

A Teacher Speaks Out

[Editor's Note: Ms. Nubee was recently chosen Franklin County's Teacher of the Year. She resides in Raleigh.] No one in his rational mind would march to Pretoria, South Africa, except to put an end to the racist regime that is still struggling to exist there. It seems that a number of second graders of the Louisburg Elementary School's recent field day activities did just that, with an enthusiastic "hurrah" at the end of the song. The children were not at fault, since their knowledge of history is of a limited scope. But what about the four teachers who decided upon this song called "Marching To Pretoria," along with another song to depict Africa, "Pick a Bale of Cotton?" What about the principal who saw the program outline?

We, especially those of us who are black, continuously allow ourselves to be maneuvered away from the truth and towards those things which definitely go against the grain. My knowledge of Africa is such that there are, I know, a number of African songs and dances that would have been quite appropriate, plus positive. Africa is a very large continent. What happened to its eastern, western and northern sections when deciding on a song? The black South Africans, too, have a significant culture. Songs or dances from this area would still have given a positive image, but to march to a record which sings with zeal about Pretoria, South Africa is abhorrent!



MS. RAJA D. NUBEE

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Women Reveal Meeting

As part of International Women's Year (IYW) Decade for Action, North Carolina residents are invited to attend a Statewide Conference to address the problems of North Carolina women through a series of workshops and meetings to be held in Winston-Salem June 17-19.

Dr. Elizabeth D. Koonz, assistant state superintendent for teacher education, is chairwoman of the North Carolina Coordinating Committee, which has planned North Carolina's Conference. The conference will afford North Carolina residents the opportunity to speak out, examine and to begin resolving some of the problems of North Carolina women.

Efforts have been made to attract women and men from (See NC WOMEN, P. 2)

Old North St. Medics Plan Talks

GREENSBORO — The Old North State Medical Society, the oldest black physician society in the United States, will convene its 90th annual session at the Four Seasons Holiday Inn in Greensboro, June 12.

According to Dr. W. T. Armstrong of Rocky Mount, who is the secretary-treasurer, approximately 125 physicians and their wives will be in attendance for the sessions.

The opening business session is scheduled for Friday night, June 10. This will be followed by clinical sessions starting Saturday morning. Clinicians from Duke Medical Center, Bowman Gray Medical School and the University of North Carolina Medical School will deliver papers on newer concepts in medicine.

The Saturday afternoon session will be oriented toward the business side of medicine and will feature Atty. Jeff Batts of Rocky Mount and a discussion of tax changes as they affect the medical profession. Dr. Lewis Dowdy, Chancellor of (See MEDICS TO, P. 2)

To Probe Minority Media Interest

Images of minorities in the media will be examined in a program being held at the first unit of First Baptist Church, 101 S. Wilmington St. of Raleigh Friday, June 10 at 7:30 p.m. A panel discussion will focus on the topic: Minorities In The Media, Who, What, Where and How?

Featured speakers are: Dr. Donald Martin, director, Community Adult Education at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Prof. Lance Jeffers, English Dept., N. C.



REV. J. Z. ALEXANDER



DR. H. B. HICKS

Divinity School At Shaw Hosts Confab

The Shaw University Divinity School's Annual Church Leaders' Conference, comprised of the Forty-First Annual Ministers' Institute and the Third Annual Church Lay Leaders' Institutes will be held at Shaw University, Raleigh, June 13-17. Registration for the conference will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, June 13. The first session is at 1:30 p.m. on June 13. The conference will end around noon on Friday, June 17. Registration and all sessions of the conference will be held in the University Union Building on the Shaw University campus. The Rev. James Z. Alexander is dean of academic affairs at the Shaw Divinity School.

The theme for 1977 will be, "The Church and the Churches: An Examination of the Relationship Between the Church Universal and the Churches in Particular."

Dr. Henry Beecher Hicks will be the principal resource person. Dr. Hicks is pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church, Houston, Texas. Dr. Hicks will preach the opening sermon of the conference on Monday evening, June 13, at 8 and he will deliver a lecture on the theme daily, Tuesday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. till 11:30 a.m.

Additional significant features of the conference will be workshops, classes on Christian Education, church training, church ushers, church musicians, christian missions, and preaching by outstanding pastors.

Class instructors for the week are: Dr. W. R. Grigg, director of development and professor of missions, The Shaw Divinity School; Dr. Priscilla Brodie, assistant professor of Christian Education and co-ordinator of church vocations, The Shaw Divinity School; The Rev. Leo Williams, director of Christian Education, General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina; Waverly Camp, director of Laymen's Work and Church music, General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

According to Edwards, the latest incident involved the alleged beating and death by drowning of an unemployed Mexican-American Army veteran while in the custody of police officers. One officer was charged with murder, and four (See TO PROBE, P. 2)

State University; Dr. Ruth Kennedy, English Dept., N. C. Central University; Dr. Charles Long, Dept. of Religion, University of N. C., Chapel Hill; Brent Glass, N. C. State Archives; and Alexander Barnes, staff writer, The CAROLINIAN.

A workshop from 8:45 p.m. to 10 p.m. will deal with the issue, Black Image In White Media: The Role Of Local Communities. The workshop will be led by Prof. Paul Vandergriff, Dept. of Radio, TV and Film of Shaw University, and Dr. Bishetta Merritt of the Radio, TV and Motion Picture Dept. at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Merritt will give a slide presentation depicting the treatment of blacks in movies since the early part of the 20th century.

These events are being sponsored by the Black Presence Committee of Chapel Hill-Carrboro. The project is funded by the N. C. Humanities Committee. Admission is free and the public is urged to attend.



CONVICTED MURDERER TENDS GARDEN — Richmond, Va. — 74-year-old James "Blue" Whitaker works in his garden he maintains at the Virginia State Penitentiary. Whitaker is serving time for murder and is due to get out in 2002. The garden shown here is one of three that he has. He has been giving vegetables away to other inmates, but keeps okra for himself. (UPI)

Says President Has Not Responded, So

B. Chavis Writes Again

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Allegedly Set Jail Mattress Ablaze

Fire Victim Is "Fair"

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Two Life Terms Given

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Next Years Crucial

PTA Sees Tough Issues Trial Is Delayed By Fire

A 20-year-old Raleigh woman, who allegedly set fire to a mattress in her cell at the Wake County Jail, shortly after noon last Friday, is listed in fair condition at Wake Medical Center this week. The victim fought with her rescuer and had to be dragged screaming to safety.

Ms. Sylvia Denise Bridges of 608 S. Saunders St., was admitted to the hospital last Friday with burns on her arms and chest.

Wake County Sheriff Lester W. Kelly said the woman's life was saved by the action of Deputy Jimmy R. Morris, so along with Jailor J. J. O'Neal opened a solid door, leading to (See FIRE VICTIM, P. 2)

NC Funeral Directors To Raleigh

On Monday, June 13, the Funeral Directors and Morticians Association of N. C., Inc. will open its 50th annual convention with a board meeting at the Royal Villa in Raleigh. On Tuesday, June 14, President Gratz Norcott, Jr. of Ayden, will call the first session to order at 9 a.m. Greetings will be extended to all delegates and visitors from several city and state officials.

Negro Women's Clubs Set Morganton Meet

MORGANTON — The North Carolina Federation of Negro Women's Clubs will hold its 77th anniversary in Morganton at the Morganton Motor Inn, June 16-18. The Western District of the North Carolina Federation of Negro Women's Clubs will host the state meeting.

Mrs. Willa Moultrie, district president, and the members of the executive board are leaving no stones unturned in their preparation for members' comfort and enjoyment to make the 1977 state meeting the best. The first session of the convention will be launched with a banquet in the Banquet Room of the Motor Inn. Dr. Helen G. Edmonds, professor and head of the History Department at North Carolina Central University at Durham will be the guest speaker.

The theme of the convention is Challenges and Changes in the Third Century. Mrs. Melissa N. Leitao, state president, is urging all club women across



CENTER OF CONTROVERSY — Washington — United Nations Amb. Andrew Young, who has become embroiled in controversy centered on his remarks about former Presidents Nixon and Ford in a Playboy Magazine interview, appeared before the House recent trip to Africa. Young met with President Carter later in the day. In the interview, Young said Nixon and Ford failed to develop a credible foreign policy with the third world nations due to racism. (UPI)

Priorities Revealed By National Head

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The strong voice of the National PTA is going to get stronger in the next two years, delegates to the organization's 81st Annual Convention in Anaheim, Calif. recently learned.

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Mrs. Tomlinson's name was in the Kerr's Ben Franklin advertisement and Stone's name was in the Raleigh FCX Service advertisement. A third name, that of Thomas Johnson. (See APPRECIATION, P. 2)

Carter Urged To Free '10'

The Rev. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., leader of the famous Wilmington 10, has written another letter to President James Earl Carter, Jr., since he received no response to the first one that he wrote to him on March 4 of this year.

Rev. Chavis is now serving a long prison sentence at McCain Prison. He, along with 9 other persons, were convicted of a firebombing and other violence in Wilmington in 1971. During an appeals hearing at Burgaw late last month, Superior Court Judge George M. Fountain, Jr., refused to grant the group a new trial, stating that their civil rights had not been violated.

Rev. Chavis' letter to Carter follows: Rev. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. McCain Prison McCain, N. C. 28361 June 1, 1977

President Jimmy Carter The White House Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President: Because of the continued immoral and unjust imprisonment of the Wilmington Ten, I find it absolutely necessary to write to you a second time in regard to the gross violations of our human rights.

For six long years, we have suffered from the chronic disease of American racism and Jim Crow injustice of the old "new South."

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Edwards Supports Chavis, 9

National Black News Service WASHINGTON, D. C. — Congressman Don Edwards (D-Calif.) recently urged the Justice Department to "seriously consider every possible avenue for Federal intervention" in the case of the Wilmington 10.

The Wilmington 10 were denied a new trial by a North Carolina judge last month, despite recantations of testimony by the prosecution's three main witnesses.

Rep. Edwards wrote to Drew Days, Assistant Attorney General, asking the Department to file an amicus curiae, or friend of the court, brief when the new trial denial is appealed to the North Carolina Court of Ap- (See EDWARDS, P. 2)

Shriners Seen By Thousands

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The 5th annual Gala Day convention of Prince Hall Shriners and Daughters of Isis members was held here recently and drew some 5,000 delegates and members from seven states and Washington, D. C.

The shriners and daughters held opening ceremonies at the Washington-Hilton Hotel with several top ranking Prince Hall masonic dignitaries participating in the open house program and the daily religious devotional services.

Guest speakers during the three-day celebration were Hon. Walter E. Fauntroy, member of the House of Representatives from Washington, D. C.; Hon. Walter E. Washington, mayor of the city of Washington, D. C.; Eugene Dickerson, deputy imperial (See SHRINERS, P. 2)



"SPARRING" WITH THE JUDGE — Washington — Heavyweight boxer Jimmy Young "spars" with U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica, himself a former amateur boxer, at a Touchdown Club luncheon June 6. Young was honored for his "outstanding contribution to boxing." A few hours earlier, Sirica ordered former Attorney General John Mitchell and former top Nixon aide E. R. Taldeman to begin serving their Watergate prison sentences June 22. (UPI)

Appreciation Money SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK PIGGLY WIGGLY FOOD STORES "FOR QUALITY FOOD AT LOW PRICES"