Carl Rowan Not Charged In Shooting

WASHINGTON, D.C.-Ine two white teenagers who took a midnight dip in the private pool of black columnist Carl Rowan were finally charged after a week of racial tension with unlawful entry. But U.S. Attorney Jay B. Stephens declined to charge Rowan with assault for shooting

one of the teens in the wrist. Earlier, Stephens dropped charges against the two teens, Benjamin N. Smith, 18, of Chevy Chase and Laura A. Brachman, 19, of Bethseda, triggering heated anger in some black circles, in-cluding that of the National Bar Association, whose president, Walter L. Sutton, Jr., said, 'I find the situation very troubling. There appears to have been an unlawful intrusion on the property of a black public figure, yet no steps have been taken to prosecute the perpetrators. If the situation were reversed and the property of a white public figure had been intruded upon, very likely there would have been a different attitude on the part of law enforcement officials and the news media."

Calvin Rolark, publisher of the Washington Informer and president of the United Black Fund, also protested the situation.

Rowan, the celebrated columnist, responded to an NNPA phone call but declared emphatically, "I'm not talking about it [the incident]."

However, Rowan reported on the night of the incident that he was awakened about 2 a.m. by someone tampering with his bedroom window. He in-

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House Committee Asks To Impeach Judge Hastings

A House Judiciary subcommittee has recommended unanimously that the House impeach U.S. District Judge Alcee L. Hastings. The panel is asking that Hastings be impeachd for committing high crimes and misdemeanors.

During a vote, the House **Criminal Justice Subcommittee** voted by a 7-0 margin to send 17 articles of impeachment to the **House** Judiciary Committee for further examination. The full committee is expected to act by late next week.

Hastings is being charged with three impeachable offenses: that he conspired with a District of Columbia attorney to take a bribe in exchange for modifying the sentences of two convicted

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Hatcher And Jacobs Kunstler Quest

The wheels of justice in Robeson County are spinning somewhat faster than usual lately, in an attempt to keep Eddie Hatcher and Tim Jacobs in confinement. Both Hatcher and Jacobs captured

the news media in February by their

allegedly having committed murder in prison for more ...

Hatcher says he believes the government is doing this to shut him up and attorney Kunstler says he is concerned about the safety of Hatcher and Jacobs.

and holding hostages. Since then they have been detained the prosecutor has moved to have

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Use-of-Force **SBI Probe Requested** Alleged Violation **Of Policy**

State Correction Secretary Aaron J. Johnson ordered four employees of the Blanch Youth Center in Caswell County suspended without pay pending the outcome of an investigation into alleged violations of established **Division of Prisons policy. Secretary** Johnson has also administratively reassigned the unit's acting superintendent, Robert G. West, pending completion of the investigation. On July 5, Johnson formally requested that the State Bureau of Investigation probe into a use-of-force incident that occurred at the unit last September. Johnson has also asked the SBI to investigate whether there has been any effort to conceal the incident.

An internal investigation will be conducted in conjunction with the SBI probe. Robey C. Lee Jr., assistant superintendent at Polk Youth Center durig the nure of the investigation. West hradian temporarily reassigned to : Jak Youth Center.

Suspended without pay pending the outcome of the investigation are: **Correctional Sergeant Elec Hensley**, **Correctional Officer Melvin R. Miles,** and Correctional Officer Jerry L. Scott. The name of the fourth employee is being withheld pending a formal notification of the personnel action.

In making this announcement, Johnson said, "When we learn of alleged policy violations, we will always take swift and appropriate measures.'



TRIBUTE TO JACKSON—The Rev. Jesse Jackson (left) congratulates Mayor Marion Barry of Washington, D. C., who was honored at the "Tribute to a Black American" dinner, a highlight of the 14th Annual Convention of the National Conference of Black Mayors, Inc.

Whites Pass Blacks As Drug Offenders In U.S.

BY JANICE M. MAGONA

NNPA Correspondent WASHINGTON, D.C.-In a special report released by the Justice Department this month, whites con-victed of drug offenses in the United States accounted for 79 percent of those arrested in comparison to blacks, which stood at 19 percent. However, black law enforcement officials have warned against these "seemingly alarming statistics" and

those going to jail.

"I have problems reading statistics. They tend to lead you down the primrose path. They don't reflect the reality of those being in-carcerated. Take this jail, for instance [Prince Georges County, Md. Correctional Institution]. Fifty-five percent of the total prison population

(See WHITES, P.2) argue they don't reflect the reality of

new trial date has been set.

Hatcher and Jacobs were scheduled for trial Monday in U.S. District Court in Raleigh. But lawyers for Hatcher had asked Boyle for a continuance because Hatcher's lead counsel, William A. Kunstler, is involved in a trial in New York.

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The lawyers have also asked Boyle to move the trial from Raleigh to Fayetteville, but no ruling on that motion has been made

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Legislature Makes Move To Help Ease Nursing Shortage

In a move to ease the state's severe nursing shortage and to keep badly needed nurses in the nursing profession, the General Assembly appropriated \$3.5 million to raise the pay of all nurses employed by the state, with additional pay incentives for those nurses working nights and weekends.

The money appropriated by the Legislature will raise the salaries of nurses employed by the state by an average of nine or 10 percent. The additional premium shift pay will raise the salaries of those nurses working night and weekend shifts even further.

As part of a total package aimed at combatting the healthcare crisis, the General Assembly established an emergency financial assistance fund for nursing students with acute financial needs and mandated that information on other scholarships and loans available to them be consolidated and published.

Nursing students who need emergency assistance with child care, transportation, housing or medical care may apply to their school boards of trustees for \$400 per academic year. The General Assembly appropriated \$550,000 to the fund to be allocated among other public institutions with nursing programs.

The package also directs follow-up assistance for nurses who fail the nursing licensing exam for the first time, as well as an exit survey of students who drop out of nursing programs. Estimated dropout rates in community college nursing programs can run as high as 70 percent. The approximately 14,000 trained nurses who are listed as inactive will also be encouraged to re-enter their profession.

In addition, the General Assembly has created a special commission to study how best to attract new people to the profession and other ways to keep those already employed.

The new Legislative Study Commission on Nursing will look at the need for a merit scholarship program for nursing and other possible means of financial assistance for nursing education. The legislative commission will examine incentives and rewards for excellence in direct patient care, improvement of work environments for nurses and additional ways to retain nurses in direct patient care.

The commission will also study salaries as well as other means of encouraging students to enter health careers and to recruit for service in rural parts of the state and other shortage areas.

The total package designed to ease the nursing crisis was recommended to the 1988 General Assembly by its Joint Commission on Governmental Operations. A special subcommittee on nursing has been studying the nursing shortage and examining possible solutions since it was appointed by Lt. Gov. Bob Jordan and Speaker of the House Liston Ramsey (D-Madison) in April.

Approximately 51,000 licensed nurses currently work in North Carolina. Estimates suggest that North Carolina will need between 3,000 and 5,000 additional nurses by 1995, and while the demand for nurses all across the state is accelerating, enrollment in nursing programs has declined some 20 percent since 1982. Both public and pivate hospitals in the state have already had to turn patients away and even temporarily close hospital units due to lack of nursing personnel.

"No Longer A Ceiling" In America For Blacks, NNPA Publishers Told

NNPA News Editor OUIS, Mo.-The future facing

BY CHESTER A. HIGGINS, SR. say there is no longer a ceiling on Children's Defense Fund. what you [as blacks] can accomplish in America," he told the publish Dr. Thompson substituted for Democratic presidential candidate Jackson, who was tied up in Democratic platform deliberations in Denver and sent a note of regret. Dr. Lucius Barker substituted as speaker at an earlier luncheon for Marian Wright Edelman, president and executive director of the

The convention, headquartered at m's Mark Hotel, also f

jail until their

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tions to proceed with Hatcher's and

Jacobs' return to jail and has given

their attorney a few days to respond.

So the likelihood of Hatcher and

Jacobs going back to prison appears

Assistant U.S. Attorney John Bruce

said that he had been notified of the

postponement by the office of U.S. District Judge Terrence W. Boyle. No

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Gay, Lesbian March In Raleigh

Gay, Lesbian Lifestyles Lead To Sacred, Secular Questions

BY DR. ALBERT JABS ntributing Writ An Analysis

We all have the responsibility to seek truth and exercise justice for people. The purpose of this piece is not to condemn or to condone but to seek justice understanding. What is the best thinking on homosexual issues today? Frankly, according to recent studies of John Harvey (international authority), the Lutheran Church in America (1986), and "A Letter to the Bishops" (1986), the most authoritative evidence from the sacred and secular words is that we can neither condemn, nor ignore, nor praise and affirm gay or lesbian sexuality.

This is a hard word for some who want an unequivocal radical line of total rejectdion of homosexual persons and their lifestyle to a total acceptance of gay persons and their behaviors. Violence and prejudice should not be practiced against homosexual persons, the disabled, ethnic minorities, or any other

marginal group. On the other hand, one should have the freedom not to publicly affirm a lifestyle which the aforementioned authorities have

aforementioned authorities have questioned or rejected. Admittedly, study and dialogue are still needed, and the best minds of church and society are presently engaged in such deliberations. But it is one thing to simplify and affirm public displays and propaganda, and another matter entirely to approach the issues with one-on-one consul-tation and discourse. The recent public paroxysm of writers in their unilateral defense of gay pride are good examples of artful casuistry, subtle intellectual

gay pride are good examples of artful casuistry, subtle intellectual sophistry, and rank distortions of the delicate issue of human sexuality. 'At the risk of sounding homophobic, much of the recent media hype came close to propaganda pieces which oversimplify the issues and give a disservice to honest dialogue, reason-ed discussion, and thoughful conclu-sions. It is a coverup. sions. It is a coverup.

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In an age of AIDS where censorship of the real issues is pervasive, where fear, anger, and oversimplification reign supreme, the propaganda and public relations pablum of special in-terest groups must be balanced by hard study, meaningful dialogue and honest conclusions. Extremists of both the radical right and the libertine left can exploit these issues, and they do, but let the public discourse on homosexual issues be reasoned, informed, and rational.

Human sexuality is an emotional issue. There is always the danger of a polarization where the forces of legalism, judgementalism, and moralism lock horns with the views of liberalism, individualism, and self-expression. Frankly, after the best expression. Frankly, after the beat authorities have spoken, and they have, it seems clear that the history of society, and its future, is best serv-ed when the public neither condemns, nor ignores, nor praises or affirms, gay or lesbian sexuality.

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black publishers, indeed, black and all of America-is one of change-constant change, a St. Louis businessman told a luncheon gathering at the 48th annual convention of the National Newspaper Publishers Association.

According to Dr. Arnold L. Thompson, president/chairman of the General Railroad Equipment and Services, Inc., the change forecast for black Americans in 1988 is highlighted by two significant occurrences, both carrying the same message: "These are the much heralded acquisition by Reginald Lewis of the (billion-dollar) Beatrice Corp. and then later in the year the meteoric campaign [for the Democratic presidential nomination] of Jesse L. Jackson. These incidents Citizens From **Robeson Head** To Convention

Helen Oxendine, administrator of the Robeson County Justice Committee, held a press conference Wednesday at the offices of the Tuscarora Tribe of North Carolina, on Main Street in Pembroke.

Ms. Oxendine will announce the Justice Committee's plans to send a caravan of Robeson County citizens to join thousands of other leaders and supporters of the Rainbow movement in a four-day demonstration outside the Democratic Party Convention that begins July 18 in Atlanta. Connie Brayboy, editor of the Carolina In-dian Voice, and Cecil Hunt, tribal chairman of the Tuscarora Tribe of North Carolina, will also take part in the press conference.

In Atlanta the protesters will be led by Dr. Lenora Fulani, the independent candidate for president of the United States, who has been an outspoken supporter of the commit-tee's efforts to bring justice and fair elections to a county notorious for of-ficial corruption, police brutality and racism. The Justice Committee is currently searching for a candidate to take the place of Julian Pierce, the (See CARAVAN, P. 2)

the election of two new members of the NNPA Board of Directors-Dr. Ruth B. Love, former superintendent of Chicago Public Schools and publisher of the California Voice, and Terry Jones, publisher of the New Orleans Black Data News Weekly, and re-elected two others: John B.

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DRUG ACTION-Drug Action of Wake County sponsored a freedom street jam in front of the offices on Industrial Drive. Nattela Rice is shown playing volley ball. There were games for children of all ages along with free ice cream, and a live band. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)