

# 'Largest Gospel Singer' Is Dead

## Funeral Set For Saturday



Mrs. Gloria Spencer Gray, billed nationally as "The World's Largest Gospel Singer," was stricken last Wednesday and died at Charlotte Memorial Hospital Friday without ever regaining consciousness. She was rushed to the facility after suffering what has been described as a cardiac (heart) attack.

A native of Harrisburg, Pa., Mrs. Gray's body will lie in state all night Friday at the Macedonia Baptist Church, there, where funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday. The church is located at 6 Seneca Street in Harrisburg. Interment will take place in Harrisburg cemetery. Mrs. Gray is said to have weighed more than 620 pounds.

She was married to the Rev. David L. Gray, a Raleigh evangelist. They had been married for less than two years. Rev. Gray was a protege of Bishop Maude M. Pope, founder, bishop and pastor of the Mount Sinai Saints of God Holy Church of America, Inc., located at 301 S. Swain St. The church has branches in many other states and in Africa. Bishop Pope was very instrumental in the rapid advancement of Rev. Gray.

Rev. and Mrs. Gray made their home in Raleigh for a number of years and were on a tour at the time she was stricken. Ironically, on the night of her death, Mrs. Gray was scheduled to appear on a gospel program at the Raleigh Safety Club, according to James Thomas, popular gospel music disc jockey.

Many persons are expected to attend the services from the Raleigh and North Carolina areas.

### High Court Supports New Plan

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court, in a 5-3 vote, has ruled that restricting plans that decrease black voter strength do not violate the federal Voting Rights Act, even when those plans result in a black voter strength that is less than their representation in the population.

The ruling means that states and localities covered by the act will now have an easier time bypassing the burden of proving that their restricting plans are free of racial discrimination.

The high court's ruling now places the burden of proof to the challengers - black voters, civil rights lawyers and others. They will have to prove that the proposed reapportionment would discriminate against blacks.

The burden of proof is a key feature of the Voting Rights Act, which was designed to buttress the 15th Amendment's ban on racial discrimination in voting.

The decision involved a districting plan for New Orleans, which has never elected a black person to its city council. The plan divided the black population in the city by maintaining north-south district lines, and cutting into the black voter strength.

Blacks make up 45 percent of the New Orleans population. (See HIGH COURT, P. 2)

GOSPEL SINGER SUCCUMBS — Mrs. Gloria Spencer Gray died last Friday at Charlotte Memorial Hospital after suffering an apparent heart seizure. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday in Harrisburg, Pa.

## Jamaica Rebuts Story

WASHINGTON — The Minister of Security for Jamaica, in the West Indies, has issued a categorical denial of a recent New York Times article which stated that the Cuban government has entered into an agreement to train the police forces of Jamaica.

Mr. Kable Munn, who is responsible for all matters pertaining to the country's police forces, issued "full and complete" details of instances where members of the Jamaican security forces had benefited from a variety of overseas technical programs.

The details, included in a newsletter issued by the Jamaica Embassy here, showed that "some 163 members of the security forces had gone to numerous countries, including..." (See JAMAICA, P. 2)



VIOLATES CENTURY-OLD TABOO — Portland, Ore. — Mormon high priest Douglas A. Wallace, violated a century-old taboo of the Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints, when he baptized and confirmed Larry Lester, a Vancouver, Wash., black as the first black in more than 100 years as a priest of the church. Officials at church headquarters in Salt Lake City, Utah, declared the ordination "null and void." (UPI)

## DC March Fails To Hit Aim

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Nation's Capitol has had marches since the early bus, when Pella D. Glassford, police head, drove the Bonus Marchers out of town. There was some of that nostalgia here Saturday, when the anticipated crowd failed to show up.

About 1,000 people ended up on the Capitol's West Point to hear speeches by labor leaders and politicians, including Rep. John Conyers, Jr., D-Mich. Administration to support job programs and full employment.

A year ago about 60,000 (See DC MARCH, P. 2)

## CRIME

Editor's Note: The CAROLINIAN is re-running 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.

## SUFFERERS SHOTGUN INJURIES

Ms. Jacqueline Crowder, 19, of 4 S. Bloodworth, was the victim of a shooting incident April 3 when someone fired a shotgun into 420 Alston. Both she and Jimmy Johnson sustained minor wounds from the shots, according to Raleigh police reports. No arrests were made in connection with the incident.

(See CRIME BEAT, P. 3)

## Black U. S. Congressman Raps Ford On Welfare

WASHINGTON — Black U. S. Congressman Parren J. Mitchell (D-Md.), chairman of the Human Resources Task Force of the House Budget Committee, last week blasted President Ford's tax and public welfare proposals as "anti-work, and anti-workers."

The Maryland lawmaker said: "The President's proposals for taxes, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), food stamps, school lunch, and public housing are totally at odds with his rhetoric about the rewards of work."

In a Human Resources working paper, Mitchell released tables comparing taxes and benefits under current law and the President's proposed law. In the comparison in the cities of Chicago, Detroit and Seattle, the paper showed that:

A working man with a wife and two children earning \$6,000 -- little more than the updated poverty level -- would have \$5,403 in total net income and benefits (food stamps and school lunch) under the President's proposals, compared to \$5,886 under current law.

Under the President's proposals, a woman with three children in Chicago receiving AFDC, food stamps, and school lunches would have a total net income and benefits of only \$5,061 if she earns \$6,000, but \$300 more -- \$5,304 -- if she doesn't work at all.

Under the current law, a Seattle mother of three earning \$4,000 has a total net income and benefits (AFDC, food stamps, and school lunch) of \$6,954 -- compared to \$5,703 under the President's proposals.

After taxes and work expenses only a working man with a wife and two children in Detroit grossing \$6,000 a year has a net income of \$4,815 under the President's proposals -- compared to \$5,033 under current law.

If a working man in Chicago lives in public housing, gets supplementary food stamps, and his children participate in the school lunch program, a \$1,000 raise to \$6,000 increase his total net income and benefits by \$74 under the President's proposals -- compared to \$363 under current law.

700 Marching Blacks

# Blast Woman's Release

## Frinks Is March Leader

BY PAT BRYANT

SCOTLAND NECK — About 70 blacks marched and shouted slogans, saying "I am somebody" and "We shall overcome" through the streets of this small farming community in Halifax County Sunday, protesting the release of a white woman on bail after the shooting death of a Scotland Neck black youth.

Golden Frinks, national coordinator of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said at the rally that Harry Lee Dickens was shot in the back of the head by Ms. Dupree, the wife of a fundamentalist preacher.

Frinks and others at the rally said that bond hearing in the case was set in the judge's bedroom. Judge Dupree could not be reached for comment.

Since the murder, an (See PROTEST, P. 2)

## Uganda Ready To Aid

National Black News Service LUSAKA, Zambia — Zambian President Kenneth D. Kunda has said that British military intervention would be the best answer to the Rhodesian problem, and called for, at the same time, a sabotage campaign by blacks.

"It's the people inside who must destroy the bridges, who must remove the nuts from the machines, see that the roads are damaged, that sand is put into engines and matches and phosphorus put into the noses of cattle," Kunda declared.

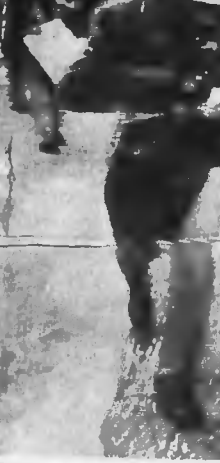
Kunda said: "Genuine intervention by Britain is the best thing. It could save life. It will bring the war to a quicker end."

Asked if "genuine" British intervention would mean a military invasion of Rhodesia, Kunda said: "I must say yes, without qualification, and if the British are not able to do that, then they'd better keep out."

President Kunda said that "Britain's stock would rise high in Africa" if she would intervene militarily in Rhodesia.

He said that there was no question of getting Cuban troops from Angola to enter Rhodesia, money and medicine from outside. Kunda also called for black unity among black Rhodesians to fight the rebel government of Ian Smith.

Rhodesia broke away from Britain in 1965 and declared independence. The government is not recognized by the major world powers.



DEPUTY MAYOR FLEES VIOLENCE — Boston — Newly-appointed black deputy mayor Clarence Jones (L.) flees violence as black attorney Theodore Landsmark is attacked and beaten in Boston's City Hall Plaza, April 5. Landsmark, who is executive director of the Boston Contractor's Association, was on his way to a meeting at city hall when attacked by whites holding anti-busing demonstration. He suffered a broken nose and bruises. (UPI)

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## At Correctional Center For Women PRISON MOTION DENIED

For National NAACP

# Dinner Yields 300G's

## Wilkins Receives Money

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Thirty-four business and labor leaders, headed by Thomas H. Murphy, chairman of General Motors, raised \$300,000 Friday night and turned it over to Roy Wilkins, as evidence of their faith in the true principles of freedom.

The check - the largest single gift ever made to the NAACP - represented the net proceeds from the testimonial dinner, organized by the "Roy Wilkins Tribute Committee," a group of 34 of the nation's most prominent business and labor leaders.

"The drain on the NAACP in recent years has been formidable, not only in terms of human diligence and effort, but most importantly in terms of finances. It is our hope that this check will help alleviate those financial problems," Murphy said.

Gloster B. Current, director of branches and field administration, said the NAACP met last week with several black church organizations and asked them to raise \$500,000.

The economic plight of the (See NAACP DINNER, P. 2)

## Geriatrics Topic Of Talk Here

Raleigh physician L. M. Burton, lectured to a geriatrics workshop at St. Augustine's College, April 1, and in the course made some statements about the state's medicare program which may get some misconceptions cleared up. Workshop participants were representatives from social service agencies throughout the city.

Burton said that one of the most acute problems in recuperation of elderly from illnesses is related to medical care in the home after a patient (See GERIATRICS, P. 2)



CONSOLES BEREAVED MOTHER-IN-LAW — Sydney, Australia — Carol Wilburn, wife of the late American boxer Chuck Wilburn, consoles her mother-in-law, Missouri Wilburn, after hearing the news of her husband's death. Chuck Wilburn was critically injured during a bout with Australian Hector Thompson, where he suffered brain injuries. Wilburn was in a "deep coma" for five days, and finally gave up his last fight here April 6. (UPI)

## Black Mayors Will Hear General At Confab Fri.

ATLANTA, Ga. — General Daniel "Chappy" James, Jr., the first black four star general in the history of this nation, will be the guest speaker at a luncheon banquet during the Southern Conference of Black Mayors' Second Annual Conference April 8-11.

As Commander in Chief of the North American Air Defense Command and Commander in Chief of the United States Air Force Aerospace Defense Command, General James is responsible for surveillance and air defense of North America's airspace. He is also responsible for a system which provides warning and assessment of hostile attack on the continent from bombers or missiles.

General James, a native of Pensacola, Florida, graduated Tuskegee Institute in 1942 where he received a bachelor of science degree in physical education and completed civilian pilot training under the Government-sponsored Civilian Pilot Training Program.

His military career reflects pilot combat duty in the Philippines, North Vietnam and Korea. Subsequently, he served in administrative capacities on bases throughout the country. (See MAYORS TO, P. 2)



GEN. DANIEL JAMES, JR.

## Oxford Alliance Reveals Its Aims

OXFORD — Fifty members of the Oxford Alliance Against Racial and Political Repression met April 1 and answered for citizens of Oxford and Granville County, questions concerning the organization's goals and objectives. Bill Land, staff member of the United Church of Christ, also gave an update of the Wilmington 10 and explained organizing activities planned for North Carolina and the nation.

Ms. Maria Ram, chairperson of the Oxford Alliance Against Racial and Political Repression, said that one of the gravest misconceptions about the Oxford Alliance was that its only purpose was to obtain the freedom of the Wilmington 10. The Wilmington 10 are 9 black men and a white woman accused of burning and conspiracy to burn a grocery store in Wilmington's black ghetto in 1971. The charges (See APPRECIATION, P. 2)

grew out of racial tensions which followed attempts by the black community to end discrimination in Wilmington's recently integrated school system.

Ms. Ramos said "the (See ALLIANCE, P. 2)

### Appreciation Checks Won By Two Men

Two Appreciation Money winners received \$10 checks this week after they came to The CAROLINIAN office at 518 E. Martin St. and reported that they had found their names in ads on the Appreciation Money Page. The winners were Leslie Graham, Jr., of 2822 Friartuck Rd., and Cleemzenzer Jones, of 301 Idlewild Ave. Graham's (See APPRECIATION, P. 2)

Appreciation Money SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK APEX DISTRIBUTORS For The Best In Furniture And Accessories