

Redrawing Districts

Blacks Upset Over Secret GOP Pact

Staff Reports
An agreement to redraw the boundaries of the city's electoral districts has been called foul play by some African-American leaders and others are downright angry, that the African-American community had no say and the decision was made in secret.

Ralph Campbell, Jr., the only African-American member of the Raleigh City Council, in a letter to City Attorney, Thomas A. McCormick, Jr. said that it was indicated that U.S. District Judge James C. Fox was interested in the

opinion of the minority community in Raleigh concerning a redistricting of the City Council electoral districts for the 1990 elections.

The agreement reached last week proposes to settle a lawsuit brought by Wake Republican Party that contended residents of election districts in northwest and North Raleigh are underrepresented on the City Council.

The agreement made without input from the African-American community sets the number of residents in each of the five districts

at close to one-fifth of the city's population of 220,284, making it respond to the redistricting issue he met with some African-American

This secret agreement on redistricting should not have been done without public hearings and other public input and is not in the best interest of the African-American community or District C. Some are downright angry in the face of this effrontery.

Necessary to change the borders. citizens to discuss the question on Previously Campbell said in order to June 21. Campbell said "we do not

need to redraw the lines at all' and that the city should hold off until it gets accurate figures from the 1990 census. The city also made this argument shortly after the suit was filed.

Council members are saying they have no choice but to go along with the agreement or answer to the judge. Where the new boundaries will be is subject to negotiation and the council will vote to approve a plan to redraw the lines July 5. Filing for city elections begins July 7 with elections (See SECRET PACT, P. 2)



RALPH CAMPBELL, JR.

Bill On Reparations Taking New Impetus

National Debate On Exploitation

Special to The Carolinian
An Analysis
One central principle of international law is that people who have been victims of systematic oppression over a period of time have the right to demand material compensation to redress their grievances. West Germany extended compensation to the state of Israel for the crimes committed against the

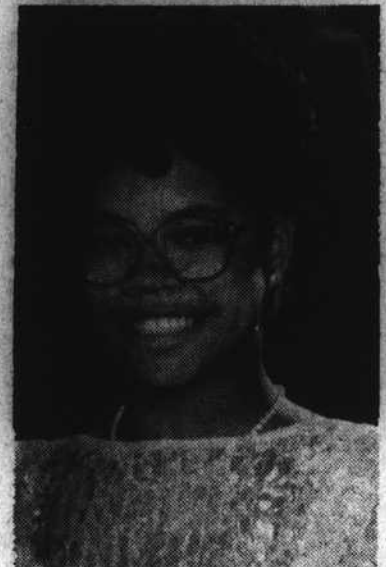
Jewish people by the regime of Adolph Hitler. Thousands of Japanese Americans were unjustly interned in prison camps by the United States during World War II and have recently won the right to demand compensation.

For many years, African Americans have argued that some type of economic compensation should be extended to blacks for the centuries of institutional racism and class exploitation. Seven decades ago, writer Arthur Anderson called for the creation of an all black state termed Moderna, and demanded that the American government provide reparation totalling six hundred million dollars. In the 1960s, many Black Power advocates agitated for compensation from religious organizations and the government.

Today, the call for reparations has acquired new impetus by the actions of Mass. State Sen. Bill Owens. Owens has introduced Senate Bill 1621, calling upon the state "to provide for the payment of reparations for slavery, the slave trade and invidious discrimination against the people of African descent born or residing in the United States of America." The bill would require Massachusetts to "establish an African reparations commission which shall negotiate with legitimate representation of African descendants born in the United States for payment of reparations."

Owens' call for reparations has sparked a national debate among blacks. In his view, the call for reparations "is not new. It has been a political issue since the Reconstruction period following the Civil War, when we were promised 40 acres and a mule as a form of compensation for the free labor that helped to build this country." In short, Blacks have been the victims of super-exploitation and compensation is only fair and just.

The Detroit City Council concurs with Owens, and recently approved a (See REPARATIONS, P. 2)



MS. ROSALYN V. FRAZIER

Student Scores As Outstanding; Receives Honors

Rosalyn V. Frazier is a recipient of the Black American Merit Scholarship from Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem. This is a four year renewable scholarship for full tuition.

Miss Frazier is also the recipient of the prestigious Thomas J. Watson Memorial Scholarship from IBM. This scholarship is given in honor of the late Thomas J. Watson was the founder of IBM.

Both of these awards are based on academic record, test scores, leadership qualities, and extra-curricular activities.

Miss Frazier is also a National Achievement finalist which is a scholarship program for outstanding black students throughout the nation. She has received a \$600 Ethnic Minority Scholarship from the National Council of the United Methodist Church. Her scholarship winnings amount to over \$72,000.

A 1989 graduate of Broughton High (See ROSALYN FRAZIER, P. 2)

NEA President Leaving Legacy As Challenging Voice For Education

WASHINGTON (AP) — She held her own against a bombastic education secretary and turned her huge union into a force for school improvement, challenges almost equal to her growing up poor and black in the segregated South.

Now the 2-million-member National Education Association (NEA) must choose a successor to

Mary Hatwood Futrell, the voice of the teachers union for six years and some say, the best spokesman it ever had.

"The NEA should light a candle to Mary. The organization owes her a great deal," says Ernest Boyer, president of the Princeton-based Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Ms. Futrell is credited with shifting the NEA's focus from self-protection to a more professional concern for better education. Under her leadership, union delegates approved a Carnegie plan for a national board to set standards and certify teachers.

The union started spending its own money on curriculum innovations and a foundation for education improvement that makes grants for dropout and illiteracy prevention programs. It also cooperated with administrators and principals on a joint guide to teacher evaluation.

NEA is still a union, committed to

collective bargaining and opposed in principle to merit pay plans supported by many outside the teaching field. But its recent activities have gone a long way toward eroding the obstructionist image that made it such an easy target in the early 1980s.

Some conservative educators believe Futrell has made only marginal progress. "Her organization under her leadership has moved from the Middle Ages to the mid-18th century," says Chester Finn, who was an assistant education secretary in the Reagan administration.

Futrell, while admitting she would have liked to move faster on some issues such as child care and school restructuring, defends the NEA's pace. "We would be the first to admit that our efforts are just the beginning," she said. "What's important is that we're taking the (See MARY FUTRELL, P. 2)

Retiring Pioneers

Palmers Roasted During Ceremonies

From Staff Reports
Dual retirement ceremonies and Festivities were held for Juanita Brooks Palmer and Dr. Warren Dornell Palmer, Saturday, June 17, 1989, at Helen Stough Elementary School and at the home of Dr. E. B. Palmer, 119 Sunnybrook Road, Raleigh, respectively. Juanita, a teacher of 33 years in South Carolina, Chapel Hill, and Raleigh, and Warren, a Toledo, Ohio optometrist of 34 years, were "roasted, boasted, and toasted" in a one-and-one-half hour ceremony presided over by Juanita's personal friend, Mistress of Ceremonies, Wanda J. Garrett, a member of the N. C. State Board of Poles and former producer and hostess of "Black Unlimited", Channel 11, WTVD, Durham, N.C., and Master of Ceremonies, Edward R. Stewart, executive director, UDI Community Development Corporation, Durham, N.C., a friend

and high school constituent of Warren.

Following a "special salute" and "greetings" from Avery Upchurch, the Mayor of the City of Raleigh, and Ralph Campbell, a member of the Raleigh City Council, the ceremonies were opened with a musical prayer solo by Thesia Bailey, a Broughton High School senior.

"The Past Comes to Life" was made real by the appearance of John Harrell, Juanita's first principal at Gibbs Elementary School, Florence, S.C., her high school alumnus of Allendale High, Allendale, S.C., Bernard Allen, political lobbyist, N. C. Association of Educators, Raleigh, and Attorney Nathan Garrett, CPA Durham, a friend and high school constituent of Warren, Hillside High School, Durham. Robert McAdams, School of Business, N.C. Central University, represented the

community and boyhood friendship to Dr. Palmer.

In the "Another Town - The Past Continues" section of the program, Elsie Nunn, retired educator of Estes Hill School, and Woody Edmonds, principal of Culbreth Elementary School, former principal of Frank Potter Graham School, both former co-workers of Mrs. Palmer in Chapel Hill, brought fond memories of Juanita as the first black teacher to desegregate the Chapel Hill School System.

The honorees were truly roasted by the appearance of two past special guests: Dr. Palmer's life-time high school and college classmate (Morgan State College, Baltimore, Md.), Juanita Branch Clemmons, who told of his great football career at Morgan as "Tank Palmer" and his "Blinders-on-Courtship" (one girl (See PALMERS, P. 2)

INSIDE AFRICA

Namibia

BY GWEN MCKINNEY

NNPA Special Correspondent
Windhoek, Namibia—Tears, cheers and ceremonial kissing of the ground marked the homecoming for leaders of the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), who returned to this once war-torn country to launch an election campaign that will signal the demise of Africa's last colony.

"I didn't think it would be me who would return home; maybe my daughter but not me," exclaimed Hague Geingob. "This is truly an emotional moment. The world doesn't know what it feels like to leave your home and to live in exile."

Geingob, head of SWAPO's eight-member Election Directorate, has lived in exile for 27 years. He and other SWAPO leaders arrived in a chartered jet with 191 other Namibians who are returning home under a United Nations-supervised repatriation. Within the next month over 45,000 Namibians will be returned to participate in independence elections in November.

The refugee return is tied to the UN independence plan which will end South Africa's 74-year colonial rule. SWAPO has fought since 1990 on the diplomatic and military fronts to free the country of South Africa's occupation.

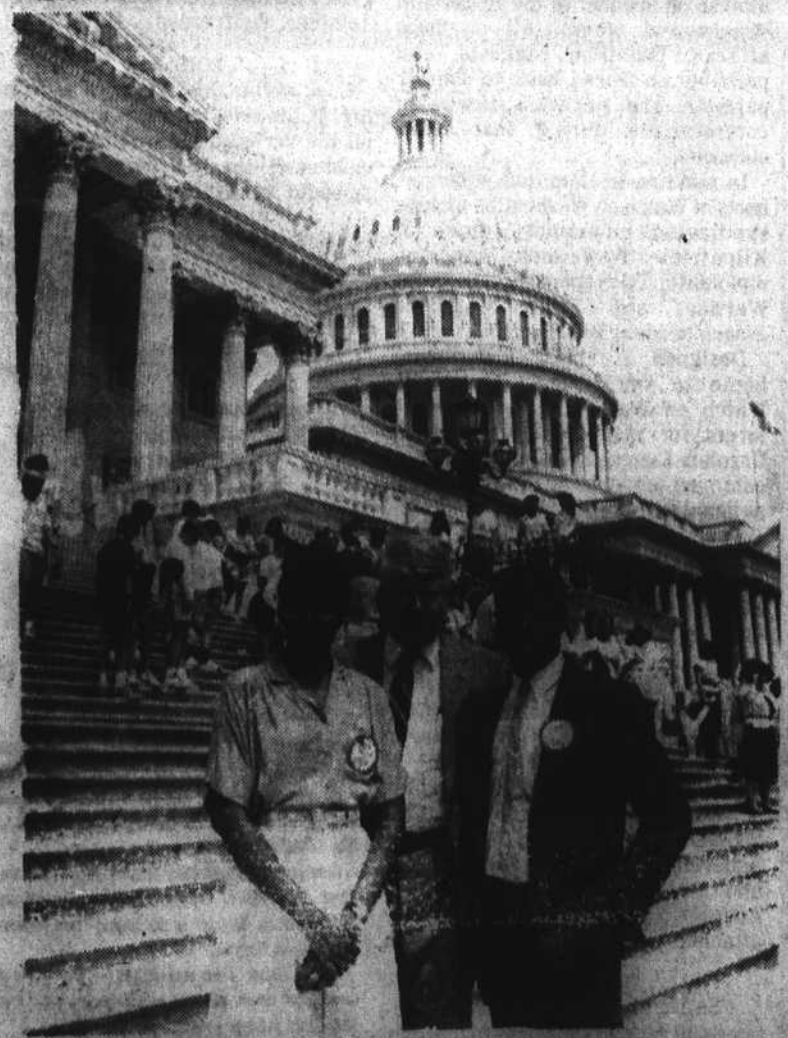
The arrival of the SWAPO leadership marks the movement's shift from armed struggle to the battle for the ballot. SWAPO, favored to win the elections, is challenged by an assortment of political groupings. The closest opponent, the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance, is backed by South Africa.

Geingob and his colleagues were greeted at an airport rally dubbed as a "Heroes Welcome." It was an event attended by an estimated 10,000 people, engulfed in a chorus of freedom songs and a sea of red, blue and green—SWAPO's colors.

While jubilation prevailed, there were two separate incidents of violence. A bus carrying rally participants was reportedly shot at and a young man was stabbed by an unknown assailant who fled into the crowd assembled at the airport rally. Those incidents underscore the concern here for potential violence as the election campaign moves into high gear.

Theo Ben Gurirab, a member of the Election Directorate and SWAPO foreign secretary, insists that the arrival of the leadership will provide momentum to the mass mobilization leading up to the election. He lived in exile for 27 years.

Said Gurirab, "All the other parties are invited to join the race and we will knock them down one by one, peacefully in the campaign process."



STUDENTS HONORED—Two Wake County high school students met with U.S. Senator David Price as part of a working civic education program for top student leaders. Price met with James Lucas of Wendell and Terri Fletcher of Zebulon. Both students attend East Wake High School.



MRS. JUANITA PALMER