

Many Leaders Are Cool

M. Boyd Pushes Forward

Many black leaders in the community are reluctant to respond to a petition initiated by former councilman Michael Boyd, to recall Raleigh Mayor Jyles J. Coggins.

The petition's attack on the mayor alleges that he has failed to fulfill the primary responsibilities and duties of his office by neglecting to take measures which provide and assure the citizens of Raleigh with essential city services, according to a recent interview with Boyd. Coggins could not be reached Tuesday for comment before press time.

Black leaders said that they were not familiar with the specifics of the petition and that they would refrain from commenting at this time.

Clarence Lightner, former mayor of Raleigh, said that he too lacked the in-depth details of the petition and said that "if there is any legal ground" for this petition to recall the mayor, then it is justified. "But if not," then the petition is unfair and opposes a man "for expressing his own opinions which is his right." Some black civic and political leaders, to include Councilman William Knight, declined comment on the recall effort.

Boyd said the petition was based on the mayor's "abuse of city employees, sanitation employees, and violation of Section 2-8B and 2-13 of the City Code which strictly outlines procedures and conducts of officials "while in office. He also mentioned Section 2-23, which is in conjunction with another section of the city code which involves "referring items to a committee."

Boyd said, "He abused his trust" of citizens and council members and has "insulted and degraded them" publicly. He said, "He has availed himself highly in unethical conduct."

Boyd said, "More job action by employee groups" are "reasonably necessary steps to improve the morale and maintenance of adequate city services, but it appears that the reverse has happened." As an example, he said that in the sanitation department, there is "still the same discrimination" and that the mayor "wants to continue citizens at low pay scales."

Another factor that Boyd introduced for recall of the mayor is that "too many assertions and allegations by private citizens that, once giving his word, he (Coggins) doesn't keep it." Boyd said that "from a news article, Coggins has denied having met with the sanitation workers and he was observed."

Boyd also said, "Some black leaders are helping in this petition...they have picked them up" and have expressed that they would support the effort.

Columnist and political observer James Shepard said in a recent interview, "It's a publicity stunt on the part of Mr. Mike Boyd."

Ann Mitchell, Raleigh coordinator of the Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, said, "Although I'm not registered to vote in this area, I am for recalling the mayor."

She said, "The mayor extends to the city council" and the two together "are not really serving the people of Raleigh and are not really concerned with addressing the problems of Raleigh citizens" and most of all the "black community." She said that it was not specifically the mayor, Jyles J. Coggins, but the entire council. She said, "The fair housing ordinance would not have had to go through the struggle it did and should have been passed a long time ago."

Ms. Mitchell said, "As an official in office, there is a conflict of interests in him being mayor because I've heard that he owns a lot of real estate." (See RECALL, P. 2)

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Chavis Makes Charges

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CROSS-BURNINGS BEGIN

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By 19 Groups

Death Penalty Fought



BLACK SUFFRAGAN — Detroit, Mich. — The Rev. H. Irving Mayson, of Detroit (R), became the first black Episcopal Suffragan Bishop in Michigan during ordination ceremonies Saturday at Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Detroit. Bishop John Allin (L), presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, performed the rite. The new bishop was elected a suffragan, or assistant, in a special convention of the diocese, May 22. (UPI)

Lies Told Court, Key Witness Says

MCCAIN — Wilmington 10 defendant Rev. Benjamin Chavis, Jr., charged Tuesday that federal involvement in the 1972 prosecution of the Wilmington 10 by the State of North Carolina has been demonstrated concretely in papers filed by Chief Counsel for the Wilmington 10, James Ferguson, of Chambers, Stein, Ferguson and Becton.

Two motions were filed by Ferguson, one to amend a writ of habeas corpus under consideration by the court, and a motion for bail for the defendants while the court ponders the case that began in 1971. Bail was denied earlier this year by U.S. Magistrate Logan Howell because, in his determination, the defendants did not show a likelihood that their case would win on appeal.

Chavis said that there was no connection between the break-in and the cross burning. Earlier this year, a black church, located in the same area as the Pence Rd. harassments, burned to the ground. Police said that arson was the cause. This was the oldest black-owned church in the area.

(See CHAVIS, P. 2)

NAACP Fundraising Needs Are Entering A New Phase

NEW YORK — Having won a temporary injunction in a Federal District Court postponing the bond deadline on a \$1.25 million judgment, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) launched a new phase in its funding drive to

raise \$2 million before the end of the year.

NAACP board chairman Margaret Bush Wilson and administrator G. B. Current, said that there is a real danger that the public will be misled into believing that the crisis is over. But it is not, they

Youths Escape Shooting

CHARLOTTE — A new wave of arson and cross-burning has broken out over the last two weeks in eastern Mecklenburg County, including northeast Charlotte.

At least two serious incidents have occurred that are reminiscent of the Ku Klux Klan-style activities of six years ago.

Three black teenagers, ages 11 through 13, were riding their bicycles in the Pence Rd. area near Northeast Junior High School in northeastern Mecklenburg County a carload of white men passed them and someone shouted "niggers," then went a few hundred yards beyond them and stopped. The youths said the car turned around and again approached the teenagers. When the car came close, a passenger fired a shotgun, hitting one of the teenagers in the shoulder.

Several other shots were reportedly fired, but the boys, who had jumped off their bikes and run into the woods after the initial shot, had gotten out of range of the pellets.

Two weeks later, Mrs. Elvira Johnson, who had moved from the Bronx, N.Y. to Thurmond Place in Charlotte's Midwood section about 10 months earlier, had some nighttime visitors to her duplex apartment in the mostly white Midwood section of town. Two crosses were burned on her lawn and the word "Move" was painted in 4-foot high letters on her sidewalk. Two nights later, Mrs. Johnson reported to police that her apartment had been broken into and vandalized. A police spokesperson said that there was no connection between the break-in and the cross burning.

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BEGINS NEW TRIAL — Farmer middleweight fighter Rubin "Harricane" Carter is stopped by reporters on his way into Hudson County Courthouse in Jersey City, N.J. Tuesday. Carter has been granted a retrial by the state supreme court for a 1966 triple murder for which Carter had been serving three life sentences. Jury selection in the new trial began Tuesday. (UPI)

Coalition Planning Education

GREENSBORO — A coalition of 19 organizations has developed a plan to stop re-enactment of the death penalty in North Carolina.

The plan includes a massive education program which Harriott Quinn, co-chairperson of the coalition, said "will be focused more on the public and more on the legislature." It

(See COALITION, P. 2)

Supreme Court Refuses Cases

National Black News Service

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court, on its opening day, refused to review a number of civil rights cases involving sex discrimination, racial bias in housing and racial and religious discrimination by a private club, and offered no explanation for its reasons.

Two Justices — Thurgood Marshall, the high court's only black, and William J. Brennan Jr., dissented. Justice Potter Stewart joined in one dissent.

In one case, Solicitor General Robert H. Bork sought review of whether a Federal District Court may award compensatory money damages to victims of unlawful discrimination in a lawsuit brought by the Attorney General pursuant to

the Fair Housing Act. The Federal District Court had awarded this kind of damages, but the appeals court reversed the award. Bork, in his request for the high court's review had noted: "The task of eliminating discrimination from this nation's housing has not been a simple one. This is not the time to give the Congressional grants of enforcement authority to achieve that purpose their narrowest possible reading."

The second case in which Justice Marshall and Brennan dissented involved a lawsuit brought against the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, in Florida, by a black and a Jew, alleging illegal racial and religious discrimination. With the exception of an honorary membership for the Commodore of a Jamaican yacht club, the club has never had a black or Jewish member.

Score Studies Made

National Black News Service WASHINGTON — Black students enroll in private schools in the District of Columbia have outscored their counterparts who attend public schools here. Only 13 students in Washington's public schools have qualified as semi-finalists in his year's National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students. However, there were 31 semifinalists from the city's private schools which have a black enrollment of less than 10 percent of the public schools. Among the public schools, one had the most semifinalists, four. Another had three. Six other public high schools had one semifinalist each. Among the private schools, one which has only 15 blacks in its senior class, had five black semi-finalists, the most in one school in the city. Two other (See SCORES, P. 3)

Shaw U. Counters Romero

Thomas Koo, head of University Relations at Shaw University, released a statement last week in response to a former student's accusations of mismanagement. "Shaw University administrators grant funds according to rules and regulations promulgated by the granting agencies. All reports regarding expenditure of grant funds are made to these agencies in accordance with grant requirements. Shaw University recognizes the rights of students to free speech."

The former Shaw University student, Pedro Romero, attacked the University in a recent press conference and charged that the University had misused grant funds. Romero did not present evidence supporting his charges. He said that the federal AIDP (Advanced Institutional Development Program) funds were not used properly. According to reports, Romero's status at the University

Minority Contracts Increasing In OMBE

WASHINGTON — Clients serviced by private, non-profit minority business development firms funded by the U.S. Commerce Department's Office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE) received procurement contracts totaling more than \$486 million in fiscal year 1976, compared to \$433 million in 1975, OMBE has announced. OMBE director Alex Armadoris said that the \$486 million in contracts to minority owned firms is exclusive of contracts generated by the National Minority Purchasing Council (NMPC), a private sector involving corporate purchases. The NMPC 1976 report has not been released, but estimates of more than \$700 million in minority contracts have been projected for the year. Other OMBE data showed that OMBE-funded organizations serviced a total of 43,800 minority clients — a 120 percent achievement over FY 1976 projected goals. About 5,689 financial packages prepared with assistance from OMBE-funded organizations were approved, Armadoris said, with a total dollar volume of \$329 million. The financial packages included: 4,301 loans to minority businessmen valued at \$231.4 million; 265 lines of credit with a dollar volume of \$14.4 million; 847 bonds valued at \$68.8 million; 11 letters of credit valued at \$600,000; 151 grants valued at \$3 million; 56 equity investments valued at \$4.7 million; and 58 other financial packages were approved, valued at \$6.2 million.

Concord Residents See R. Long Case's 'Errors'

CONCORD — Several Concord residents held a press conference Friday in the small mill town to bring to public attention several events which occurred during the Ronnie Long trial which the residents say were not reported by white-owned news media during and after the trial.

Long was convicted Oct. 1 in a trial by an all-white jury and sentenced to two life sentences for rape and burglary of a wealthy white widow, Sarah M. Bost, whose husband was treasurer of Cannon Mills before his retirement in 1964. After the announcement of the verdict, blacks and a few whites in the courtroom shouted, "No," simultaneously, and chanted "Free Ronnie Long."

The courtroom was later cleared by police and "at least 15 people were injured from beatings by nightsticks and from being pushed down steps," according to Wallace Andrews, spokesperson for the group of Concord residents that has become known as the Ronnie Long Defense Committee. Andrews said that race was used to disperse the crowd of women and children. Andrews said that a Concord public school teacher, James Fleming, was beaten, "requiring 7 stitches when he was attacked for speaking up and asking the police not to attack a young man during a march following the trial" on Saturday, Oct. 2. The panel of Long Defense Committee members included Linda Smith, sister of Ronnie Long; Daisy Crawford and Wanda Witherspoon, spokespersons for the defense committee and Dr. James Grant of the Charlotte 3. The panel said that Cannon Mills had 7 employees on the jury panel who were being paid by the nation's number two textile giant while on jury duty. The panel members said that such pay was unusual. The Long Defense Committee said they also objected to "arbitrarily removing all 'undesirables' from the jury list" by the sheriff. The list contained 4 blacks out of more than 70 prospective jurors. When asked why the panel (See LONG, P. 2)

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MAN STABBED — Isaac Walker Hill, 25, of 117 E. Lee St., was the alleged victim of a stabbing incident about 9:15 p.m. Friday at his residence, according to Raleigh police reports. According to the reports, he was stabbed with a knife. He was allegedly treated at a local medical facility for stab wounds in the left side of his chest. He was released after treatment. No arrests were made in connection with the alleged incident, according to police reports. (See CRIME BEAT, P. 3)

Nation's Welfare Rolls Lower

WASHINGTON — The nation's welfare rolls dropped for the second month in a row in May, marking the first two-month decline since June-July 1975, Robert Fulton, Administrator of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS), has reported. May is the latest month for which the national welfare statistics are available. Recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) — the major cash assistance welfare program — numbered 11,313,016 in May, 111,779 or 1.0 percent less than in April, Fulton pointed out. He said that payments to AFDC recipients also dropped for the second month in a row, amounting to \$822,486,008 in May, a decline of \$4.1 million from April and \$60.6 million from March. According to Fulton, the decline was due to a complex of factors: part seasonal, part a reflection of the improving economy; and in part due to the intensive campaign to eliminate ineligible from the rolls. In the 28 states with programs aiding families with the unemployed father (AFDC-UF), 149,385 families with 655,054 recipients were assisted in May, 2.8 percent fewer than in April, but 28 percent more than a year ago, partly because of increased unemployment as well as the participation of three additional states (Kentucky, Montana, and Connecticut) in the program, Fulton said.



WILL NOT ACCEPT PROPOSAL — Three influential nationalist leaders, left to right: Robert Mugabe, Secretary General of the Zimbabwe African National Union; George Siludika, Deputy Secretary for Information of the African National Union; and Joshua Nkomo, leader of Zimbabwe African People's Union, held a news conference in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania Oct. 9. Nkomo and Mugabe said they will not accept Rhodesia's white minority government as a separate delegation to a proposed Geneva conference on the future of Rhodesia. (UPI)

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