



EVERETT WARD

Everett Ward Says For Party Members Doors Remain Open

House Speaker Joseph L. Mavretic met with state Democratic Chairman E. Lawrence Davis II and complained about how he was treated at the Jefferson-Jackson Day event.

Mavretic was upset because he thought his wife would not have a seat at the head table with him during dinner. Mavretic, an Edgecombe County Democrat, said he never received a letter assuring a place at the head table.

Mavretic requested a meeting with Davis and his top staff, including Everett B. Ward, the party's acting executive director and Charles Poole, chairman of the Jefferson-Jackson Day. Mavretic is the third ranking official in the state and the confrontation that has been suggested did not arise from not having a seat at the head table, according to Ward.

Ward said the Democratic Party sent to the Speaker's office a letter dated April 7 inviting Mavretic and his wife to be at the head table. "Unfortunately the speaker's staff never communicated to him that this letter had been received. Once his staff made contact with our office, they were told before 1 p.m. on the Saturday of the dinner that he was at the head table and that a letter had been sent to his office."

"It is clear that it needs to be understood that the original intent of the Jefferson-Jackson Day committee, chaired by Mr. Charles Poole was to have Mr. Mavretic and his wife at the head table," Ward said.

"We had a very successful Jefferson-Jackson weekend. We had a very successful dinner that evening. It has been and will continue to be our policy to keep the doors for democratic officials open," Ward said.

Legion's Post Elects First Woman Officer

BY JOHN T. MOORE, JR.
Contributing Writer

The Charles T. Norwood Post of the American Legion ended its fiscal year meeting on May 21 at its headquarters on 416 E. Cabarrus St. For the first time in the history of this post, the membership voted unanimously for Comrade Margaret Snelling of 5512 Burnee Place of Raleigh to be vice commander for 1989-90.

Comrade Snelling is a veteran of World War II, and the wife of Comrade Herman Snelling of this post and a counselor at the North Carolina Employment Office. This post was chartered in 1921 by Lt. Lawrence Oxley, formerly of Washington, D.C. The oldest living member today is post post commander Charles G. Irving, Sr. of 615 East St., who is a World War I veteran.

The other new officer elected was Comrade Leonard Williams as the post chaplain. Rev. Williams is pastor of the Union Baptist Church in Raleigh. The following officers were re-elected for another term: Julius R.

Haywood, commander; Robert Upperman, second vice commander; Alfonso Williams, adjutant; Louis Dunbar, finance officer; and Calvin P. Sapps, sergeant-at-arms. Comrade John Thompson Moore, Jr., is the assistant to the adjutant and public relations officer.

"For God and Country" is the slogan of this largest veteran organization in America. Its current membership is more than 2.6 million, which includes members of all races, classes and sexes. It was founded in Paris, France in 1919.

The post also elected delegates to the 1989 state Legion convention which will be held at the North Raleigh Hilton Inn in June. The delegates are Commander Haywood and Adjutant Williams and the alternates are Vice Commander Snelling and this writer.

Other business on the agenda included a discussion on plans for the third annual banquet, to be held this year. Commander Haywood urged all

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Policies And Funding

Quayle Says Education Gives Hope

Supporting private, historically black colleges ranked high on the list of priorities for Vice President Dan Quayle, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.), and Rep. Augustus "Gus" Hawkins (D-Calif.) recently.

After delivering the commencement address and accepting an

honorary doctorate from Fisk University, the vice president was an honored guest at a special congressional luncheon, saluting black higher education on the occasion of the United Negro College Fund's 10th anniversary "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars" telethon.

Vice President Quayle shared his views with guests at a luncheon hosted by Sen. Kennedy and Rep. Hawkins and attended by television hosts Lou Rawls, Marilyn McCoo, Clint Holmes and Nancy Wilson; UNCF President Christopher F. Edley, and Wayman Smith, vice



FOR A PRIZE—His Royal Highness, Prince Abdullah Al-Faisal bin Abdul-Al-Saud received the doctorate degree of humane letters from Shaw University President Talbert S.

Shaw, looking on is the vice chair for the board of trustees. (Photo by Talib Sahib-Calloway)

Senate Leaders Supporting Goals; Jackson Hits Crime

BY LARRY A. STILL
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WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell (D-Mass.) joined many of the nation's African-American political leaders in paying tribute to Bethune-DuBois honoree Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Children's Defense Fund, and Democratic National Committee Chairman Ronald H. Brown here in the Capitol.

"If a guy can run for the national chairman and lose and get to be Senate leader, imagine what can happen to a guy who wins [in his first

campaign]," Mitchell declared in predicting that Brown's election as the first African-American head of a major political party would be the first of many political achievements. The senator referred to his early efforts to become DNC chairman when he was supported by the party's black caucus headed by C. Delores Tucker and former Gary Mayor Richard Hatcher.

Mitchell also praised Edelman on her efforts for congressional passage of an effective child care bill as he pledged the party's support in the Senate to "the goals and objectives of

African-Americans." Dorothy Height, president of the National Association of Negro Women, founded by Mary McLeod Bethune, presented the coveted award to Edelman and Rep. Major Owens (D-N.Y.) made the presentation to Brown, "a possible future president." The awards were also named for Dr. W.E.B. DuBois, noted scholar and an early member of the NAACP.

Other key participants included representatives Floyd Flake (D-N.Y.) and Donald Payne

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INSIDE AFRICA

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"Discretion," says an old English adage, "is the better part of valor." How true, indeed, is this old proverb. And the leaders of the Southwest Africa People's Organization and other African liberation movements all agree with this saying, whose wisdom has always led mankind to great victories against extreme odds. Early on, during the fury of World War II, Great Britain, at the height of its greatness, withdrew its invasion army of France back to England during the darkness of a memorable night in history. But, with courage, Great Britain regrouped and returned to Europe with military backing from the United States and other allies to annihilate Hitler's forces and win World War II.

Recently, SWAPO found itself in a similar predicament as Great Britain on that dark night during World War II. SWAPO freedom fighters rushed home from exile, but were met by South African troops at the border of their country, which has suffered illegal occupation by the apartheid regime for many years. The South African forces massacred these people returning home for national felicitations over their impending liberation. All told, 263 Namibians, who were happily crossing the border, were massacred. At the same time, a United Nations liberation unit was heading for Namibia to implement the Security Council's Resolution 435 of 1978, which called for that country's independence. Like Great Britain on that historic night, SWAPO and its friends have agreed to withdraw from their own country, returning to exile in Angola. It is valorous to use the word "discretion"; when people are warring against racist South Africa who only believe in violence and genocide.

Now in place in Namibia, UNTAG is moving forward to implement Namibia's independence on April 1.

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\$150 Million Earmarked For School Projects

As the temperatures climb to the 100° mark and the humidity does the same, some of our state's school children are in for a little relief—thanks to the General Assembly.

Monies from a fund created in 1967 to renovate or replace the state's aging school facilities have been used to air-condition part or all of 15 schools all around North Carolina. The children affected will join a growing number of North Carolina school students who can no longer claim the heat as a distraction from reading, writing and arithmetic.

But air-conditioning schoolrooms is just one use for Public School Building Capital Fund monies. Thirty-eight other school shave

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Police Drug Deals

Drug Ring Exposed

Attorneys Say No To Joint Trial

Attorneys for Adam Abdul-Hakeem (formerly Larry Davis) won a critical victory in a pre-trial hearing in Manhattan last week.

Before a packed courtroom of supporters, including independent mayoral candidate Dr. Lenora Fulani, presiding Judge Richard Lowe ruled that the defendant would be tried separately instead of alongside Harold McKelvey, another Bronx youth charged in the murder of a suspected drug dealer.

In addition, the judge admitted attorneys Harry Kresky and Alvaader Frazier as co-counsel for the defense, and agreed that Abdul-Hakeem should receive immediate and independent medical attention.

It was Abdul-Hakeem's attorney's contention that a joint trial would have resulted in conflicting defenses. They charged that McKelvey, caught in the police drug-ring exposed by Abdul-Hakeem, would be forced to make a deal with the prosecution that would have brought false testimony against their client.

Kresky was admitted to the case as New York counsel. Ms. Frazier, director of the International People's Law Institution, had been awaiting Judge Lowe's decision since April 20 when lead counsel Michael Warren applied for her inclusion as co-counsel at Abdul-Hakeem's request. This legal mechanism allows a judge to admit an attorney requested by a defendant into a case whether the attorney is licensed to practice law in a given state or not. Ms. Frazier is licensed in California.

Ms. Frazier said that before the end of the week counsel would make a formal request to the Department of Corrections to have their client examined by outside physician Dr.

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YOUNG SCHOLAR—Tasha Jackson, national McDonald's scholar speaks on need for scholastic excellence at Saint Augustine's college recently. She is one of two African-American finalists for the McDonald's Award. Ms. Jackson is an exceptional student and a teen role model. (Photo by Talib Sahib-Calloway)

Israeli-Palestinian Issue Needs Dialogue

BY DR. ALBERT E. JABS
An Analyst

As a professor at Shaw University for a number of years, I have taught Palestinian students. Their stories have been heard; the issues have been studied; the news reports have been analyzed. I have also shared a home with an Israeli military officer; his story has also been heard; his concern about security has been duly noted. It is important—but so is justice/mercy.

This summer, three students of Palestinian origins have enrolled in a social science class. With the recent statement of Secretary of State James Baker, the personal stories of my students, and general reading of the Middle East conflict, it seems clear that human rights abuses against the Palestinians because of the Israelis' continued holding of the occupied territories (1967) must be resolved.

A leading church group (ELCA

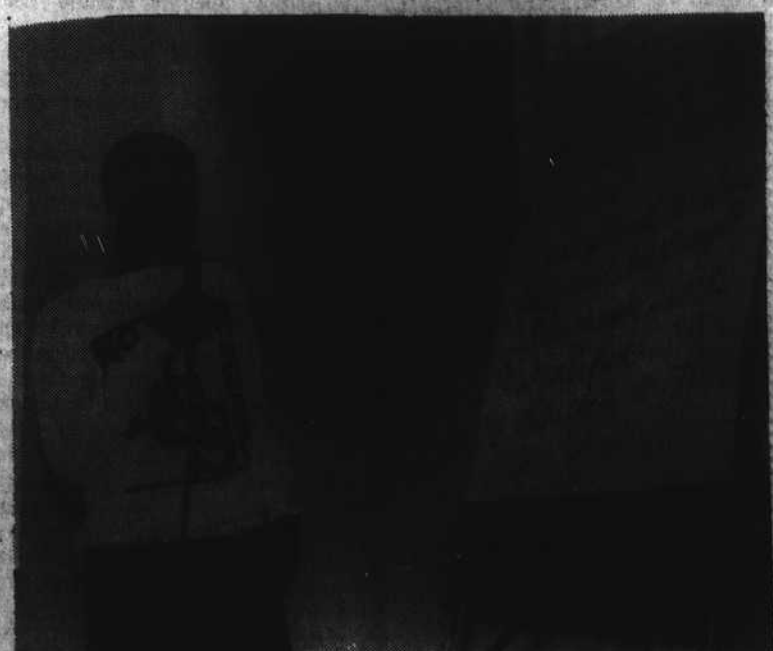
Church Council) has documented these abuses as detention without trial, closing of schools, denial of access to health care, deportations, and the use of live ammunition and plastic bullets in response to non-life-threatening situations (The Lutheran, May 24, 1989). Further, the student goes on, "Sinful complicity of Lutherans/Christians in the past in the face of atrocities previously committed against the Jewish people cannot lead us into silence now."

My Jewish friend and my Palestinian friend both need to cooperate. When Abraham died, Isaac and Ishmael, as forebears of my friends, worked together in a solemn project of Abraham's burial. If they worked together as kinsfolk then, they can do it again. The Middle East and the world are waiting for that kindly configuration of brothers/sisters to work.

The issues of a people, a land, war, peace, and blessing are tied into that vision. The Jewish and Palestinians both want peace—like the people in America—my friend, the Jewish officer and Palestinians; like Americans, they want democracy, justice, and freedom. With this drive for reconciliation and with its Genesis precedent of cooperation at Abraham's burial, peace prospects can be enhanced.

Finally, to further the cause of fair justice, it is imperative that the Public Broadcasting System air

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TEENS AGAINST AIDS—Red White speaks about AIDS prevention and calls on recently at Saint Augustine's College during the Black National Child Symposium. (Photo by Talib Sahib-Calloway)

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