

# Ray Tells How He Became Involved In Plot To Assassinate Dr. King

## Recalls Actions From Canada To Memphis

NEW YORK - James Earl Ray, the man accused of slaying Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., said Tuesday that he probably became involved in a plot to murder King when he agreed, as a start, to haul packages of narcotics across the Canadian border.

Ray's own admission of possible implication in a murder plot was revealed in an article published in the current issue of Look Magazine. The article, by author William Bradford Huie, details Ray's actions and movements after he left Canada.

The article in Look is the second in a series dealing with Ray and the assassination of Dr. King. Huie's account is based on Ray's written answers to questions submitted by the author. While a fugitive in Canada, said Huie, Ray had met a man who called himself Raoul. After eight meetings with Ray, Raoul offered the accused assassin living expenses, a good car, suitable identification, eventual travel papers and \$12,000 if Ray would return to the United States, establish himself in Birmingham, Ala., and make himself "available."

Part of the mysterious offer was that Ray would bring some packages into the U. S. via automobile across the Windsor-Detroit border before proceeding to Birmingham. The trip was carried out by Ray on

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## Parade To Signal Big "Blackout"

DURHAM - A massive "blackout" of business establishments is being planned by local black members of the community, who have staged economic boycotts of local stores since early summer. This "blackout" is expected during the Christmas holiday shopping season.

According to members of the Black Solidarity Committee in a meeting here last weekend, plans were announced for a stepped-up boycott and for an all-black parade on Friday, Nov. 29, which is expected to rival the annual Thanksgiving parade throughout Durham, heralding the Christmas shopping season.

Bruce Bridges of the Solidarity Committee, said, "The black parade will be for those who stay away from downtown. It will be on the same day as the other parade and will start about the same time." The parade will be limited to black neighborhoods, it was reported.

Demands for equality ignited the summer boycott. It was aimed at the Durham business community to gain support for these demands.

Issuing a joint statement later, calling on the City Council to meet Negro demands, was the Durham Merchants Association and the local Chamber of Commerce.

## Students At Orange High Out

HILLSBOROUGH - Sixty black students were expelled from the Orange High School here Monday after they left the school to attend a meeting with Howard Fuller of Durham, according to acting principal Fred Claytor. He reported that the students left shortly before 9 a. m. and returned about 11 a. m.

However, Claytor said he refused to re-admit them to classes and declared them to be expelled. Sheriff's deputies were also on hand if trouble had developed, but none did. The students returned to their homes after being told of their mass expulsion by Mr. Claytor. He said they were instructed not to come back.

This incident was another in a series of developments in recent days, sparked by a fight between Negroes and whites, causing the school to close for a day. This was followed by a letter of resignation by Principal Harry Howard, who was since been given a two-week leave of absence to reconsider resigning. Howard sent a letter to Orange County Superintendent G. Paul Carr Monday in which he stated he intended to stick to his original letter of resignation.

In the altercation at the school, two students were injured. The fight was attributed to a George Wallace hat being worn by a white student. "I have been placed in an untenable position," Howard declared.

Howard Fuller is director of the training department of the Foundation for Community Development, with headquarters at Durham.

The situation at the Orange High School has been watched carefully since the first incident occurred after the Wallace hat incident, and it was feared at one time more black students might have been involved.

Students now attending the Orange High School are attending it, for some, for the very

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**ASKED TO QUIT - Los Angeles:** Executive Director Roy Wilkins of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Peoples (NAACP) was asked to resign from the organization Nov. 11 by three NAACP branch presidents in the Los Angeles area. They called Wilkins "the No. 1 Uncle Tom in America" and said the NAACP's "membership is eroding" and its prestige is up "only in the white community." (UPI PHOTO).

## W. K. Smith

## Prominent Fayetteville Citizen Buried

He, perhaps more than any other person, was responsible for the growth and development



W. K. SMITH

FAYETTEVILLE - The large crowd that attended the funeral of W. K. Smith, held at the First Baptist Church at 4 p. m. Wednesday, was evidence of the fact that one of the most respected citizens of the community had fallen in death.

Mr. Smith died in a local hospital Sunday, after an extended illness. Funeral rites, by the Masonic Order, were held Tuesday night, at Rogers Funeral Home. It was there that he was extolled as a man of sterling character and rich virtues.

One of his outstanding contributions was to the development of the tenets of Prince Hall Masonry. He was a member of Eureka Lodge No. 3 and was a past potentate of Kindah Temple No. 63. Because of his contribution to Evans Consistory No. 196, he was selected "Sublime Prince of the Year 1964."

# DURHAM "BLACKOUT" SET

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## At Orange High School

# Expel 60 Students

# Local Man Faces Rifle Rap

## Fires Into Window Of Neighbor

Raymond Wilson, 43, 291 1/2 Hogan Lane (Method), told Officers R. H. Phillips and W. Radford at 2:35 p. m. Saturday, that James Edward McNeil, 34, same address, differed a partment and started cursing earlier in the afternoon.

Mr. Wilson said that when he asked Mr. McNeil to leave, the suspect jumped up and ran out of his apartment and into his own, across the hall.

A short time later, Wilson reported hearing a lot of com-



MCNEIL

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**AND THE BEAT GOES ON... FOR FREEDOM - Swan Quarter, N. C.:** North Carolina Highway Patrolmen guard the entrance to the Hyde County Courthouse as a group of Negroes sing freedom songs. Several Negroes were arrested during Tuesday's (Nov. 12) racial incidents. (UPI PHOTO).

# Indict 4 Women For Murder-Robbery

TARBORO - The Edgecombe County Grand Jury Monday indicted four young Negro women on charges of murder and armed robbery of a Rocky Mount

merchant on Thursday, Oct. 17, during a hearing here.

Being held here in the shooting death of W. E. Strum, 65, are Misses Bessie Wilkins, 19;

Marie Hill, 17; Mamie Higgs, 25; and Carolyn Fox, 18, all of Rocky Mount.

The presiding judge allowed no bond on the charges of mur-

der, but set \$10,000 bonds each in the armed robbery cases. They are all being held for trial in the next term of Edgecombe Superior Court.

Detective Horace Winstead of Rocky Mount said Strum's body was discovered by a customer on the floor of his grocery store, which is located in the northeast section of the city.

The man had been shot with a .25 calibre automatic revolver and robbed of some \$1,800, according to the detective.

# Unrest At Swan Quarter Continues, Teens Give Chickens To Officials

SWAN QUARTERS - Racial incidents here during the past week have created both statewide and nationwide publicity, as a 17-year-old Negro girl is reported to have broken her pelvis when she jumped out of a window Monday after being locked in a room with many others protesting school segregation, and at least fifty-two per-

sons had been arrested early Wednesday morning as the CAROLINIAN prepared to go to press. The girl was unidentified.

The arrests came after the teenagers are alleged to have blocked traffic and refused orders of State Highway Patrolmen to clear Highway 264. Earlier in the day Tuesday, some

of the black teenagers are re-

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## The Crime Beat

FROM RALEIGH'S OFFICIAL POLICE FILE

### "CLOBBERED," ROBBED

Marvin Earl Jeffreys, 29, 1018 Nassau St., informed Officer W. M. Parker, Jr. at 12:01 a. m. Thursday, that he was struck on the head, then robbed of \$9 while walking in the 300 block of W. South St. A baseball bat, carried by one of four colored males, was used to "clobber" the complainant, who was unable to give any descriptions.

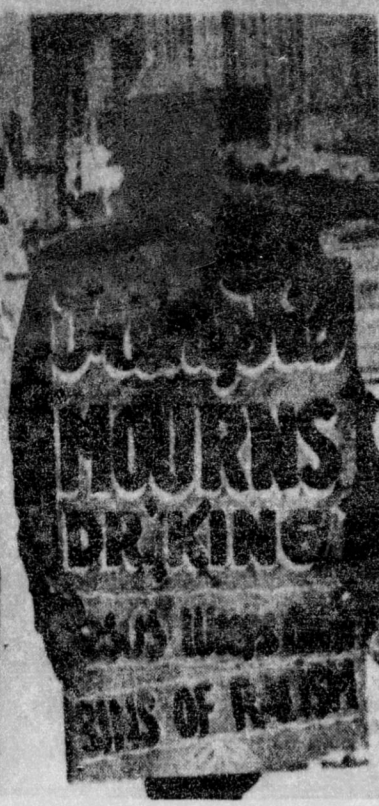
Mr. Jeffreys was taken to Wake Memorial Hospital for treatment of a two-inch laceration on the top of his head.

### CORRECTION

In the last item of The Crime Beat on Page 3 of last week's CAROLINIAN, George Edward Davis, Jr., was incorrectly listed as having been arrested for assaulting and stabbing George Washington Shaw, bell captain at the Andrew Johnson Hotel, 100 W. Martin Street. This was not true.

Mr. Davis was merely a witness against the person who actually did the stabbing, Robert Lee Gupson, 24-year-old colored male of Room 210 at the hotel. The CAROLINIAN regrets this error and wishes again to apologize to Mr. Davis for the error, as it was Robert Lee Gupson and NCT George Edward Davis, who cut Mr. Shaw on the right hand and stabbed him in the abdomen.

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**ALIVE IN THE HEARTS OF HIS FELLOW-MAN - Memphis, Tenn.:** A sign-carrying picket is escorted from the street adjoining the Shelby County Court House where the trial of James Earl Ray was scheduled to begin Nov. 12. (UPI PHOTO).

## RCA Head Resigns

The Rev. Dr. Charles W. Ward, president of the Raleigh Citizens Association since 1964, will step down from this position when the Association meets in its regular monthly session at the Bloodworth Street YMCA

Thursday, Nov. 14, at 8:14 p. m. The minister - civic leader gave as his reason for relinquishing the post, the facts that the demands of the ministry are increasing in his pastorate at the First Baptist Church, and his time as chairman of the Raleigh Inter-Church Housing Association (RICH) was becoming more in demand.

Dr. Ward succeeded the Rev. John W. Fleming as president of the RCA.

In addition to choosing a new slate of officers, the Association will also make an appraisal of the recent elections in

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DR. C. W. WARD

## 9 Named To Human Rights Committee

WASHINGTON, D. C. - Secretary Robert C. Weaver of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development last week named nine leaders in the fields of housing and human rights to serve as members of a Human Rights Award Committee.

This committee will assist the Secretary in selecting a recipient or recipients of HUD's first National Human Rights Award. The award is part of the Department's participation in the observance of Human Rights Year 1968, and will honor an outstanding contribution on behalf of human rights in housing or community development.

Named were John W. Gardner, Chairman of the Urban Coalition; Mrs. Anna Roosevelt Halsted, Vice-Chairman of the President's Commission for the Advancement of Colored People; Robert L. Carter, President of the National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing; William L. Rafsky, President of the National Asso-

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## HUD Seeks Over 300 Graduates

WASHINGTON, D. C. - The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is seeking 300 college graduates to help administer new and expanded programs.

More than 100 HUD recruiters will visit 155 colleges this year to recruit interns who will be trained to fill key executive and professional positions.

The 1968 recruiting program produced 183 urban interns from 105 colleges and universities, 86 of whom were employed at HUD's Washington headquarters and 97 in the seven regional offices.

**AID TO SMALL COMMUNITIES** More than 83 percent of the grants made by the U. S. De-

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## SWEEPSTAKES

6590 6180 6055

Anyone having current WHITE tickets, dated Nov. 9, 1968, with proper numbers, present same to The CAROLINIAN office and receive amounts listed above from the SWEEPSTAKES Feature.

## Man, Woman Win Sweepstakes

A man and a woman were last week's lucky winners in The CAROLINIAN'S Sweepstakes Promotion, winning a total of \$15 in cash.

Mrs. Alice Benjamin of 413 E. Worth St., picked up the first prize ticket, number 4253, from Carter's Inc., E. Martin St. She was awarded the first prize of \$10.

Joe Shaw, 1517 E. Jones St., received number 4510, second prize, at Hudson-Belk 206 Shop, Fayetteville St. When he presented it at The CAROLINIAN'S offices, he received the second prize amount of \$5.

Tickets good this week must be white in color and dated Nov. 9, 1968.

First prize ticket is number 6590, worth \$10; second prize, number 6180, worth \$5; and third prize, number 6055, is also worth \$5, as there were no third prize winners last week.

Patronize businesses which advertise in The CAROLINIAN. They appreciate your patronage. Kindly inform them that you saw their "ads" in this newspaper.

Sweepstakes advertisers may be found on page 8 of this week's CAROLINIAN. Look them over. Visit these merchants and be sure to pick up your Sweepstakes ticket.

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**FIRST IN OVER 96 YEARS - Tallahassee, Fla.:** Joe Kershaw on the right is sworn into office of State Representative of Florida. Kershaw is the first Negro to take office in over 96 years. The other Representatives are (L-R) Bob Graham and Walter Sackett. Administering the oath is Supreme Court Justice B. K. Roberts. (UPI PHOTO).