

Warns US On Black Joblessness

'Perils' Of National Future Explained

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Roy Wilkins, executive director, NAACP, speaking at a question and answer period, held on the eve of the opening of the 66th annual session of the organization, warned that unless America busies itself about black unemployment, it might live to regret it. Mr. Wilkins was heard here Sunday.

Wilkins painted a dismal picture of the future of America if blacks continue to bear the brunt of unemployment. Even though the national rate is dropping, he saw the usual practice, "blacks to be the last hired and the first fired." He was apprehensive that blacks no longer will sit by and let America ignore them in its employment program.

However, he was mindful of the fact that the NAACP is dedicated to non-violence and he was not too hopeful that this theory would hold if the general trend in black unemployment continues.

Delegates began arriving as early as Friday and continued throughout Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Much interest is to be expressed in this convention, due to the fact that (See WARNS U.S., P. 2)



WORLD'S OLDEST HUMAN GETS NEW TEETH — Bartow, Fla. — Thought to be the United States' oldest citizen, Charlie Smith shows off his new false teeth as his 133rd birthday approaches. Acknowledged by the Social Security Administration to be at least 132, Charlie uses July 4 as his birthdate since he isn't sure of the real one. A Miami dentist, Dr. David Vine, made Charlie a set of false teeth after Vine saw a television interview with Smith and noticed that the former slave had no teeth. They were Smith's first set of dentures. (UPI)

Nabbed In City Shooting

BY STAFF WRITER

A Raleigh man reported to be in his 30s was jailed here Tuesday night and charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill in the shooting of a 56-year-old former local resident. The condition early Wednesday of this week of Mallie Lee Dew, Jr., was listed as critical by an official at the Wake County Medical Center.

According to Raleigh police authorities, the gunning of Mr. Dew, whose current address is listed as Rte. 1, Wilson, grew out of an argument which occurred at the intersection of Ellington and North Streets near Lightner Funeral Home, located on Smithfield Street. (See NABBED IN, P. 2)



10,000 To Hear Talk By Bishop

TOLEDO, Ohio — More than 10,000 youth delegates of the Church of God in Christ, Inc., the fastest growing Pentecostal movement in the world, have gathered in Memphis, Tenn., the denomination's headquarters, from across the nation and abroad, June 30-July 6, to attend the 40th session of the International Youth Congress of the church, with its theme: "Holiness, the Way."

The congress is under the leadership of Bishop William James, Toledo, Ohio, international. (See 10,000 WILL, P. 2)

Conspiracy Of Silence Reported

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Charles B. Rangel, chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, last week charged that a "conspiracy of silence" surrounds the facts of the assassination of Martin Luther King and called upon the Attorney General to reopen the investigation of the assassination. In a letter to Attorney General Levi, Rangel cited the statement recently received by Atlanta Police Commissioner Reginald Eaves and the allegations made by James Earl Ray as evidence that the case was closed prematurely. Rangel questioned "the validity and integrity of ending the investigation of the death of Dr. King with the incarceration of one man."

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