

# SCLC Hearing Reveals Much Racism In US Army

## What's Your Bag?

BY REV. JEROME LEDOUX

**GOD IS DEAD**  
If the sun did not rise this morning, if the sun is not speeding through space at 40,000 miles an hour, if the earth is not spinning around the sun once every 365 days and covering 400 million miles in the process, it is safe to say that God is dead.

God is certainly dead if all the cosmic spectaculars of a universe too big to imagine are nothing more than a dazzling, accidental hookup of altogether improbably mass speeds, timing, temper, pes, distances and motions thin and around motions.

If the genetic signatures of animals and plants alike lack an accuracy and a balance which are far greater than those of an atomic clock, if every living characteristic is not passed on with the greatest detail and precision, God must be dead.

God is dead if the immense, diversified hothouse of the world is not hard at work 24 hours a day, performing the wonders of photosynthesis to give us oxygen and food, and lighting up the earth with the brilliant colors and beauty of its plants.

If the vast seashores which cover more than 70 percent of the world's surface are not wondrous fish bowls brimming with millions of species of marine fauna and flora, and providing beauty, food and recreation to people, then God is dead.

God is dead if the protechnics, deluges and mighty winds of the weather, the bone-rattling movements and upheavals of the earth, and the booming hydrogen fusions of the cosmos are not just temporary accidents, but accidents for millions of years running.

If the beauty, grace and efficiency of the human body does not completely outstrip all other organic or anorganic machines, and if the soarings, analyses and expressions of the human mind are not the greatest wonder of creation, yes, God is dead.

God is dead if there is not perfect order in the marvelous sequence and chain of command in nature, in the wise balance between the needs and habits of rational and irrational animals, and in the many complementary and supplementary roles of the sexes.

If the many curses of evil rule the world, if the sins and crimes of wicked people always carry the day, if the cries of the poor and the afflicted go unheeded, and if the virtuous live out their life with no hope of reward, God has to be dead.

God is dead if the case for the resurrection of our bodies is a dead issue, if nothing is going to be happening on the Last Day, if the millions of aborted fetuses will not rise together with the rest of us who were born into the light of day. If love is not the most powerful force in the universe, if love is not the basis of all good, if a mother's or father's love is not strong enough to overcome all obstacles and to achieve all desirable goals in life, then God is dead.

God is assuredly dead if the human heart does not strain after things which lie completely beyond what we can see with our eyes, hear with our ears, taste with our tongue, touch with our hands, or otherwise experience with our physical senses.

If we cannot find heroines and heroes in every condition of life, in every profession, in every land and in every corner of the globe who believe in the power of love, who make virtue a way of life, and who stand up for their conviction, God is dead.

Now surely, if God's death is that iffy, the case for God's life must be far stronger than most of our so-called discoveries and knowledge about the earth and the universe. Yes, we have so much to thank God for on Thanksgiving Day and every day.

Under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), if you retire under a pension plan that provides retirement income in the form of an annuity, a joint and survivor annuity must be automatically provided unless you choose not to accept it, according to the U. S. Dept. of Labor.



**PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER GREETES SOUTHERN BLACK LEADERS**—Washington, D. C.—President Jimmy Carter greets Clarence Everitt Lightner, former mayor of Raleigh, North Carolina while Louis Martin, special assistant to the President, looks on. Lightner and nearly 200 other black leaders from Mississippi, Tennessee and North and South Carolina were greeted by the President at a reception recently in the White House. They were also briefed by several senior White House staff members on the Administration's accomplishments in the first 20 months and about the status of domestic legislation now that Congress has adjourned. The group met the President following the briefing.

## Raleigh Native Named Director Of Financial Aid

**BUFFALO, N. Y.**—Clarence A. Conner, a native of Raleigh, N. C., and alumnus of Washington High School, (Class of 1941, has been named director of financial aid to students at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Mr. Conner is the son of Mrs. Rosebud Conner of 918 S. Bloodworth St., Raleigh. During the 1977-'78 academic year, U/B's Office of Financial

Aid to Students gave awards totaling approximately \$17 million in authorized aid, including student bank loans, to about 10,000 students.

Conner is a graduate of West Virginia State College, where he received a degree in business administration. He has also earned a master's degree in counselor education from U/B. He joined the U/B staff in 1969 as assistant to the director of financial aid to

students. A member of a number of professional, community and church organizations, Conner presently resides in Cheektowaga, N. Y.



CLARENCE A. CONNER

## Harris Barber College Sets Day, Evening Work

Harris Barber College in Raleigh has initiated a continuing Barber Education Program this fall, according to C. R. Stone, the newly-appointed manager of the school.

"Recruitment is underway for day and evening students and there are minimum entrance requirements for the day and evening program," he said.

"We are pleased to be offering day and evening courses in Barber Science in response to the black community needs," said Stone. Mr. Stone pointed out that local, state and national surveys and advisory committees have been instrumental in developing the initial day and evening program on the Raleigh campus.

## Beware Of Holiday Solicitors

The holiday season is close at hand. This means that thousands of people throughout the state will be rapping their knuckles on doors asking for money for charitable purposes.

Ed Edgerton, head of DHR's Solicitation Licensing Branch in the Division of Facility Services, cautions citizens to beware of some of these soliciting organizations. Some are not legitimate and are not licensed to solicit in the Tar Heel State.

"We estimate that close to one-third of the giving occurs during the last two or three months of the year," said Edgerton. "This happens because there are more appeals being made and our emotional response to the needs of others is greater during the holiday season. There are also people who wish to take advantage of the close of the tax year with additional deductions," he stated.

Giving is the seventh largest industry in the United States today. Currently, annual giving exceeds \$32 billion and another \$27 billion is given in volunteer time. According to Edgerton, more than \$400 million was given in North Carolina in 1977. The Solicitation Licensing Branch regulates about \$145 million of this amount.

Edgerton indicated that there are no federal regulations governing charitable organizations, but 36 states have enacted laws requiring some type of reporting or disclosure for those seeking public funds. North Carolina is a

## Over 50 Blacks Testify

ATLANTA, Ga.—Over 50 black military personnel presented written or verbal complaints at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's first public hearing into racial discrimination in the U. S. armed services, held recently in Savannah, Ga. Most were from nearby Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

"We knew there were racial problems in the armed services," said SCLC president Dr. Joseph E. Lowery at the close of the one-day hearing, "but we had no idea of the depth, scope or volatility of the situation."

Dr. Lowery chaired the hearing panel, which also included Rev. Hosea Williams and Tyrone Brooks, both of SCLC, and Savannah Atty. Orin Alexis. Documents and recorded testimony from the hearing will be turned over to Cong. Ron Dellums (D-Calif.), the black member of the House Armed Services Committee, for possible Congressional investigation.

Lowery said SCLC plans to hold another such hearing in the near future at another base.

Soldiers who testified at either open or closed sessions said the turnout would have been greater, but about 10,000 of their ranks had been sent to Florida for maneuvers.

"We had trouble getting authorization to post the SCLC fliers about this meeting," stated Pfc. Eddie Thornton of Hunter. "They called troops on standby because they felt there might be a riot. All we wanted to do was promote this so we could discuss the prejudice in the military."

Among the most common complaints filed at the hearing were: being called inflammatory names by commanding officers; being denied information, encouragement or opportunity for educational or career advancement; receiving harsher punishment for misdemeanors than was warranted or ever received by whites who committed similar offenses; inability to obtain fair hearing or adequate legal defense; and frequently being given the most menial tasks and heaviest labor.

Pfc. Thornton and Pfc. Marion Mann, both MPs, were the first to testify during the (See SCLC, P. 20)



**TARHEEL CHATS WITH PRESIDENT**—Washington, D. C.—President Jimmy Carter greets Row Motley, chairman of the Black Caucus of the Democratic National Committee, Charlotte, N. C., while Louis Martin, special assistant to the President, looks on. Motley and nearly 200 other black leaders from Mississippi, Tennessee, North and South Carolina were greeted by the President at a reception recently in the White House. They were also briefed by several senior White House staff members on the Administration's accomplishments in the first 20 months and about the status of domestic legislation now that Congress has adjourned. The group met the President following the briefing.

## Number Of Black Elected Officials Still Increasing

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The number of black elected officials in the United States continues to increase, but at a declining rate, according to a recent survey conducted by the Joint Center for Political Studies.

The 1978 edition of the "National Roster of Black Elected Officials," published by the Joint Center, lists 4,503 blacks in elective office, as of July, 1978, in 42 states and the District of Columbia. The total represents an increase of 192 officials (4 percent) since the 1977 "Roster" was published. There were 1,469 black elected officials counted in 1970, the first year the Joint Center survey was conducted. The 1977 "Roster" listed 4,311 black elected officials.

Despite the steady increase of black elected officials since 1970, the 1978 "Roster" shows that blacks—who comprise approximately 11 percent of the U.S. population—continue to account for less than one percent of the more than 522,000 elected officials in the nation.

There are only 20 black elected officials for every 100,000 blacks in the population, while there are approximately 238 non-black officials for every 100,000 non-blacks.

The regional distribution of

black elected officials reflects the national distribution of the black population in the United States. Thus, black elected officials are not only more numerous in the South, but their numbers are increasing at a greater rate than elsewhere.

Almost 61 percent (2,733) of all black elected officials are

found in the South, which has 53 percent of the total black population. These Southern officials comprise 46 percent of all state legislators; 67 percent of county officials; 67 percent of black mayors and 67 percent of other municipal officials; 49 percent of all judicial and law

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## \$8 Billion Allocated To States For CETA

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Allocations of more than \$8.2 billion to 460 state and local governmental units to operate Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) programs this fiscal year were announced by Secretary of Labor Ray Marshall.

The funds were authorized by a 12-month "continuing resolution" passed by the Congress October 18 to operate programs through September, 1979.

The reauthorization of CETA, signed by President Carter October 27, extends programs of public service employment and job training, and authorizes several new programs of public service employment and job training, and authorizes several new program initiatives and

allocations to each governmental unit serving as a prime sponsor for the Federal government are based on population, unemployment rates, and the number of low-income families in each area.

Allocations for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 1978 are: —\$1,648,880,890—Title II, Parts A, B, and C (training, upgrading, retraining, education, and other services, provided under Title I previously); —\$2,197,704,869—Title II, Part D (counterstructural public service employment, under Title II previously); —\$3,409,833,508—Title VI (countercyclical public (See \$8 BILLION, P. 20)

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