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Charges Sent To Atlanta

BY STAFF WRITER
The Rev. Leon White and other officials of the North Carolina-Virginia Commission for Racial Justice revealed last Friday that it is probing charges of job and other discrimination made by black employees at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh.

The Commission has handled 12 complaints, through its Raleigh office, during the past 3 weeks and passed them through to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's district office in Atlanta, Ga., Rev. White told a news gathering.

According to officials at the hospital, they were notified by EEOC concerning the complaints in November of 1977.

Three black employees of the facility stated last Friday that blacks are not hired as often or given the same promotions as whites. They claimed that black patients are also treated differently.

Mrs. Ernestine Young, a social worker at Wake Medical Center, declared that blacks are fired without going through initial personnel procedures of verbal warning, write-up and temporary suspension.

Mrs. Millie McLaughlin, an X-ray technician at the hospital, said, "All the black employees that are being fired are being replaced with whites."

Mrs. Anne Suggs, white public information officer at the hospital, said administrators are being replaced with whites. (See BIAS PROBED, P. 2)

Mondale Confab Speaker

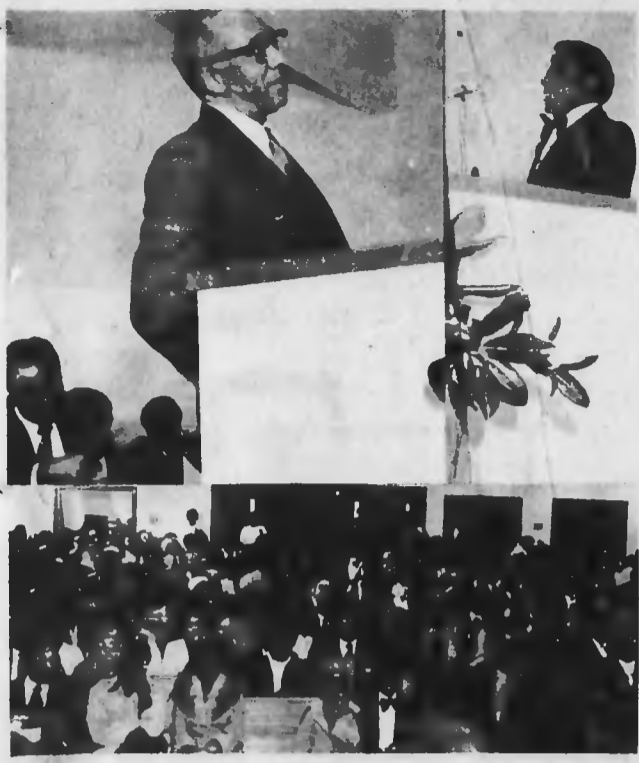
WASHINGTON, D.C. — Vice President Walter Frederick (Fritz) Mondale, in a speech last week to civil rights leaders, stressed the importance of the Carter Administration's commitment to equal opportunity for minorities, saying that the challenge America faces today is "to summon up a new consciousness of conscience in America around the broad issues of economic justice and human rights."

Speaking to the 30th Annual Meeting of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, Mondale hailed the conference as "one of the great success stories of our times," and called for it to be a driving force "in the new struggle for civil rights."

"We need your leadership, and we need your voice as never before today," the Vice President said. (See MONDALE, P. 2)

WEATHER

The 5-day weather forecast, Wednesday, Feb. 8, through Sunday, Feb. 12, is as follows: Very cold weather will continue across the state Wednesday and Thursday. Cloudy skies will return early Thursday, bringing with them a chance of sleet in the Southeast by late Thursday. Friday through Sunday calls for continued cold weather with a chance of precipitation on Friday and Saturday. Highs will range from the mid-30s to the mid-40s. Lows will be in the teens to mid-20s.



AT RALEIGH RALLY FOR THE WILMINGTON TEN — Shown are some of the speakers and a portion of the huge crowd, which gathered last Sunday afternoon at the Laodicea United Church of Christ on Rock Quarry Road. In top, left photo, the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Cobb, executive director of the UCC's Commission for Racial Justice, is shown speaking, as the Rev. Leon White, director of the N.C.-Va. Commission of the CRJ, awaits his turn. On the right, in top picture, Dr. Grady D. Davis, Shaw University professor and civil rights leader, speaks to the audience, shown in bottom photo. (See story.)

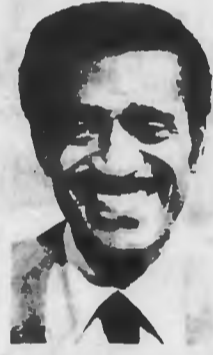
Wilmington Ten Backers Rap Gov. Hunt At Rally

More than 300 persons packed the Laodicea United Church of Christ on Rock Quarry Road here last Sunday afternoon, spending more than 3 1/2 hours listening to black leaders speak on behalf of the celebrated Wilmington Ten.

The Rev. Leon White, director of the Commission for Racial Justice, told the crowd, "People are fed up with Gov. (James B.) Hunt's position on the Wilmington Ten. We are going to do something and we're not going to wait until the next election."

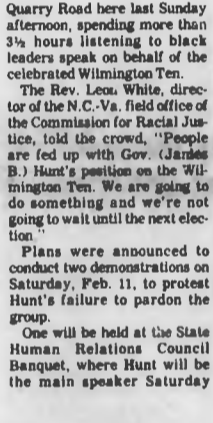
Plans were announced to conduct two demonstrations on Saturday, Feb. 11, to protest Hunt's failure to pardon the group.

One will be held at the State Human Relations Council Banquet, where Hunt will be the main speaker Saturday



ENTERTAINER HOSPITALIZED — Los Angeles — Entertainer Sammy Davis, Jr. will remain hospitalized for several days at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center where he is being treated for the Russian Flu, a spokesman said Feb. 3. Davis became ill last week in Las Vegas, Nev., where he was winding up a 2-week engagement at Caesar's Palace. (UPI)

night. The other is slated for the Capitol and Federal Buildings in Raleigh Saturday afternoon. (See WILMINGTON 10, P. 2)



ATTORNEY BLUE

Blue Takes Politics 'One Step At Time'

BY WILLIE WHITE
Staff Writer

Daniel Blue, Jr., 28-year-old, is seen locally as a young man who might be "going places" politically. But Blue said in an interview this week that he has no long-range political plans. He is "sort of taking one step at a time," he said.

An attorney in Raleigh, Blue last week ended what had become growing political suspense when he announced that he was going to run for the Dist. 15 seat (Wake County) in the N.C. House of Representatives.

Blue had been a contender for appointment to the House seat left vacant by the gubernatorial appointment of Rep. Robert Creech to the N.C. Supreme Court, but Mrs. Wilms Woodard got the appointment. The suspense surrounding Blue's political plans grew out of the strong showing he made for the vacancy appointment and the speculation that appointed Sen. Clarence Lightner would also seek a seat in the House of Representatives. Lightner deferred to Blue in the House race and did not file for the Senate.

Blue said he and his campaign staff are currently (See BLUE TAKES, P. 3)

Frat 'Hazing' Kills

Raleigh's Woman Of The Year Zetas Cite Mrs. M. Flagg Student Dead At Hospital

DURHAM — When the Durham County General Hospital revealed that Nathaniel Swinson, 20-year-old North Carolina Central University junior from Kinston, was pronounced dead upon arrival at 10 a.m. Feb. 5, officials of the "Mighty Six" District, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, had grave concern, due to the fact that he was said to have been on the "line" as late as 3 a.m. Sunday preparatory to being initiated into the mysteries of the Greek-letter fraternity.

Even though hospital attendants were not able to determine the real cause of death, it was established by Elwood Purdie and Kenneth Koonce, two of his fellow students, that Swinson collapsed about 6 hours after he, along with 14 other candidates, made a trek of approximately 4 miles as a part of the initiation ceremony.

Swinson, believed to weigh about 200, suffered ill effects from the experience and sweated heavily. It is alleged that he fell in a ditch. However, after about a half hour of resting, he joined the group again. The last activity is said to have caused cramps and dizziness.

He was taken into one of the Broadmoor Apartments and wrapped in a blanket. He is said to have asked to be taken to the hospital about 8:30 a.m. The report showed that he died enroute.

The fraternity was suspended from the campus of North Carolina Central a few years ago. (See FRAT 'HAZING', P. 2)



JUDGE L.C. MOORE



MRS. MARY A. FLAGG

Thursday Activities Set At College Here

The Honorable Luke C. Moore, judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C., will deliver the 111th Founders' Day message at Saint Augustine's College on Thursday, Feb. 9, at 11 a.m. in the Emery Building.

Judge Moore is a native of Collinsville, Illinois. Following his army career, he was graduated with honors from Howard University in 1949. He was graduated from the Georgetown University Law School in 1964.

After admission to the District of Columbia Bar, he engaged in the general practice of law with the Law Firm of Cobb, Howard and Hayes until 1959, when he was (See ST. AUG.'S, P. 2)

Jobless Cash Out For 343,000

National Black News Service WASHINGTON, D.C. — Unemployment insurance benefits for some 343,000 jobless Americans came to an end on Jan. 31. All but nine states and Puerto Rico were affected.

Payments, including the 13 weeks of extended benefits beyond the basic 26 weeks, were stopped because the special Federal supplemental benefits program, under which the payments fell, expired and had not been renewed by Congress.

States that will continue to receive extended 13-week benefits are (See JOBLESS, P. 2)

Women's Projects Unveiled

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Secretary of Labor Ray Marshall announced that the Women's Bureau, for the first time in its 57-year history, will design, develop, and monitor several (See WOMEN'S, P. 2)

NAACP Talks Set 'New Day' Ground Rules At State Level

More than 100 state NAACP leaders met at the Hilton Inn, 1707 Hillsborough St. Raleigh, Saturday, Feb. 4, in an all-day session about the "New Day" which Ben Hooks, the new director has envisioned, but were told by Kelly M. Alexander, N.C. State Conference president, and Chas. A. McLean, field director, how it would be implemented in the Tar Heel State.

Alexander, who is also vice chairman of the national NAACP board, brought direct information from the New York office as to how the program would be implemented by branches. He pointed out that education, housing, employment and voter participation would be the major issues.

He hastened to point out that in order to accomplish the goals set up by Hooks, that more members would have to be brought in. He told the leaders that North Carolina would be out in the forefront of the 1978 drive. He was happy over the fact that many small branches were doing well, but was not too pleased over the results being obtained by the "big city" branches. He pointed out that Duplin County had one-third of its black population (See NAACP TALKS, P. 2)

Security Tightened
WASHINGTON, D.C. — Two extra security guards accompanied North Carolina James Baxter Hunt, Jr., during his trip here last week as a (See SECURITY, P. 2)



ATTENDING FILMING OF TELEVISION MOVIE — New York: Taking a break in the filming of the television movie, "King," Feb. 5 are (L-R), actor Paul Winfield, Mrs. Coretta King, wife of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr., and actor Ossie Davis. Winfield portrays the late minister and Davis portrays King, Sr. The part of Mrs. Coretta King is played by Cicely Tyson. The movie will be aired on NBC-TV on three nights, Feb. 12-14. (UPI)

Appreciation Money SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK HARLEY DAVIDSON OF RALEIGH "FOR THE BEST RIDES ON TWO WHEELS"



CHARGED IN KIDNAPING — New York: Cecil Wiggins, with his face covered and identified by police as one of three persons who kidnaped 11-year-old Marci Klein, was arrested late Feb. 4 by police and charged with first degree kidnaping. Wiggins is escorted by a police officer after his arrest. Officials said all but \$100 of the \$100,000 ransom to secure her release was recovered. (UPI)