

# Black Ala. Millionaire, Wife Are Kidnapped

**A. Gaston Freed; Mate Hurt**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — A. G. Gaston, 83, a wealthy black man, who was the victim of a kidnapping plot, between 12:30 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. Saturday, held a press conference in his hospital room Tuesday, that began with grateful thanks to God for having brought him through the ordeal. He also praised and thanked the law enforcement agencies that rescued both he and his wife.

The eventful happenings are said to have begun when someone is alleged to have broken into the home of the couple, located in an exclusive residential section of the area, knocked Mrs. Gaston unconscious and then engaged in an awful tussle with Mr. Gaston, that is said to have left his bedroom in shambles. He is reported as having put up a good fight, in spite of his age and the sudden surprise. The intruder was reported to have used the Gaston's car, in making his get-away.

When Mrs. Gaston regained consciousness, she is reported (See MILLIONAIRE, P. 2)

## ROBESON RITES IN NY

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Wilmington 10 Orator Says

# "JUSTICE IS SICK"

## Welfare Control Program May Be Illegal, GAO Says

### Singer, Athlete Mourned



**A. G. GASTON**  
City's Plan Inadequate, Feds State

The City of Raleigh may be in trouble with the U.S. Department of Transportation. The City of Raleigh's compliance with regulations of the Urban Mass Transit Authority (UMTA) are not up to par and may require (See CITY'S PLAN, P. 2)

### Officials Of Women's Groups State Views

Several members of two women's organizations in Raleigh, have painted a rather dismal picture of political awareness in the local black community.

Miss Jeanette Hicks, a member of Women in Action for the Prevention of Violence and its Causes, said the local political attitude is "apatheic."

But she said there is a chance of change "if we come together and decide to do something about getting more people registered, voting and informed at the grassroots level."

Miss Hicks said a major part of the problem of apathy, as she sees it, could be solved by a year-round voters' program. "We wait too late. It is a year-round proposition," she said.

A member of the Raleigh

NEW YORK CITY — The secrecy that has surrounded the life and activity of Paul Robeson for about 10 years was ended in a Philadelphia hospital last Friday when it was announced that the hero of football, concert and stage had died at the age of 77.

National and international circles began to speculate about when and where he would be funeralized since he had long since quit the sidewalks of New York and familiar haunts of Harlem. The speculation ended when his body arrived at Benta Funeral Home, St. Nicholas Ave. and the announcement was made that he would be funeralized at Mother AME Zion Church, where his brother Ben, pastored for many years and his captivating voice rang out many times.

The funeral was held at 8 Monday night. The ceremony was unique in the fact that (See P. ROBESON, P. 2)



**PAUL ROBESON**  
Government Official Gives Views

National Black News Service WASHINGTON — The move by the federal government to reduce welfare payment errors, may be illegal, according (See WELFARE, P. 2)



Editor's Note: The CAROLINIAN is resuming its publication of The Crime Beat with this edition of the newspaper, following a tremendous number of personal inquiries and telephone calls for its reinstatement. As was stated in the original editor's note regarding the column, persons wishing to keep their names out of The Crime Beat should not become involved with the Raleigh Police Department, thereby getting their names on the police blotter, from which all of the material for The Crime Beat is gathered.

### GROCERY ROBBERY TRY FAILS

Vedies Cash Grocery was the scene of an attempted robbery about 11:15 a.m. Sunday, when Louis Scarborough allegedly tried to frighten Edgar Moore into giving him a pack of cigarettes. Scarborough was arrested by Officer J. S. Carroll. Vedies Grocery is located at 824 S. Bloodworth. It is owned by Moore and his wife. (See CRIME BEAT, P. 3)

### CRJ Head Addresses Hundreds

A religious setting and religious terminology characterized the support rally held here Monday for the Wilmington 10. The keynote address for the rally was delivered by Dr. Charles E. Cobb, who told the capacity crowd at First Baptist Church, 101 S. Wilmington Street, that "God is not dead, even though justice is deathly sick." Cobb is executive director of the United Church of Christ's (UCC) Commission for Racial Justice.

The rally was called by a group of national organizations after the U.S. Supreme Court refused last week to review the conviction of 9 black men and a white woman stemming from a 1971 incident. The group was charged with conspiracy to burn a grocery store and conspiracy to shoot at fire and police personnel during racial troubles in Wilmington.

The UCC has provided moral support for the group, as well as \$100,000 in defense funds and the present \$400,000 bail. Cobb said.

He said the refusal of the court to hear the case is "incredible," noting that he "wakes up in the middle of the night and finds it unbelievable." Cobb lamented the decision of the court and told the mostly young audience (See JUSTICE IS, P. 2)

### WakeCaucus Meets Thurs.

The Wake County Democratic Black Caucus will hold its first meeting of the year Thursday evening, Jan. 29, Bloodworth St. YMCA.

The meeting will review last year's activities and set up and outline priorities for 1976. Activities include the launching of the long delayed voter registration project, auxiliary ways to give more support and encouragements to Wake County elected black officials.

To examine the political climate and atmosphere in Wake County as these elements might relate to other blacks entering the political arena, to restructure and reactivate the Research and Legislative Committees in order that these committees become watchdog groups who will keep a close watch on the doings of the Raleigh City Council, the town councils of all incorporated Wake County towns, the Wake County Commissioners and the upcoming General Assembly.

In view of the fact that all (See CAUCUS TO, P. 2)



**AMONG "TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES"** — Washington — Leland Steven Browner, wanted on a Federal warrant for bank robbery issued on July 21, 1975, at St. Louis, has been added to the FBI's list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives." Browner, 30 is 5'7" tall, weighs between 135 and 140 pounds and has a small build. Browner should be considered armed, dangerous and an escape risk. (UPI)

### Lobbyist For NAACP Interviewed

A major civil rights organization is in its third year of sponsoring an official legislative lobbyist in Raleigh. And the man manning the office said recently, "I just want people to know we are here and to make use of the office."

Lobbyist Malcolm "Peter" Stanford, representing the N.C. Conference of Branches for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), said the office attempts to relate legislative information to citizens across the state.

He said minorities need to know what affects us at the community level and how we can deal with it at that level.

Stanford is quick to point out, however, that the office does not want to become an excuse for citizens on the local level to pass the civil rights struggle to higher officials. But there are times when the organization or (See LOBBYIST, P. 2)

### Ms. Warren Appreciation

Ms. Gloria Warren, 1652 Fountain Drive (Southgate Apartments) was the sole winner of a check for \$10 in last week's CAROLINIAN Appreciation Money Feature, sponsored by this newspaper and participating merchants, found each week on the back page of the front section of the paper.

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AT RALLY FOR WILMINGTON 10 — Raleigh — About 800 supporters of the famed Wilmington 10 were on hand here Monday to voice support at a rally held at the First Baptist Church, 101 S. Wilmington St., which culminated at the State Capitol. Left to right on front, are: Marvin Patrick, Reginald Epps, Wayne Moore, William Wright, Willie Vereen, Ann Shepard and others. See Story, (UPI)

### Body Of Child Is Removed

The body of 18-month-old Tonikka Dunn, 516 Alston Street, who was suffocated and burned to death at her residence, was removed early Tuesday morning by a local fireman as a steady downpour of rain splashed upon the white sheet which covered the tiny body.

Her brother, 4-year-old Antonio Dunn, was rushed to Wake Medical Center, along with his mother, Ms. Vernell Dunn. Both were treated for burns and smoke inhalation. The boy was later transferred to the Burn Center at N. C. Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill in critical condition.

According to testimony from neighbors, Ms. Dunn left 17 children for a short time to go to the grocery store one block away.

Fire officials said late Tuesday that the fire started when a television screen (See BODY OF P. 2)



CHILD FATALLY BURNED HERE — Raleigh fireman removes the burned body of 18-month old Tonikka Dunn from her home at 516 Alston, Tuesday morning. (Staff Photo)

### Goldsboro Pastor Says State Of The Christian Church Is Challenging

BY WILLIE WHITE  
understand where we are, and who we are, and what our mission is," Horton explained. "Concerning the political situation in the black community, Rev. Horton suggested that people are "Still looking to politics more than they are looking to Jesus." But he said the need is a matter of the "human spirit."

"There is nothing wrong with the system, it is the person," Horton said, pointing out that he believes only a "new birth in Christ" will result in harmony in society. "Goodwill, love and understanding cannot be legislated."

A graduate of Shaw University (B.A. '55) and Shaw Divinity School (B.D. '58), Rev. Horton has been at First African Baptist for 9 years (his anniversary is Sunday). During these 9 years, he has studied and observed the Goldsboro religious setting.

Goldsboro's black church community is "considerably immature," Horton said as he explained that it seems that the "lean economic situation of Wayne County" has hindered the development of "trained leadership."

The former president of the Afro-American Ministerial Alliance questions the attitudes (See GOLDSBORO, P. 2)

### Coalition Is Needed, Bayard Rustin Says

NEW YORK, N.Y. — A new coalition of blacks and Jews "is absolutely essential for the well-being of both," according to Bayard Rustin, veteran civil rights leader and founder of the Black Americans to Support Israel Committee (BASIC). He predicted that there will be a rebirth of the alliance.

Addressing a meeting of the national fact finding committee of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, last Friday, Mr. Rustin said blacks are being tremendously hurt by the recession and now realize that if anything is to happen, there must be coalitions.

He went on to say that while it was "completely appropriate" for Jews to have "turned inward" in the wake of the Arab-Israeli Six Day War, with (See COALITION, P. 2)

current developments at the United Nations, "Jews ought to realize that they profoundly need friends wherever they can find them."

BASIC, through literature, a speakers bureau and trips to Israel, will provide facts on Zionism and the Middle East to the black community in order to correct what Mr. Rustin called "erroneous notions." He said the vast majority of blacks do not have any opinion on the Mideast situation because they are not familiar with the facts.

Rustin, southeast BASIC, as having had a "very good" reception in the black community and said its membership is made up of black leaders from all walks of life. "We support Israel," he declared, "because Israel is a (See COALITION, P. 2)

### Public Hearing On Cablevision Scheduled For Raleigh Tuesday

BY PAT BRYANT

The Raleigh City Council will hold a public hearing Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 5 p.m. in the City Council chambers. The hearing is designed to hear from the public concerning a rate increase of 25 percent requested by Cabletelevision of North Carolina, a subsidiary of a Denver, Colorado-based firm. The rate raise would be from \$5.00 to \$6.50.

At a recent meeting of the Law and Finance Committee, strong concern was voiced by blacks that cablevision has neglected to serve southeast Raleigh. Cablevision officials have admitted that lines will be extended to Idlewild and Foxrun, black subdivisions on the fringes of the city, in two years. However, older inner-city areas and low-income areas are not included in plans to extend cablevision. Southeastern Cablevision was given a franchise to spread its cables to all areas of the city in 1968. One problem in its initial franchise has been that no definite period of time was set.



MAYOR DISMISSES CITY WORKERS — Youngstown, O. — Members of Local 14 of the City Workers Association picketed in front of a city maintenance building. The CWA, which represents about 200 of the city's 1200 municipal employees, has been working on a day-to-day basis since the first of the year. Mayor Jack Hunter sent dismissal notices to approximately 70 CWA. (UPI)

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