

Liberties Group Fights

Statesmen Expect A Failure

BY CHARLENE REGISTER, Staff Writer

Three black members of the North Carolina General Assembly said that they felt the death penalty would be reinstated despite the efforts of the North Carolina Civil Liberties Union (NCCLU) to stop capital punishment from being put back on the state law books.

Senator John Winters said in a recent interview, "I think the death penalty for some crimes will be reinstated."

The death penalty has been a very controversial issue in North Carolina because of the way it has been administered, with mostly blacks and poor people receiving death sentences. Representative J. J. Johnson of Lumberton, said, "Not a single white has been killed for perpetrating the same crime against blacks in North Carolina for the same reason."

The NCCLU held a press conference Friday at Pullen Memorial Baptist Church stating that its number one objective is opposition to the reinstatement of the death penalty. W. W. Finlator, chairman of the Legislation Committee for the NCCLU, said, "Capital punishment is our number one priority if their is one." The state's previous law was recently ruled unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court, with 122 persons on death row.

Finlator said at the press conference, "For the first time in its history, North Carolina has no death penalty and no death row and, as Senator Erwin would say, 'the heavens have not fallen.' Nobody has reported an increase in homicides or a breakdown in law enforcement."

Other members of NCCLU present at the press conference were George Gardner, executive director and Father Charles Mulholland, president. They presented 12 proposals which they will introduce at the next session of the General Assembly. In addition to opposing the death penalty, NCCLU supports passage of a Criminal Victim Compensation Act, removal of the outlaw statute, prison reform, repeal of all laws which bar felons from pursuing occupations for which they are qualified, passage of the Equal Rights Amendment, allowing school desegregation.

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Note On Magazine

EDITOR'S NOTE: We regret that the magazine supplement, "The National Scene," inserted in this edition of THE CAROLINIAN, is late. But due to the educational content of the magazine, which we felt would appeal to our readers, we have included it in this week's issue of the paper anyway.

Local Churchmen Fight Over Political Support

DURHAM — Alexander Barnes, veteran newspaperman, high churchman and known as "Mr. N. C. Black Republican," surrendered to the Sheriff of Durham County Tuesday afternoon after learning that he was being sought for an alleged assault on a black Baptist minister.

According to Barnes, the affair took place on Monday afternoon in the Mechanics and Farmers Bank and at the intersection of Mangum and Parrish Streets. He alleges that when he walked in the bank, someone asked him about the election and he replied, "We are not going to have any peanuts in the White



CASTS THE FIRST VOTE — San Francisco — Eldridge Cleaver emerges from polling booth here, after voting for the first time in his life. Cleaver, 41, is a convicted former felon, who served 9 years in various prisons and was on parole over 2 years. He is voting today because there are special circumstances in which convicted felons are permitted to vote. (UPI)

★★★★★ Tells Of Troubles ★★★★★

'Scottsboro Boy' Tours

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Over Gerald Ford

JIMMY CARTER WINS

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AMEZ Holds Confab

New Man Is State's Governor

BY WILLIE WHITE, Staff Writer

It was way into Wednesday morning before Jimmy Carter and the millions of supporters around the country knew for sure that he had won the 1976 Presidential race.

In North Carolina, however, the Democratic ticket swept the races so well and so early that they left many observers in surprise in contrast to the suspense on the national level. Carter, the peanut farmer from Plains, Ga., gained a 51-48 percent lead on President Gerald Ford Tuesday night and held it for many hours, though he at one time had a larger lead.

As observers watched the returns from around the country, Carter came within just a few votes of the Presidency (CBS estimated 3 electoral votes) and just held there well into Wednesday morning. Finally, Mississippi, with 7 electoral votes, came down on Carter's side. It was the last of the 11 states which Carter carried in the South. He carried both of the South's largest states, Texas and Florida, with 26 and 17 electoral votes, respectively.

Throughout the election night returns, observers noted the key role that blacks were playing in Carter's chances of winning. In many precincts, blacks went for Carter in figures of 90-plus percentage points. They were unmoved by last minute efforts on the part of the Ford campaign to (See JIMMY, P. 2)



HAPPY FOR CARTER, WHO TURNED AWAY FROM HIS CHURCH — Atlanta — Rev. C. B. King (R), brother of Rev. Clennon King, who along with 3 other blacks, was turned away from the Plains, Ga. Baptist Church Oct. 31, told an Atlanta "get out the vote" rally Nov. 1 that he had mixed emotions about the rally, but was happy to celebrate the Jimmy Carter success - so far, but was saddened by a personal family tragedy in terms of his brother's illness, a reference to his brother's prior mental illness. With Rev. King is Georgia congressman Andrew Young. (UPI)

NAACP Seeks Norris Talks

NEW YORK — The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) began planning for a nationwide tour for Clarence (Willie) Norris to enable the last of the "Scottsboro Boys" to tell his story about his painful struggle to win a pardon for a crime most people are convinced he did not commit.

For Norris, the receipt of news that Alabama Gov. George Wallace had signed his "long-overdue pardon" Oct. 25, for a 1931 rape conviction, was probably the happiest event of his adult life.

He said during a news conference at the NAACP national office in New York City on the day the pardon was granted, "A man should never give up hope." His eyes were filled with tears as he told how it felt to be free - free of the fear of being a wanted man through 45 years.

"This is a great day," NAACP administrator Gloster Current said. "He really has kept the faith."

Only two days after Norris won his pardon, Ruby (Bates) Schut, one of the two women who had accused the 9 "Scottsboro Boys" of rape, (See SCOTTSBORO, P. 2)

Peebles Wins Appreciation Money

Daniel Peebles, Jr. of 914 Newcombe Rd., was the only winner for the Appreciation Money for last week. He received a check for \$10 for reporting to THE CAROLINIAN before noon Monday that he had discovered his name in the Terry's Furniture Co. advertisement. This ad appeared with other advertisements on the Appreciation Money Page, which is listed on the back page of the front section of the paper.

Two unreported names which were also listed on the Appreciation Money Page were those of Mrs. Alberta Holloway of 900 New Bern Ave., and William N. Lucas of 578 E. Lenoir St. Ms. Holloway (See APPRECIATION, P. 2)

Appreciation Money
SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK
SHABAZZ TAKE OUT
"We Offer The Best In Nutritional And Quality Foods."

Business, Worship Are Set

The 96th session of the Central North Carolina Conference, AMEZ Zion Church, will open a week-long meeting at 10:30 a.m. Monday, at Rush Metropolitan AMEZ Zion Church, with Bishop W. A. Hilliard presiding and his wife, Mrs. Edna Mae Hilliard will be in charge of the missionary work.

The conference is composed of 3 presiding elder districts, which operate in Methodist polity - Durham, Rev. J. A. Brown, Fayetteville, Rev. S. P. Rawlings, Sanford, Rev. C. V. Flack, Laurinburg, Rev. S. J. Farrar, and Raleigh, the host, Rev. E. H. Beebe. The Rev. B. C. Young is the host pastor.

The delegates, who come from as far north as Lucama, and as far south as the South Carolina border, as far east as the Bladen County line and as far west as Guilford, represent one of the largest conferences in the second largest black Methodist body in Christendom. Plans will be made to celebrate its centennial in 1980.

The theme of the meet is, Black Methodist Heritage And The Bicentennial. This theme permeated the General Conference, held in Chicago in May. Its format follows the pattern of the black man's struggle to gain first-class citizenship in this country.

Budget reports will be heard at 10:30 a.m. on the first day, with institute classes being held from 11 to 1. The organization is expected to take place at 7:30 p.m. Dr. W. L. Yates, dean, Hood Theological Seminary, will deliver an address on Christian Education.

The conference is expected to get underway properly Tuesday morning, when the Sacramento of the Lord's (See AMEZ, P. 2)

HEW Releases National Case Reports; Reflect Decreases

National Black News Service

WASHINGTON — The nation's welfare rolls dropped in June to the lowest level in 18 months, according to Robert Fulton, administrator of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's Social and Rehabilitation Service (SRS).

"The June figure of 11,248,000 is the lowest since Jan. 1975," Fulton said.

According to the newly released information, the decline was due to a stronger economy, the continuing national drive to "weed out" ineligible from the rolls, implementation at state, local and federal levels of the new Federal Child Support Law, a continuing decline in the average number of children in families receiving public assistance. (The size of the average AFDC family is now approximately 3.2 persons as compared with 4.1 persons 10 years ago.)

Recipients of AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children), the major cash assistance welfare program, numbered 11,247,679 in June, a drop of 62,244 from May, and 180,553



VICTORY TEARS OF JOY — Plains, Ga. — Rosalynn Carter, wife of President-elect Jimmy Carter, cannot hold her tears back after her husband won the Presidential election, Nov. 3. (UPI)



Speaks opposition to INDEPENDENCE — United Nations — Singer Miriam Makeba told delegates to the General Assembly that she opposes recognition of Transkei, the tribal land that was granted independence by South Africa. Speaking as a delegate from Guinea, Miriam said the "pseudo-independence of Transkei" was granted as part of a "grand design" to perpetuate white domination of South Africa. (UPI)

College Project Fails

At the end of 6 seminars aimed at getting east Raleigh residents in the predominantly black District "C" aware of services offered by all levels of government, two history and government professors at St. Augustine's College said that they have failed - but will continue to fight apathy and will develop information programs to carry directly to east Raleigh residents.

Dr. Junius Nimmons, chairman of the history and government department at St. (See COLLEGE, P. 2)

Alliance Begins Petition Here

The North Carolina Alliance Against Racial and Political Repression announced a petition drive Oct. 27 in Raleigh to get bail for the Wilmington 10, clemency for the Charlotte 3, and to stop re-enactment of the death penalty in North Carolina.

Ms. Anne Mitchell, coordinator of the North Carolina Alliance, said the drive to get signatures of North Carolinians en masse to U.S. Magistrate Logan Howell, demanding he set bail for the Wilmington 10, follows the recent "admission by key prosecution witness Allen Hall that he was pressured by authorities to commit perjury on the witness stand in order to

Commission Hears Prison Comments

Prior to making final reports to the 1977 session of the North Carolina General Assembly, two legislative research committees of the North Carolina Legislative Research Commission will hear comments on interim reports from the Department of Corrections and the public.

The Committee on Females in the Department of Corrections will hear public comments at 1 p.m. Nov. 12 in the Legislative Building on recommendations for changes in the operation of the North Carolina Correctional Center for Women. The committee, chaired by Sen. Luther Britt of Lumberton, has recommended sweeping changes, many of which were demanded by inmates at the June 1975 prison protest against inhuman work and living conditions.

Included in the 17 recommendations are: end to vaginal searches for contrabands by non-medical personnel; review of psychological services; recruitment of industry to employ inmates on jobs in the prisons; construction of vocational training facilities if present facilities are not sufficient; making basic Adult Education available to all inmates whose terms are longer than two years; and use of the Richard T. Fountain School for youthful offenders. The Fountain school was closed this year as a training school. The Legislative Research Commission on the Prison (See COMMISSION, P. 2)



WATCHMAKER MASON — Hope Mills — Charles R. Smith, Rt. 1, Box 56A, Hope Mills, is the smallest Mason in the jurisdiction of North Carolina. Smith, who is only 4 feet, 8 inches tall and weighs 105 pounds, is the Junior Warden of Eureka Lodge of Fayetteville. He is a watchmaker by trade; a graduate of East New York Vocational Technical High School, Joseph Bulova School of Watchmaking, New York City, and Wayne Community College, Goldsboro. He is the first black certified watchmaker, and first black licensed watchmaker in North Carolina. He is certified by the American Watchmakers Institute of Cincinnati, Ohio. He is a member of the Board of Directors of North Carolina Watchmakers Association, and is a member of the Cape Fear Watchmakers Guild of Fayetteville, where he serves as secretary-treasurer.

CRIME
DON'T LET IT HAPPEN!

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

MAN RECEIVES BRUISES FOR ASSAULT
James C. Harris, Jr., 25, of Rt. 1, Box 36-1A, was reportedly assaulted with hands and fists around 3 p.m. Sunday at 3311 Quail Hollow Dr. Roy Edward Harris of Rt. 1, Box 45, Middlesex, was arrested and charged with simple assault. James Harris received bruises but was not treated.