

Courts Act On Inmates' Pleas



REV. BEN CHAVIS
Chavis, 9 Others Rejected

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U. S. Supreme Court, on Monday, refused to review the convictions of the "Wilmington 10," nine black men and a white woman charged with conspiracy to burn a grocery store and conspiracy to shoot at fire and police personnel during a racial flare-up in Wilmington, N.C. in 1971.

The high court's rejection of the case means that the group, free on a total bond of \$400,000, since their convictions, will have to start serving prison terms.

Court officials in North Carolina, said that as soon as the Supreme Court officially notifies the N.C. Supreme Court of the rejection of the case, the N.C. court will order Pender County officials to revoke the bonds against the 10.

The charges against Rev. Ben Chavis, Mrs. Ann Shepard, Connie Tindall, Marvin Patrick, Jerry Jacobs, Wayne Moore, Joe Wright, James McKoy, Willie E. Vereen, and Reggie Epps, originate from the burning of Mike's Grocery, a family-owned white store in a black section of the port city, on Feb. 6, 1971.

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J. Fowler Comments On Fast

BY MARY ORNDOFF

On Friday, Jan. 16, the inmates of Cellblock F (Death Row) in Raleigh's Central Prison, participated in a one-day fast, which lasted from breakfast until dinner time, at which time it ended.

The idea of a fast was drawn up and initiated by inmate Jesse T. Fowler "as a sacrifice in the abolishment of capital punishment and also to, hopefully, try and arouse a greater interest from the people on the outside so that they will give more support to the anti-capital punishment issue."

The reported sacrifice (missing two meals), which these inmates made was allegedly taken seriously by officials at Central Prison. Fowler said, "Day by day, we sit in our 6 by 6 foot cells (2 a cell) hoping and praying that the decision from the United States Supreme Court will be in our favor and our lives will be spared."

He continued, "I have been convicted of first degree, premeditated murder, when I shot and killed another man to protect my own life, and here in North Carolina, the State has been, for 3 years, planning to put me and many others like me, to death."
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Complaints Of Women Pondered

BY WILLIE WHITE

The protection of the federal courts and \$25,000,000 are being sought by 38 inmates connected with the June 1975 disturbance at the N.C. Correctional Center for Women here.

The suit was presented last Friday in U.S. District Court before Judge Franklin T. Dupree. Eleven state and prison officials were named as defendants, including Gov. James Holshouser, Secretary of Corrections David Jones and Commissioner of Corrections Ralph Edwards.

In their complaint, the inmates presented 14 claims for relief under the First, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution. Their case was "taken under advisement."

The inmates have asked the federal court to "enter a declaratory judgment that the activities of the defendants" in connection with the June 15 disturbances "violate the Con-"
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Newspaper Prexy Says

Harassment Must End

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Biltmore Hills Man's Body Found

CAUSE OF DEATH SOUGHT

Labor Executive To Speak At Local

NAACP Leaders' Banquet

Taylor, 51, Missing For Week



CONVICTED ON FIVE COUNTS OF MURDER — Fredericksburg, Va. — Eddie Lee Thomas is taken away from the Fredericksburg, Va. courthouse Jan. 17, 1976 after being convicted by Stafford County circuit court jury of five counts of murder in the Dec. 26, 1974 slaying of Sallie Davis Auliff and her four children. Thomas was sentenced to five life terms. (UPI)

The body of a 51-year-old Raleigh man was found frozen near the runway at Raleigh-Durham Airport Tuesday morning.

The man, John Taylor, of 916 Hadley Road, in Biltmore Hills, was lying in some pine trees when he was found by Wake County sheriff's deputies. He had been missing from his home since Tuesday of last week.

A spokesman for the Sheriff's office said the body showed no apparent signs of injury. However, foul play has not been ruled out and the cause of death had not been determined by press time.

The spokesman said Taylor, an employee of Charles Upchurch of Morrisville, was (See DEATH CAUSE, P. 2)

NAACP To Meet

The Raleigh-Apex Branch of the NAACP will meet Sunday, Jan. 25, 4 p.m. at RICH Park in Method. Executive board will meet at 3. All interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

Dr. Charles W. Ward is president.



JAMES KEMP

Many Will Attend 2nd Conference

James Kemp, Chicago, national labor leader, will deliver the keynote address at the annual NAACP Political Action Program Work For The Black Population In North Carolina. The meet is designed to seek out and find credible candidates of both major parties to run in the 1976 election. W. C. Patton, Birmingham, Ala., director, NA-

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Female Prisoner Released From Dormitory "C" Here

BY RICK HIGH

September, where she and some other inmates had been sent in early June during the outbreak at that facility.

"The outbreak started over the conditions that we faced in the laundry. I've never in my life seen such deplorable conditions. We were subjected to all kinds of germs and filth, without protective clothing, and sometimes we found human organisms in the laundry, from the state's hospitals. After about 9 m nths of working in the laundry, I became sick," the ex-college student said.

Ms. Boulter, who is serving a 15-year term for robbing a laundry in Charlotte, said of the prison uprising, "We had every intention of being as peaceful as possible, then the guards were told to disassemble the inmate population. I was grabbed and kicked by the guards, that's the last thing I remember, because I blacked out."

Ms. Boulter, along with several others, were sent to the Morganton unit, where she told other reporters that the guards there were ready for them.

"They put us all in isolation and we were allowed to wear only the pajamas that they



MS. BETSY BOULTER

St. Aug's Student Is Shot Once

Raleigh police officials and personnel at St. Augustine's College are still trying to unravel just what happened between a 20-year-old student at the institution and an unidentified person who allegedly gunned him during an argument at the college last Friday.

The victim has been identified as Andre Harris, 900 E. Lane St. He was shot once in the stomach region at about 4 p.m. on the third floor of the Martin Luther King Student Union Building, according to police.

A patient in Room 2C4 at Wake Medical Center, Harris' condition was listed as "fair" Tuesday morning.

Appreciation Feature Has No Claimants

There were no winners in last week's CAROLINIAN Appreciation Money Feature, sponsored weekly by this newspaper.



CHIEF NEGOTIATORS in the move which placed \$26 million of Duke Power Company's employee life insurance coverage with N.C. Mutual Life Insurance Company of Durham, were, seated left to right: Carl Horn, Jr., president of Duke Power, and William J. Kennedy, III, president of N.C. Mutual. Standing are Maceo A. Sloan, N.C. Mutual senior vice president, and Joe S. Major, Duke vice president-personnel. N.C. Mutual Life is the largest black-managed insurance company in the nation.

Company Places \$26 Million In Employee Insurance With NCM

CHARLOTTE — Duke power Company has placed a portion of its group employee life insurance program with North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company of Durham.

Joe S. Major, Duke's vice president, personnel, said that \$26 million of the utility's \$260 million employee life insurance coverage has been assigned to North Carolina Mutual, the nation's largest black-managed insurance company.

North Carolina Mutual, originated in Durham, in 1898, now has assets of \$146.5 million and has \$2.2 billion in insurance in force. It now ranks as the 155th largest insurance company in America.

Pilot Life Insurance Company of Greensboro, also located in Duke Power's Piedmont Carolinas service area, will retain the remainder of the company's life insurance coverage.

William J. Kennedy, III, president of North Carolina Mutual, said that the pact with Duke Power mirrors his company's image as a growing company and Duke's (See \$26 MILLION, P. 2)

Parren Mitchell Urges "End To Factionalism"

DURHAM — Congressman Parren J. Mitchell (D-Md.), called for an end to the factionalism in black communities as he addressed Durham College Alumni Association's banquet in Durham on Saturday, Jan. 17.

Mitchell argued that factionalism will be a major impediment as blacks launch their bicentennial effort to end racism and discrimination in America.

"We blacks cannot afford the luxury of pitting class against class, light skin against dark skin; laborers against professionals," Mitchell said. Holding that disunity weakens the black congressman from Maryland stated, "The recalcitrant part of the power structure knows that we will never again permit ourselves to be disenfranchised, it knows we will never permit ourselves to be intimidated by physical or psychological violence; but it also knows that internal fights within our community

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Three Black Methodist Groups Begin Joint Venture For Unity

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Representatives of the three black Methodist bodies, A.M.E., A.M.E. Zion and C.M.E., met in Washington recently and marked a major effort in bringing the three together. They received and accepted a booklet, known as Liberation and Unity, which will be used by the three in the 1976 Lenten celebration.

The booklet was prepared by leaders of the three churches and contains meditations that will be used from Ash Wednesday, March 3, to Easter Sunday, April 18. This means that the three will observe the season the same way.

Black theology, as it relates to the period 1969-75, by the Theological Commission of the National Conference of Black Christians, is treated by Dr. J. Deotis Roberts, professor of theology and editor of the Journal of Religious Thought.

It was produced by the (See METHODISTS, P. 2)



UNITING FOR UNION — this picture shows representatives of the three black Methodist Churches as they inspect and accept a Lenten Booklet, LIBERATION AND UNITY, which will be used by them, during the 1976 Lenten season. L-r: Bishop C. R. Coleman, A.M.E. Zion, Bishop H. C. Hinton, C.M.E. and Bishop H. W. Murph, A.M.E. happily received the historic booklet from Dr. M. C. Pettigrew, publishing agent, C.M.E. Publishing House, Memphis, Tenn., where it was prepared and produced, in the office of Bishop Murph recently. The booklet was prepared by the three denominations as a joint venture toward the union of the three, which would eventually work toward effecting that body joining the Consultation on Church Union.

Muslim Minister Will Speak

Minister Abdul Hateem Farrakhan, the international representative of the Honorable Wallace D. Muhammad, chief minister of the Nation of Islam.



MINISTER FARRAKHAN

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