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Citizens Watch Conflict

What the next governor of North Carolina can expect from the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers and what the group wants from the next governor was discussed Friday at the Hilton Inn in Raleigh. The candidates were not present. But John Larkins represented candidate James Hunt and Carlton Fellers represented candidate David Flaherty. No promises were made to the lawyers.

At the outset of the meeting of the Executive Committee, University of North Carolina Law Professor Charles Daye, president of the association, said that the purpose of the meeting was to let each of the candidates know the concerns of the association's members. Most of the concerns communicated to Fellers and Larkins were related to criminal justice.

Appointment of black superior court judges and N.C. Court of Appeals judges when vacancies arise was a major thrust of the questioning, which at times resulted in clashes between Fellers and Larkins over the number of patronage jobs given to blacks by previous Democratic administrations in contrast to Republican administrations.

Fellers said that appointment of appellate judges in North Carolina is strictly patronage, or return for political favors. Although seldom mentioned at the meeting, most were acutely aware of the only current black Superior Court Judge, Ronald Barbee, who was appointed by Gov. James Holshouser after the resignation of Judge Samuel Chess, the first black Superior Court judge of modern times in North Carolina. Chess was also appointed by Holshouser, first Republican governor since 1897.

Larkins and Fellers at times (See ISSUES, P. 2)



FIRST IN EIGHT — New York — First presidential candidate to make an appearance in Harlem in 8 years, Jimmy Carter gets warm greeting Tuesday at rally outside State office building. Rally preceded address at Democratic National Convention dinner at N.Y. Hilton Hotel. (UPI)

Scottsboro Figure Seeks Full Pardon

National Black News Service MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Clarence Norris, one of the 8 "Scottsboro Boys" — victims of racial injustice in the South of the 1930s — is pressing for a full pardon. And he's getting support from Alabama's attorney general Bill Baxley, who maintains that Norris "never should have been charged" in the first place. Mayor Abraham Beame of New York and Sen. Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.) have joined Baxley in urging Norris' pardon.

But Norman F. Ussery, chairman of Alabama's Pardons and Parole Board, said that Norris, who has lived as a fugitive since 1946, will have to turn himself in first.

Norris, now 65, has been living in New York City for the last 23 years, according to attorneys seeking the full pardon. They said he is married and has two teenage daughters.

Norris, 19 at the time, was sentenced with 7 other black youths in 1931 to death in the electric chair for allegedly raping two white women on a train traveling through North Alabama. The 8 were called the "Scottsboro Boys" for the north Alabama town where they were tried.

Ussery said recently that he would not consider a pardon for Norris "as long as he remains a fugitive from justice." He added that if Norris returned to Alabama, he would face jail without bond before his case could be considered.

In a letter Aug. 5 to Ussery, Atty. Gen. Baxley noted the "Overwhelming evidence of his (Norris) innocence in recommending a full and complete pardon so that in (See PARDON, P. 2)



NOMINATED — Umtata, South Africa — The ruling Transkei National Independence Party Tuesday nominated Paramount Chief Botha Sigau as the first president of the Transkei, which South Africa grants independence next week. Sigau is shown here after the announcement. The Denmark-sized tribal homeland in the southeast and bordering the Indian Ocean is the first of some 8 or 9 homelands Pretoria has offered independence under its territorial apartheid program that designates 13 percent of the Republic's land area for black rule. The remainder to stay "white" South Africa. (UPI)

Wilmington Ten Release Sought

EDITOR'S NOTE: After the key witness (Allen Hall) in the Wilmington Ten case changed his testimony recently, the telegram below was sent to the Governor and the Attorney General of North Carolina by the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Cobb, executive director, Commission for Racial Justice, United Church of Christ.

"You already know that the sole witness against the Wilmington Ten has now admitted that under pressure from the prosecutor and police, he lied. He did not see them (Wilmington Ten) commit any criminal act. He was coached by the prosecutor to lie to the jury in their trial.

"You also know that the attorney for the Wilmington

BULLETIN

Stewart Wins, Loses

The CAROLINIAN tried in vain to reach the defense attorneys in the case of the State vs. John Stewart, to ascertain the status of the motion to set aside the guilty verdict, returned against the president of the Mutual Building and Loan Association, located in Durham.

The defendant was found not guilty on two counts of the four brought against him for the falsification and conspiracy to defraud the government.

The jury is alleged to have taken ten ballots and came up with two guilty and two not guilty verdicts. Dec. 6th is the date set for sentencing Stewart and others (all white) in a building "fill" that involved several of the building loan officials and the fast-buying and selling of several pieces of property, built and negotiated with the firms, by two brothers, C. Paul Roberts and Bobby Roberts.

Ray Seeks Review In King Case

WASHINGTON, D.C. — James Earl Ray, convicted killer of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., recently asked the Supreme Court to review his case, claiming he was "set up to take the rap for a crime he didn't commit."

In his appeal to the high court, Ray said he was "framed by the FBI and local police, and then coerced by his own attorney to plead guilty against his will."

Ray's new attorney, James H. Lesar, of Washington, wrote in asking the high court to review Ray's conviction, "The charge is that those who did kill Dr. King are still at large, protected in part by the unwillingness of the courts to face these unpleasant facts."

His petition called Ray's case one "of national importance, both politically and legally."

Shortly before the 94th Congress adjourned, the House set up a special committee to investigate the assassinations of King and President John F. Kennedy.

King was killed by a rifle shot as he stood on a motel balcony in Mem. in 1968.

Ray was arrested in London and brought back to the United States to stand trial. He pleaded guilty.

Minority Officer Balking

An investigation announced Sept. 24 by Minority Affairs Assistant Rev. James Shears has slipped his memory.

Shears, assistant for the North Carolina office of Minority Affairs, told a reporter on Sept. 24 that Wake County Commissioner Elizabeth Cofield has requested that he investigate a shooting incident in which a young Wake County youth was allegedly shot at by Sgt. "Billy" Daye of the N.C. Highway Patrol. The alleged shots were fired following a high-speed automobile chase from downtown Raleigh to an all-black section of suburban eastern Wake County.

Contacted by a Carolina Community News Service (CCNS) reporter this week, Shears said that he had not talked with Commissioner Cofield about the matter, nor had he talked about the matter with reporters. When asked by Commissioner Cofield in the presence of a CCNS reporter why he had dropped the investigation, Shears, obviously irritated said, "I ain't got nothing to say about it. I never said anything about an investigation." Mrs. Cofield said, "I cannot understand why Shears has said this."

A passenger in the car that was chased for 14 miles on Sept. 19 said shots fired while law enforcement officers chased the driver through a (See ANSWERS, P. 2)

Projects Include NC City

National Black News Service WASHINGTON, D.C. — Secretary of Commerce Elliot L. Richardson recently announced the awarding of a 1-year grant totaling \$902,498 to the Opportunities Industrialization Centers of America, Inc. (OIC) to establish local cooperatives aimed at providing capital and training for minority business owners.

The funds, from the Commerce Department's Office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE), will go toward the formation of Community Investment Cooperatives (CIO) in 8 cities—Jacksonville, Fla.; Rocky Mount; Augusta, Ga.; Springfield, Ohio; Oklahoma City, Okla.; Saginaw, Mich.; Trenton, N.J.; and Santa Ana, Calif. The CIO's will offer a vehicle by which community members can invest in a for-profit investment company to provide "seed money" for local enterprises.

Each CIO will also provide training in business management and ownership for community residents, the Secretary's office said.

The plan also calls for the establishment of a local branch of Progress Venture Capital Corp., an OIC-sponsored minority enterprise small business investment company (MESBIC), in each CIO city. This will allow for reinvestment of the cooperative funds and for other funds invested directly in the MESBIC by local businesses and individuals.

First-year goals for each CIO city have been set at 500 local investors in the cooperative, 50 persons trained at economic development training centers, and \$150,000 of venture capital funds for the local branch of Progress Venture Capital Corp.

Black Press Protests

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In a ban hearing on Oct. 12th, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) heard the representative of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), Attorney T. Carlton Richardson, general counselor to NNPA, protest the alleged systematic exclusion of members of the black press from news panels on radio and television.

Richardson claimed that the black press had a constitutional right under the First Amendment to "equal access" to news sources emanating from the broadcast media and that the "fairness doctrine" of the FCC further forms a regulatory basis for the claim of the black press to such access.

Appreciation Money SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK
FOOLE RD. AMOCO STATION
"We Proudly Service Your Vehicle"

In Shooting

ANSWERS ARE SOUGHT



OIC GRANT SIGNING — Secretary of Commerce Elliot L. Richardson, center, recently announced the awarding of a \$902,498 grant to Opportunities Industrialization Centers of America, Inc. (OIC) of Philadelphia, Penn. Participating in the grant signing along with Secretary Richardson were, left, Alex Amundaris, director of the Commerce Department's Office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE); and Rev. Leon H. Sullivan, OIC founder and chairman.

Regulations Aim At Union

ASHEVILLE — (CCNS) — An attorney for the state's Department of Corrections, James Peeler Smith, said last week that the new restrictive regulations being written to govern inmate organizations is being done precisely to limit the effectiveness of the N.C. Prisoners Labor Union.

Smith was present at a forum sponsored by the Asheville Chapter of the League of Women Voters on prison conditions, particularly focusing on the over-crowded situations that exist in most of the state's 77 prison units. Dr. Richard Urbanik, director of programs for the Department of Corrections and a panel participant, was asked why outside organizations, such as the Yoke Fellow and Jaycees, were having difficulty getting access to prisoners. Smith responded, "The courts had forced us to admit this inmate labor union."

The union had been "a disruptive influence which gives individual inmates power" and "results in the inmates taking over the prisons." Smith also said that when the courts "tell us to do something, then we have to do it." He further stated that "the riot in 1968 at Central Prison, happened because the inmates had too much power and tried to take over the prison system" and

department officials against prisoners. The panel included, in addition to Urbanik, Attorney Russell Brannon, who is handling the Prisoners Union lawsuit, and Bobby Forrest, an inmate who had spent 2 1/2 years at Craggy Prison.

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100 Clerics Back President G. Ford

National Black News Service WASHINGTON — One hundred black clergymen recently announced the formation of an Independent Clergy Campaign Committee to elect President Gerald Ford.

Rev. Edward V. Hill of Los Angeles, Calif., national chairman of the newly formed group which held an Executive Committee meeting here, said that the decision to endorse Ford and to work on his behalf came after a number of concerns and considerations.

"President Ford took the nation at its lowest level and lifted it to a higher plane," Rev. Hill said. "He has moved with deliberate speed in turning the country around and headed in the right direction. He has led us in making economic progress while keeping down inflation. He has demonstrated a determination to keep this country moving forward during a peace-time

economy. Thus our southern sense of fairness motivates us to give him our fullest support to win the election to this high office.

"After a thorough examination of all the speeches of his opponent and a search of his performance in the State of Georgia, both as a State Senator and former Governor, neither his promises nor performances, to our knowledge, offers specific detailed alternatives to what Mr. Ford is presently doing or has proposed. Therefore, we refuse to substitute the experience of President for the ambition of Jimmy Carter."

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The CAROLINIAN is resuming its publication of The Crime Beat containing a tremendous number of personal inquiries and telephone calls for its reinstatement. As was stated in the original editor's note regarding the crime column, persons wishing to have 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.

BURGERS ARRESTED
Marcellus Pierce, Jr. of 105 N. East St. and Larry Earl Pierce of the same address were arrested in connection with an alleged burglary. Charles Garner, 46, of 1111 Mark Street was the alleged victim of the reported forcible entry which occurred at his residence around 9 a.m. Thursday, according to reports. The reported damage was 2 locks on doors inside the house and windows in the bathroom valued at \$20. The alleged burglary was reported by J. M. Givner of 110 S. McDowell St. (See CRIME BEAT, P. 3)



LAST PANEL — Washington, D.C. — The panelists chosen to question President Ford and Jimmy Carter during their third debate, Williamsburg, Va., Friday are, left to right: Robert C. Maynard, editorial writer and columnist for the Washington Post; Joseph Kraft, syndicated columnist; and Dick Nelson, Washington bureau chief of the Los Angeles Times. The moderator for the debate, to be held at the College of William and Mary, will be Barbara Walters, who co-anchors the ABC Evening News. As is indicated elsewhere in this and other editions of The CAROLINIAN, black leaders have been calling for the inclusion of a black journalist on the debate panels since the Presidential debates were first organized several months ago. The above selection was sent across media wires Tuesday night. (UPI)

Butz Meets Protest

GREENVILLE, Miss. — Former Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz, in Mississippi recently to campaign for a congressional candidate, was interrupted at a news conference by blacks protesting the demeaning racial slur that led to his resignation. "I have made a grievous mistake. I have apologized as sincerely as I know how and I have paid dearly for it," Butz said. But about 25 black protesters in the back of the motel conference room where Butz held his news conference interrupted him several times and accused him of racism. Butz repeated his contention that his obscene remark, made on a plane to John Dean and printed in an article by Dean in Rolling Stone magazine, was not intended to be derogatory to blacks but was an old phrase he had used for many years. "I've even used it in joking about my own people, the German Lutherans," he said.

Green, James Win Money This Week

Roman Green and Milton James were the two winners of last week's Appreciation Money. They each reported to The CAROLINIAN that they found their names listed in the advertisements on the Appreciation Money Page. The winners each received a check for \$1.

(See APPRECIATION, P. 2)