

Dr. Lyons Tells FSU's Board Of Trustees

"Pressure Will Not Force Me To Resign Position"

FSU Head Says He Will Stay

Black Mayor Of Fayette, Mississippi

CHARLES EVERS ADMITS HIS 'SHADY' PAST



CHARLES EVERS

Racism Was Cause, Says Miss. Mayor

FAYETTE, Miss. - "Racism drove me to do it. No jobs or anything."

These were the words Charles Evers allegedly used Tuesday in describing to Associated Press what made him run prostitution houses, bootlegging and numbers operation before his climb to prominence. But the only black mayor in this Mississippi town quickly vowed, "I'll never do it again."

Evers, the brother of slain civil rights leader, Medgar Evers, who was assassinated in June of 1963, made the comments Tuesday when questioned about preview reports of his book entitled "Evers." The book is scheduled to be published next Sunday, about the same time Evers is expected to be selected as a gubernatorial candidate by loyalist Democrats.

Evers said, "I rather tell you about my life myself. You can read the book for yourself. It is all in there." The first black man to defeat a white candidate for mayor in a Mississippi town went on to describe some of his early experiences in life.

"I tried bootlegging when my family owned funeral parlors at Philadelphia, Forest and Mt. Olive. I'd buy 10 or 12 cases from white bootleggers in Vicksburg and I'd put them in

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Baptists Set Two 'Weekends'

The Brotherhood Department of the Baptist State Convention has announced that there will be town Family Camping Weekends this year at Camp Caraway in the Uwharrie Mountains just west of Asheboro. The first is scheduled for Friday through Sunday, April 16-18 and the second, April 30-May 2. These retreats are held in

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NEW MAYOR OF BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA, WIFE - Berkeley, Calif. Warren Widener, 32, a liberal attorney became the first black elected to the city of Berkeley's top office late April 6. Widener and his wife are shown at campaign headquarters after the final tabulating of one of numerous phone calls congratulating him on his victory. (UPI)

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Man Finds Estranged Wife In Raleigh Hotel Room As

Shaw U. Official Murdered

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Of Food Store Chain

Plan National Boycott

SCLC To Ignore Stores

ATLANTA, Ga. - Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, announced from the Overseas Press Club in New York City, plans for a nationwide campaign against a nationally known food chain store.

Abernathy was in New York last week to launch the second phase of the Spring "War Against Repression." Monday, April 5 the SCLC leader led thousands of demonstrators to New York's Wall Street, where he challenged the nation's economic leaders to invest in life rather than material wealth.

Tuesday, April 6, Rev. Abernathy and delegations of poor people from across the country, marched to the national headquarters of the food giant, where after being refused an audience with the chain's president, Abernathy, Dr. William A. Jones, president of the SCLC's Greater New York chapter of Operation Breadbasket and fifty-three demonstrators, were jailed. The SCLC is making plans for a national meeting of Operation Breadbasket chapter, affiliates and ministers to launch a national withdrawal campaign from the food chain.

The SCLC president said in his national call, "we will halt this company's exploitation from Savannah on the Atlantic

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ECCLES LEE LEAK

Miss B. Sandford Will Represent GN Council

Miss Betty Sandford, Human Relations Specialist in Training to work with women's organizations, will represent the North Carolina Good Neighbor Council at a workshop sponsored by Women-In-Action for the Prevention of Violence and its Causes. The Women-In-Action Workshop will be held in Durham April 16-17. Mrs. Asa T. Spaulding is president of the organization.

Women-In-Action has invited statewide leaders from North Carolina Communities to attend the workshop and discover how the group helped alleviate tensions on the local level.

The WIAPV was formed in

NBL To Cite Top Black Official With Company

WASHINGTON, D. C. - The widespread interest in Blacks and other minorities succeeding in business has been to a large degree the responsibility of Abraham S. Venable.

Berkeley G. Burrell, president of the National Business League and General Chairman for "A Salute to Abe Venable" has announced that some 500 friends of Mr. Venable's from coast to coast will gather at the Twin Bridge Marriott Hotel, April 21, for a dinner honoring his achievements and express confidence in his ability to succeed in his new assignment with General Motors Corporation.

As Director, Office of Minority Business Enterprise, a US Commerce Department Agency, Venable has directed a staff of 80 business specialists whose assignment has been to locate and coordinate government

September 1968 during a Durham "black buying boycott" when tensions were mounting, and acted as a safety valve by offering a platform for grievances. In 1970 they helped pave the way for a peaceful court-ordered school integration.

A special invitation was issued to the women's organizations and individuals interested in working toward solutions of problems that could cause tension in the community.

Miss Sandford said that local persons wishing to attend may contact her at the North Carolina Good Neighbor Council 829-7996 for further information.

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'Bullet In Chest Killed'

"I think the bullet that entered his chest was the one that killed him," said Dr. W. W. Hedrick, Wake County Medical Examiner, Tuesday night when interviewed by a CAROLINIAN newsmen regarding which of the three bullets which entered his body at 2:45 p.m. last Friday, allegedly fired by 32-year-old Andrew Miller of Durham, killed Eccles Leak, 43, on a second floor room at the Hilton Inn, 1707 Hillsborough Street.

Leak was director of Shaw University's Housing and Urban Development program. In the room with Leak was Mrs. Wilma Stewart Miller, estranged wife of the man who fired the shots, who was allegedly Leak's secretary and who lives at 1313 Savannah Drive in the Kingwood Forest section of Raleigh.

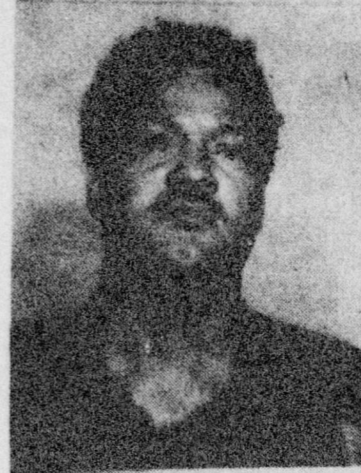
Miller, who was originally

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Board Ends Its Spring Convention

ATLANTA, Ga. - The Board of Directors of the Southern

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SAY THEY PLOTTED TO KILL MAYOR AND CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER - Chicago: Four persons have been arrested in connection with an alleged plot to assassinate Chicago Mayor Richard Daley and civil rights leader Jesse Jackson and make a power grab in the ensuing racial strife. Arraigned on charges of solicitation to commit murder were (U-L) Charles R. Whiteside, 35, (U-R) Howard Harris, 35, (L-L) Earl P. Dillard, 37, and (L-R) Terry Simmons, 38, all shown in police identification photos. (UPI)

Mayor Lee To Keynote Elks' 51st NC Meeting

ASHEVILLE - Chapel Hill's Mayor, Howard Lee will be the keynote speaker for the 51st annual convention of the North Carolina State Association, Order of the Elks of the World, to be held here May 1-5 at the Grove Park Inn.

Lee, the first black mayor to serve a small southern town, will speak Sunday afternoon May 2 at the 2 p.m. session.

The theme for the five day meet, which is expected to attract more than 1000 prospects will be "To promote health, secure education, build personalities and build a shrine." Fawcett Lodge No. 363 will be the host lodge and Rhodendron Temple No. 573 will be the host temple. Dr. Otis Dunn, serving as local program director, has received the

backing of the city and county government officials in planning for the large turnout.

The confab will begin with registration scheduled for Saturday, May 1 at the Grove Inn. A memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday morning, May 2. The Molock Lodge Elks' Chorus of Gastonia, will render music for the memorial service.

Mayor Wayne Montgomery will bring the welcoming address to kickoff the 2 p.m. session before Lee deliver the keynote address. Charlotte's City Councilman Fred Alexander will speak during the Elks' Civil Liberties program at 8 p.m. Sunday night.

Other top officials expected to appear on the program during the session will be Dr. J. E. Jones, a health director from Elizabeth City, Dr. A. H. Vincent and Dr. John Holt.

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Butler Elected Trustee

WINSTON - SALEM - Dr. J. Ray Butler, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church here and formerly pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church for 16 years, has recently been elected a Trustee of the Friendship College, Rock Hill, S. C.

The Shiloh Baptist Church will observe the first anniversary of Dr. Butler on Sunday, April 18 at 4:30 p.m. The Rev. James A. Hawkins and congregation of the Hanas CME Church of Winston-Salem will be special guests.

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Boy Scouts Set 'O-Rama Here May 1

A cast of 10,000 Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Explorers will dramatize "Manpower begins with Boypower" at the biennial Occaneechee Council Scout-O-Rama scheduled for the N. C. State Fairgrounds here on Saturday, May 1.

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FAYETTEVILLE - Dr. Charles Lyons, Jr. president of Fayetteville State University, in a prepared 33-page report, told the Board of Trustees of the university last Tuesday that he would not be pressured into resigning by dissident students, faculty members and alumni.

"I can only surmise that my detractors reason that with enough of this kind of pressure applied with sufficient force and intensity, I will crumble and resign, thus handing them their prize. They have miscalculated," Lyons said.

Because of the large amount of testimony heard at last Tuesday's meeting, the trustees refused to issue a statement. However, the board is expected to release a statement concerning its findings at its May 27 meeting.

Lyons responded to criticism of his administration which resulted into student boycott of classes at the university about two months ago. This report was part of a trustees' investigation into campus unrest, which also included testimony from student body leaders, alumni and faculty members.

According to Lyons, the most emotionally charged issue against him was the removal of Dr. D. W. Bishop from the faculty. Lyons accused Bishop of manipulating the Faculty Assembly "as a weapon to sow seeds of division, distrust, discord, suspicion and confusion in the university."

"Bishop still has allies and lieutenants working," said Lyons who quickly stated that a "second effort had been made to discredit the present administration in the eyes of the students, staff, community and state."

Lyons charged that the students are "pawns in a power game, most of whom at first

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CRIME BEAT

From Raleigh's Official Police Files

EDITOR'S NOTE: This column or feature is produced in the public interest with an aim towards eliminating its contents. Numerous individuals have requested that they be given the consideration of overlooking their listing on the police blotter. This we would like to do. However, it is not our position to be judge or jury. We merely publish the facts as we find them reported by the arresting officers. To keep out of the Crime Beat Columns, merely means not being registered by a police officer in reporting his findings while on duty. So simply keep off the "Blotter" and you won't be in The Crime Beat.

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STABBED IN BREST

Miss Brenda Lucille Evans, 312 S. Swain Street, told Officer W. B. Holland at 12:20 a. m. Sunday, that she was struggling with Leamond Williams and Robert Louis Williams in the 300 block of West South Street. During the struggle, the woman stated, Leamond Williams stabbed her in the right breast. She signed a warrant and Williams, 27, 608 Jamaica Drive, was "hauled off" to Wake County Jail, charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

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In The Sweepstakes
SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK
NARRON BROS. UPHOLSTERY
For A Wide Variety of Fabric Selections

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Sweepstakes

Last week, Mrs. Esther Snipes, 1312 Pender Street, was the winner of \$50 worth of merchandise from Narron Brothers Upholstery Department, 225 S. Wilmington Street.

Although we have no winners this week, there is still a big chance that the Sweepstakes ticket which you have in trade, that much or more in trade, so hold onto those tickets.

Due to the few merchants advertising on the Sweepstakes page, prizes will be curtailed until the page's advertisers are built back up.

In the Sweepstakes Spotlight this week is Narron Brothers Upholstery Department, 225 S. Wilmington Street, where you will find a wide selection of fabrics and experienced craftsmanship.



PRESIDENT CITES "BOY OF THE YEAR" - Washington: President Nixon presents a plaque to Pelton Stewart, 18, of San Francisco, who was named the 1971 national "Boy of the Year" of the Boys' Club of America, at the White House April 9. Stewart was chosen from among 10 finalists representing more than 900 clubs and will receive a \$4,000 scholarship. Earlier, in a statement, Nixon announced he will ask Congress for \$63.4 million to provide an additional 100,000 summer jobs for underprivileged youngsters this year. (UPI)