

Carl Rowan Not Charged In Shooting

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The 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 Bethesda, triggering heated anger in some black circles, including 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 impeached 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

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
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

and though recently released on bail, the prosecutor has moved to have

jail until their

new trial date has been set.

The... at has filed motions 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 imminent.

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

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.

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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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 during the course of the investigation. West has been temporarily reassigned to the Polk 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.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—In a special report released by the Justice Department this month, whites convicted 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 argue they don't reflect the reality of

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 incarcerated. Take this jail, for instance [Prince Georges County, Md. Correctional Institution]. Fifty-five percent of the total prison population

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

BY CHESTER A. HIGGINS, SR.
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ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The future facing 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 Indian 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 committee's efforts to bring justice and fair elections to a county notorious for official corruption, police brutality and racism. The Justice Committee is currently searching for a candidate to take the place of Julian Pierce, the

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say there is no longer a ceiling on what you [as blacks] can accomplish in America," he told the publishers.

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

Children's Defense Fund.

The convention, headquartered at the Adam's Mark Hotel, also featured 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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Gay, Lesbian March in Raleigh

Gay, Lesbian Lifestyles Lead To Sacred, Secular Questions

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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 rejection 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 questioned or rejected.

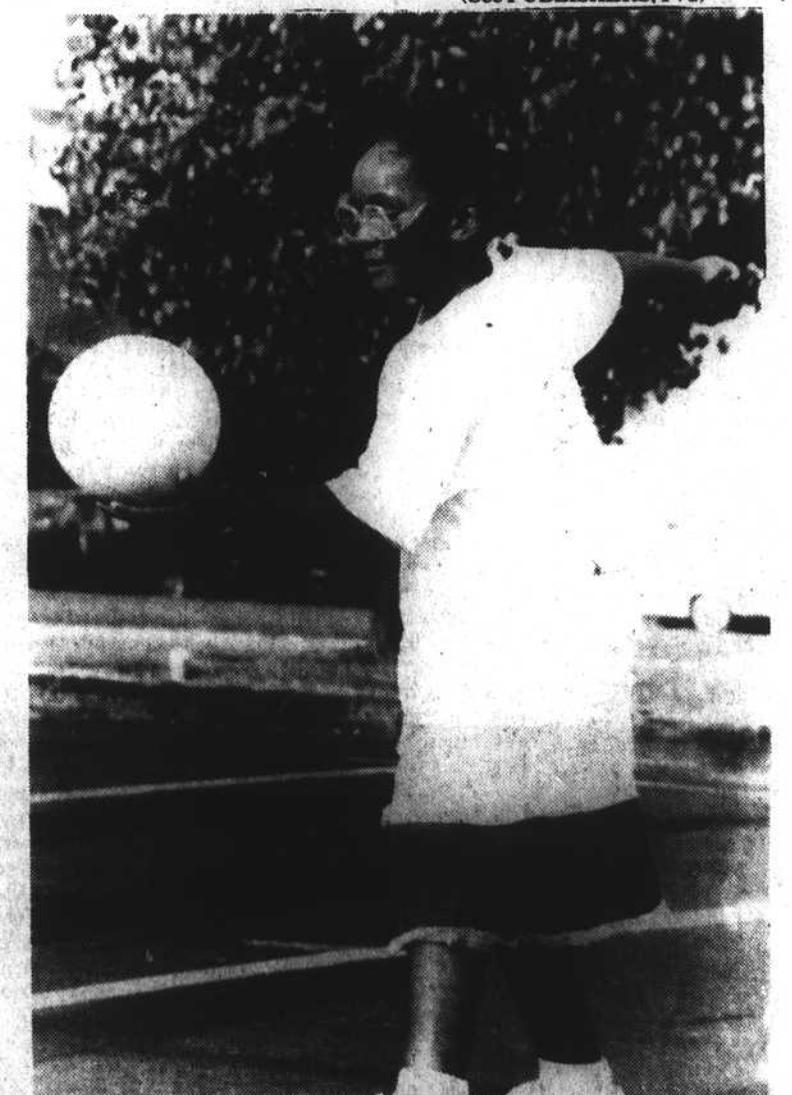
Admittedly, study and dialogue are still needed, and the best minds of church and society are presently engaged in such deliberations. But it is one thing to simplify and affirm public displays and propaganda, and another matter entirely to approach the issues with one-on-one consultation and discourse.

The recent public paroxysm of writers in their unilateral defense of 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, reasoned discussion, and thoughtful conclusions. It is a coverup.

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 pabulum of special interest groups must be balanced by hard study, meaningful dialogue and honest conclusions. Extremists of both the radical right and the liberal 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 authorities have spoken, and they have, it seems clear that the history of society, and its future, is best served when the public neither condemns, nor ignores, nor praises or affirms, gay or lesbian sexuality.

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