

Seek Answers To Aid Local Blacks

QUESTION: DO YOU THINK A JUNIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, SIMILAR TO THE JAYCEES' IS NEEDED AT THIS TIME? PLEASE GIVE VIEW, WHETHER IN THE AFFIRMATIVE OR NEGATIVE.

An unequivocal yes. The Raleigh area generally lacks on aggressive, informative, and spirited forum or organization which deals primarily with black business development and community improvement in general. By this I mean the organizations available to us are primarily oriented to political or civil rights matters. It is just as important, if not more important, to have a forum available to discuss ways of capitalizing on our communities' political gains and resources, as well as the ways these developments may aid our communities generally, that is, economically, socially and politically.

In the Raleigh area, there is definitely a growing desire by, should I say, young black people to organize just such a forum or association. I am not quite sure if this would be in line precisely with the Jaycees' activities, but it would certainly be a little closer than what we have now.

Let me be clearly understood. I am in no way degrading our local community associations or clubs. I am an active member in most, if not all of these associations and I think the purposes they serve are served well. But, as I have stated earlier, these organizations are not designed solely to concentrate on such things as jobs and employment conditions, business and business development, or community improvement, here. I make special reference to local Community Development Funds, Comprehensive Employment and Training Act Funds (CETA), OMBE funds, and SBA funds.

These are all federal programs in which millions - and I mean millions - of dollars are available and earmarked for our community. But, as a people, as a community, we have no way of knowing just what is going on. Along these lines, I think we certainly could benefit from such an association to take a look at a few of these things, to examine as a collective citizens' body, to study how we can better take advantage of what is available, and



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work toward acquiring those things which do not seem to be of our disposal.

Grant Fights Drug Policy

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In Wilmington Ten Case
Lawyer Seeks Changes

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Prosecution Rests

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In Flu Fight

Blacks Refuse Shots

Youth Shoots Police

Court Delays Decision

J. Hunt Begins Search

Recent Deaths Get Blames For Fear

Only 1 Student Chosen

Ms. Kandi, Moring Win \$10 Check

NAACP Gets New Thrust

Hooks Replaces Wilkins As Executive Director

NEW YORK -- The national Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has designated Benjamin L. Hooks to replace retiring Roy Wilkins as executive director of the civil rights organization.

Hooks, named earlier this week, is a director on the Federal Communications Commission, a Memphis minister and columnist. In a recent interview, he noted that his identification with the civil rights movement extends back over a long period of time. Hooks has also told reporters that he did not seek the job, though he is ready to take over the leadership of the organization.

The NAACP, founded in the early 1900's by coalition of blacks and whites, has been the legal backbone of the civil rights movement. Many of the demonstrators in the more "activist" part of the civil rights movement in the 1960's depended upon the NAACP legal defense fund to bail them out of jail. Many other legal battles have been fought and won by the organization.

And now, as Hooks takes over, the NAACP is faced with a law suit in Gibson, Miss., in which a group of boycotted white merchants have been awarded more than a million dollars because the organization spearheaded the boycott.

Hooks said this week that the suit is causing definite strain on the resources of the organization. And though many whites have now come back to the rescue of the NAACP, Hooks noted that recently, white support of the organization had reached a low point.

He indicated that there is a need for blacks to take a more active role in the financial life of the organization.

Wilkins is retiring after leading the organization for the past 20 years. He is one of the most recognized civil rights figures in modern America.



BENJAMIN L. HOOKS

Study Links Social Ills, Unemployment

BY AUBREY E. ZEPHYR
National Black News Service
WASHINGTON, D. C. — There is a direct link between rising unemployment and increased illness and criminal behavior, according to a study prepared for the congressional Joint Economic Committee and released by Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.), chairman.

The 230-page study, prepared by Professor M. Harvey Brenner, Ph.D., of Johns Hopkins University, compared changes in the unemployment rate over the past 40 years (from the end of the Depression in the early 1930's through the early 1970's) with changes in the incidence of certain physical, mental and social disorders. It is entitled: "Estimating the Social Costs of National Economic Policy: Implications for Mental and Physical Health, and Criminal Aggression."

The study shows that rising unemployment is directly related to higher suicide and homicide rates, as well as increased hospitalization, imprisonments and cirrhosis of the liver. And it confirms that a "strong, direct link exists

between rising unemployment and increases in stress-related illnesses such as stroke, heart and kidney disease," Sen. Humphrey said in a statement issued on his behalf by his Washington office. (Humphrey was recently released from the Sloan Kettering Hospital in New York where he had undergone cancer surgery.)

The study said that the 1.4 percent rise in unemployment during 1970 alone was directly responsible for some 51,570 total deaths, including 1,740 additional homicides, 1,540 additional suicides, 5,520 additional mental hospitalizations, 25,000 additional strokes, heart and kidney disease deaths, and 870 additional deaths from cirrhosis of the liver.

The report concludes that the added deaths linked directly to unemployment were preventable - if only proper steps were taken to hold unemployment down.

"Since 1970, the unemployment rate has been 2.9 percent to a total of 7.8 percent in September of this year," Humphrey said, adding that "based on our national experience since the 1930's, that

BY ALEXANDER BARNES
ROXBORO — The Prosecution has rested its case against John Excell McCombs, Jr., a 20-year-old Charlotte man charged with first degree murder in the killing of Larry Douglass Bullock, a black Durham drug officer, who led a raid on McCombs' apartment in April. The defense is expected to attempt to show that Bullock and his raiding party, without regard for life or limb, provoked the accused man to protect his residence against what he feels was an intrusion by some unknown person or persons.

The state brought many witnesses, including some teenage girls who told of the alleged events that surround the case. The web of evidence became increasingly tighter on Nov. 3, when the state presented Sandra Lavonne Gaither of Charlotte who testified against McCombs and his alleged drug trafficking. She said that McCombs was a visitor at a Charlotte high school and it was there that she met him.

The girl said she and two other girls, Tilda Gale Wilson and Laverne Morgan, had been in McCombs' apartment and witnessed the sale of drugs by McCombs.

Describing the raid, she said, "I heard a knock but I didn't pay any attention to the knock," Miss Gaither said. "John had left the room."

"I heard several voices say police officers," she added. "I see him (McCombs) go to the window and I see him pick up the gun," she said.

She said she headed for a closet and heard the pistol fire as she was going into it with Miss Morgan immediately.



DR. KOONITZ SPEAKS — Dr. Elizabeth Koonitz will speak on the "Role of Women in Higher Education" at the East Raleigh YWCA, Hargett St., at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 18. The program is sponsored by the Y-Wives Club of the East Raleigh branch. Dr. Koonitz will stress the role of women's organizations and volunteer agencies in making opportunities available for women. She is assistant superintendent of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. Prior to assuming her present position, she was special assistant for coordination for nutrition programs in the North Carolina Department of Human Resources. She is a graduate of Livingstone College and Atlanta University. Dr. Koonitz has received numerous awards, citations for service and honorary degrees. The public is invited to attend, a spokesperson said.

The Federal District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, heard arguments Friday on behalf of the Wilmington Ten Civil Rights case. Magistrate Logan Howell deferred any decision to allow counsel for the state opportunity to study a preliminary statement submitted by the Wilmington Ten's counsel, James E. Ferguson, II of Charlotte.

The Wilmington Ten are 9 young black men and a white woman convicted of unlawful burning and conspiracy to assault emergency personnel during racial disturbances in Wilmington in 1972. Counsel has been furnished by the United Church of Christ.

In Friday's hearing, counsel for the Wilmington Ten requested the court accept an amended petition to an original habeas corpus petition filed with the Federal Court in January of this year. The original petition alleged that the defendants' constitutional rights had been violated. That petition has yet to be heard.

The amended petition alleges as new grounds for relief that the State had knowingly induced and used perjurious testimony in securing the convictions of the Wilmington Ten. The amended petition said that the state's chief witness, Allen Hill, had lied under tutelage of the prosecutor when he testified. In a sworn statement filed as part of the amendment to the habeas corpus petition, Hill said the things he testified to at their trial "are not true."

Defense counsel argued that the amendment to the petition asking for a new trial be heard in the Federal District Court rather than in the State Court. Under North Carolina law, perjury is not grounds for a new trial.

All appeals to the original

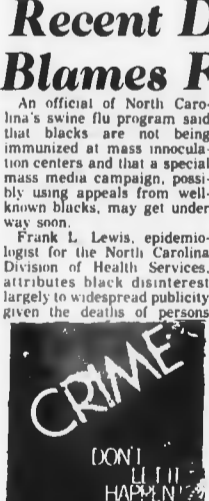


BARRED SECOND TIME — Plains, Ga. — Rev. Clennon King of Albany, Ga., talks to newsmen Sunday outside the Plains Baptist Church, where President-elect Jimmy Carter is a member. King was barred from worship services for the second consecutive Sunday by the church deacons. Carter's press secretary said that the President-elect is "concerned and disturbed" by the continuing barring of blacks from his home Baptist church. (UPI)

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 resumption. 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.

MAN ARRESTED FOR VANDALISM
Ella Adams, 49, of 1416 Oakwood Ave., was the victim of an alleged vandalism. According to police reports, damage to Adams' property was estimated at \$25 and occurred at 9 a.m. Saturday. Eric Devon Adams of the same address was arrested and charged with damage to property. (See CRIME BEAT, P. 3)

APRECIATION MONEY SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK
MURRAY'S PHARMACY
"We Operate For Your Convenience, Not Ours."



NAACP Gets New Thrust

NEW YORK — The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) best known for its work in the courts, education, housing and labor, has recently entered another area of vital concern — the economic arena.

In recognition of suggested needs to formulate programs and strategies to meet the

increasingly complex economic issues confronting blacks, the NAACP's National Economic Development Committee, under the leadership of its head, Charles H. Smith, recently concluded a special meeting of its economic advisors in New York.

The Committee's national economic advisors attending

the conference all stressed the importance of the NAACP becoming actively involved in the economic issues which affect blacks. Advisors making presentations at the meeting included Earl Graves, publisher of Black Enterprise, Ollen B. Hinnant, assistant general counsel. Prudential (See NAACP, P. 2)



MAYORS ASK PRESIDENT-ELECT TO AID INNER CITY — Newark, N.J. — Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson (R), president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, speaks at news conference Monday at the close of the mayors emergency policy meeting. Looking on are Detroit Mayor Coleman Young (L), New York Mayor Abraham Beame (front-center), and Syracuse, N.Y. Mayor Leo Alexander (rear-center). Conference of 100 mayors asked Jimmy Carter to "set a national tone of concern for urban America" by providing federal money for inner city jobs. (UPI)



PRINCIPALS AT CHURCH MEET — These are persons who are principals at the 96th annual session of the Central N.C. Conference, AME Zion Church, meeting at Rush Metropolitan Church here. Left to right are: Dr. David Bradley, editor, Quarterly Review and historian of the denomination; Bishop W. A. Hilliard, presiding prelate and Dr. Harold Clement, secretary of Overseas Mission. They are looking at the history of the AME Zion Church, produced by Dr. Bradley. Much of the information in the book will be discussed at the 7-day meet.