel it is a distinct honor and privilege for any one to have the opportunity to serve his fellow citizens, as a public official. The public endorsement of the Raleigh

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LIGHTNER

### Industry Asked To Consider Fair Play

BY J. B. HARREN

CHARLOTTE - The two-day hearing on the scarcity of Negroes in the Southern Industry held here Jan. 12-13, in the City Library, was heralded as a revealing success by the colored community and many of their white friends. On the other hand, many members of the Southern Textile Mills Industry expressed their displeasure with the hearings and branded as untrue many of the assertions of job discrimination, testified to by many Negroes, who, allegedly, had experienced months or even years - of trying to wait for a call to a job after having taken tests and

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### Queen City Hi Student Slashed

CHARLOTTE - Police are baffled over the worst "sadistic" death this city has ever witnessed, which is believed to have happened about midnight Thursday.

The grisly incident was revealed Friday morning when police found the body of Wadene Welch, 14-yr.-old York Road Junior High School girl, alongside the Southern Railroad tracks, after having been notified by a passerby.

The hunt for the girl began about 1:54 a. m., when the child was reported missing, from her home, about 10 blocks away, by her mother.

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### Accused Man To Be Observed

DURHAM - Judge Leo Carr, presiding over Superior Court, ordered Edward Theodore Ray committed to Cherry Hospital, at Goldsboro, for 60 days of observation and treatment to determine whether he can distinguish right from wrong and is able to stand trial.

Ray was to have gone on trial last week for criminalizing assaulting a Negro woman last September and for kidnapping and raping a white nurse, in December, 1966.

He was slated to have been tried on three counts last week,

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### 1st Negro Sworn In As Sheriff

TUSKEGEE, Ala. - Monday was a new day here for it marked the swearing in of the first Negro to the county's law enforcement job, as the number one man -- that of sheriff -- in the history of Macon County.

Lucious Amerson, wearing a bright golden badge on his chest and a .375 caliber magnum revolver on his hip, took the oath behind closed doors at the Macon County Courthouse here.

Amerson and his three newly appointed deputies, one of the a white man, took their oaths at the old yellow brick courthouse in the office of Probate Judge Preston Hornsby.

Only Amerson's wife, two sons, and a friend or two were allowed to witness the proceeding. Hornsby barred supporters and newsmen at the door.

When Amerson and his deputies emerged, waiting Negroes reached out to shake the new sheriff's hand.

Amerson's chief deputy is

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ROUGH GOING - Saigon: The thick mud and slush of the Delta district of Phu Tan make the going difficult for these Marines Jan. 9th. Unaccustomed to the tricky terrain, the Marines have found that merely staying on one feet can be a rough task. (UPI RADIO TELEPHOTO BY BILL HALL).



SERIOUS MOMENT WITH ADAM - This perhaps is the first time that Adam Clayton Powell was face-to-face with the situation that robbed him of his powerful chairmanship and put him on the sideline until a committee could delve into his matters. He is in conference with House Speaker Robert McCormack, with whom he has been associated for a number of years. The veteran Mass. Democrat was not able to stem the tide that rose against Powell and even though Speaker McCormack showed sympathy he could not hold the anti-Powell forces.

### Johnston Home Agent Retires After 31 Yrs.

CLAYTON - Mrs. Lucy O. Toole Delaine, after 31 years as Home Economics Extension Agent in Johnston County, has come home to the quietness of the country life that has meant so much to her and expects to spend most of her time making things comfortable for her husband Moses Delaine, a grandchild, Loretta Hill, and looking forward to the time when her son, Sgt. Anthony Toole, now with the U. S. Army can join them.

Mrs. Delaine, (known to her friends as Lucy-O), has been the symbol of the rural life of Johnston County. Commenting on her years as an Extension Agent, Mrs. Delaine says: "I have taken everything into consideration, and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the people of Johnston County, I guess it was around five years before I could see some of the results of the teaching I had done, or anything to show in the community.

"When I came here working with rural people, I don't remember any who had electric lights. A few had ice boxes but none had refrigerators. When you look at 31 years, it looks like a long time to me to see what has been done. The progress has not been as great as it should have been, or could have been, but when I look back at the education the majority of people had, I guess it is not so bad. It takes seven times saying the same thing to get a person to react.

"With the 4-H work in Johnston County, there's still a lot to be done. But, there are several persons in Extension Work now who were impressed (as children) with 4-H work they were in so that they wanted

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Mrs. Lucy O. Toole Delaine

to get into this work. Many of the teachers had been in 4-H and were happy to serve as leaders in school for this work.

"It has been interesting," she continues, "and I have enjoyed all of it. I have looked forward each year to some of the special activities such as 4-H Club Week and Demonstrations Day. This gives you a chance to see them in action. At

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### "Wonderful" Says Sweepstakes Winner

Mrs. Pearl Jackson will have no more delusions about Friday, the 13th, due to the fact that it was on that date that she won \$50,000 in the CAROLINIAN Sweepstakes. She had certain misgivings about it and was inclined to call it unlucky.

When she found that she had ticket number 5379 she proclaimed it her lucky day. She exclaimed "Wonderful". She is a member of Rush Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church and said further, "I will give some of it to my church." She has one daughter and lives at 842 E. Lenoir St. She has been a winner in the Winn-Dixie game and has won some Dr. Pepper silver dollars.

THE CAROLINIAN Management is happy that most of the Sweepstakes winners think of their church as soon as they



Mrs. Pearl Jackson

### SWEEPSTAKES NUMBERS

1905 Worth \$25      1397 Worth \$45      6508 Worth \$20

Anyone having current WHITE tickets dated Jan. 14, 1967, with proper numbers, present same to The CAROLINIAN office and receive amounts listed above from the SWEEPSTAKES feature.

### Bass Draws Prison Term

Court and was remanded to jail.

The convicted man figured conspicuously in another robbery, which occurred sometime ago at Tire Sales & Service and the tire was said to have been dressed as a woman.

Persons who knew Bass as a youth, growing up in the Lincoln Park section, are at a loss to account for some of the misfortunes that have attended him as a young man. He was described as a child who was well-mannered, quite and well behaved.



LORENZA MATTHEW BASS

find that they have won. It is the purpse of the project

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### WEATHER

Temperatures for the next five days, Thursday through Monday, will average much below normal. Daytime highs are expected to average in the 30's in the mountains and low 60's elsewhere, except around 80 on the S. C. coast and the lower N. C. coast. Night lows will average in the teens in the mountains and upper 20's inland. Quite cold weather through Saturday with moderation the early part of next week. Precipitation will total generally more than 1-4 of an inch occurring as mostly rain in the East portion and possible a mixture of rain, and snow, sleet in the west portion about Thursday night and Friday.

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

#### ANOTHER TAXICAB ROBBERY

Raleigh police have come up against two taxicab robberies in the past two weeks. William Leonard Roberts, 111 Holuman St., is reported to have had a harrowing experience about 10 p. m., Saturday. Mr. Roberts reported that a Negro male, approximately 30 or 34 years old, wearing a black hat, a black trench coat and having a small mustache, came to the Acme Taxi company stand, Lenoir and Blount Sts., and asked to be taken to 1211 Holman St.

Roberts says the man got into the cab and headed for the address given. However, when he arrived at the corner of Holman and Branch Sts., the passenger pressed a gun to the back of his head and said, "take

#### Murder Aids Affliction Of Witness

DURHAM - A murder that caused a woman who had not walked freely in years to walk, done by a cripple, resulted in the killer being freed by a Durham County jury in Superior Court, here, last week.

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me to Hayti Alley" and at about the same time, cut the cord of his communication system.

When Roberts arrived at Hayti Alley the man reached into his (Roberts') shirt pocket and took out his money. The robber is reported as having jumped out of the car and fled.

Mr. Roberts told officers that he would be able to identify the man if he saw him again. Five dollars damage was reported to have been done to the communication system.

#### BICYCLES STOLEN FROM PORCH

Obbie Elliott, 112 Camden St., complained to police that on Sunday night, about 12:15 a. m., someone did, with purpose and wrong intent, take two bicycles off his front porch.

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#### NCC Hears New Prexy Pep Talk

DURHAM - Dr. Albert N. Whiting, president-elect of North Carolina College, Wednesday urged students to become "involved" in variety of desirable undertakings. "My plea to you - my plea to all students across this nation" he

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### EDITORIAL FEATURE

### In Union There Is Strength

In yesteryear many of the graduating classes from high schools used, "In Union There Is Strength," as a class motto. Many of the graduates were too young to appreciate what the true meaning was. A look at the unification of Negro leaders behind Adam Clayton Powell, in his trying hours, makes all of us realize what it means.

It is unfortunate that it took such a catastrophe in the halls of congress, but from where we sit it looks like a blessing in disguise. It has served as a tonic to Negro leadership and should serve as an awakening fluid to Powell. Never before has Negro leadership had such a pentecostal realization of being on one accord.

From every quarter there has come the one universal cry, "Why Murder Powell?" Baptist, Methodists, Catholics, Presbyterians, Republicans, Democrats, Christians and Jews, have sensed the feeling that "Adam is being murdered." This should mean that Negro leadership should take another look at itself and say the Negro's cause is just and no matter what my personal ambitions may be, I will fight to the last ditch to defeat those who would deny any citizen his right because of race or color.

Negro leadership rose to the occasion, put away petty differences and rallied to Powell's cause. It was mindful of the mistakes the Harlem congressman had made and the abuses of moral ethics that he had used and to a man said, "Adam does not deserve the penalty that he has been asked to pay." This exhibition of loyalty is commendable and could be a telling factor in the future of the American Negro.

It should help Clayton Powell to take a serious look at himself and realize that the "Wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life." There is no doubt about his being needed in congress and there is no doubt about his ability, the only thing he needs to do is to realize that he must be true to Adam and then he can in no wise be false to any man. Certainly there is strength in union and union strengthens, even the weak.



FINALLY TAKES OATH--Atlanta: Negro Julian Bond (C) twice denied his seat in the Georgia legislature because of his controversial views on the Viet Nam war, finally takes his oath of office January 9, as the 1967 session of the General Assembly gets under way. It took a U.S. Supreme Court ruling and three elections for Bond to finally make it into the legislature. (UPI TELEPHOTO).