FOR REFUSING A MEETING

Protesters vow to oppose governor in voting booths

COLUMBIA, S.C. (UPI) — Some 200 nonwhites who were unable to meet with Gov. John C. West to discuss the need for additional welfare benefits vowed to take out their frustrations at the voting booths.

"The governor was so glad to meet with us before he was elected," one of the sign-carrying demonstrators said. "He was not afraid of a mob then."

"If he doesnt see us that's all right," said Mrs. Victoria Delee, a Dorchester County civil rights leader. "We're not gonna force him but he's got to face us at the polls."

The demonstrators marched to the statehouse steps from a church several blocks away after meeting West was busy preparing his State of the State message which was delivered to the General Assembly last week and sent aides to meet the demonstrators.

"The state message is not important," said Mrs. Delee. "We are the state message. Today is the day."

The marchers attempted to enter the statehouse after chanting freedom songs on the steps for about 20 minutes. But security guards stopped them at the door and the aides met with them there.

After being convinced West would not appear, the marchers agreed to return to the church. They asked that the governor meet them at the church but the aides went instead.

The original purpose of the march was to meet with various members of the county delegation to ask support for welfare legislation. Most of the lawmakers were attending a budget briefing and did not appear.

The proposed legislation includes a recommendation that the state be compelled to pay welfare benefits up to $200 monthly for a family of four. The state currently pays a maximum of $104 monthly.

Other recommendations include free legal representation for all welfare applicants and recipients, and a centralization of the state welfare administration as opposed to individual county administration of the programs.

POINTING TO HER DAD is 2-year-old Kirsten of San Diego. Her mom, Olga, a junior high teacher, was informed last week that her husband Lt. Morris Charles, shot down in an F-4 Phantom Jet over North Vietnam Dec. 30, was a prisoner of war. (UPI Telephoto).

Singing group gives concerts

By J.B. HARREN

BURLINGTON, N.C. — J.L. Williams and his wife organized the New Direction Singers here and subsequently moved out to her communities to give concerts at high schools and junior colleges around Charlotte.

They have an integrated group of 24 singers and have performed before crowds as large as 10,000. They recently appeared on WRAL-TV, Channel 5's Circuit Rider program.

Williams appeals for funds to finance the $400 weekly cost of the program.

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Miss Evangeline Grant, a Tillery, N.C. SCHOOL teacher, celebrated her first year on the Sunday morning program, "Getting Together With Evangeline," Channel 9, Greenville, N.C.

The show presents the talents of people in the Eastern Tar Hell area.

Last week, Evangeline presented Shirley Brabham, Miss Rocky Mount of 1971, to make the show an integrated one. Miss Brabham did her much acclaimed version of James Weldon Johnson's "Creation."

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Prof. and Mrs. Charles T. Edwards Sr., both retired teachers in Rocky Mount, had their hearts especially gladdened by the Christmas visit of their son, Charles Jr., his wife and daughter.

Charles Jr. has been chairman of the Industrial Technology Division, Prairie View A. and M. College for the past 14 years.

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Mrs. Larlee Dixon Johnson, widow of the late Moses S. Johnson, spent a week here over the Christmas holidays visiting friends and relatives. She now resides in Washington, D.C.

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Miss Mildred Armstrong and a group of poverty workers are expected back soon from a month's working tour in Africa.

"It was just three months and seven days between the passing of our father and mother," said grieving Mrs. Mildred Nixon Covington.

The Denver, N.C. resident was informing me of the passing of her mother, Mrs. Sadie Hoyle Nixon, who was 80 years old.

The Dec. 23 funeral was held at the Tuckers Grove Campground United Methodist Church. Rev. R. H. McDowell delivered the eulogy.

Mrs. Nixon is survived by 10 children, three step children and a number of grandchildren.

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Mrs. Haigler's services held

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Funeral services for Mrs. Nannie Haigler, Columbia public school teacher and civic worker for nearly 30 years, was held recently at First Calvary Baptist Church with Dr. Maxie S. Gordon, the minister, officiating. Burial was in Palmetto Cemetery with Johnson Funeral Home in charge.

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Mrs. Haigler, a third grade teacher at Roosevelt Village School, died unexpectedly at a local hospital following a brief illness.

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A native of Cheraw, S.C., she was the daughter of Sophronia and the late Thomas Deas. She attended grade school in Cheraw and graduated from the high school department at Morris College, Sumter.

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Charlotte judge lashes back at vice squad

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (UPI) — District Court Judge Howard B. Arbuckle, responding to criticism from the Charlotte Vice Squad, says the squad is not arresting professional drug pushers.

Arbuckle released a three-page statement in rebuttal of vice squad charges of leniency in a recent drug case.

Victor M. Garrison of the vice squad said he plans to schedule future drug cases so that Arbuckle will not hear them. Garrison was angry about Arbuckle's ruling in the case of Ralph Joel, 21, of Charlotte.

Arbuckle found no cause to hold Joel for trial on charges of possession of heroin when evidence showed the youth had only residue of the drug in his possession at the time of his arrest.

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"I do not intend to be intimidated by two or three members of the vice squad," Arbuckle said.

The statement, Arbuckle leveled harsh criticism of the vice squad.

"I cannot prevent (the vice squad) from putting on wholesale campaigns which might have caused some of our school students to sell drugs when they might not have otherwise done so," Arbuckle said.

"I can, however, prevent these same individuals from telling me what to do after I have heard the evidence in a case, and I intend to do so," he added.

"The truth is that the professional who makes his living out of selling drugs in this county to children is not being apprehended by the vice squad," he said.

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"When these same critizing vice squad members do their own job and bring in these professional drug pushers, maybe they will have less time on their hands to criticize other people," Arbuckle said.

RECEPTION GUESTS — Mr. and Mrs. Zellie Wiley of Charlotte, N.C. entertained at a reception for a group of African friends who are studying in Charlotte schools. Meeting and greeting Charlotte citizens and enjoying the southern hospitality were (L-R) Miss Agnes Addae, student at Sacred Heart College, Belmont, N.C., who has been studying in the states for a short time; John Arthur, student at Central Piedmont Community College; Mrs. Rebecca Gofan, from Monrovia, Liberia, who is also a student at CPCC; Mrs. Eva Wiley; Adam Turner; John A. Owusu, CPCC student and Mrs. Adam Turner.

A. McKnight gets doctorate in education

By MAUDE M. JEFFERS

GASTONIA, N.C. — Arnold Woodrow McKnight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow McKnight of 1831 Wingate St., and a 1966 Graduate of Highland High School, has received the doctorate degree in higher education from the American University of Washington, D.C.

DR. ARNOLD W. MCKNIGHT

While a student at Highland, he was a star football player and was awarded a full athletic scholarship to North Carolina's A. and T. State University in Greensboro. He was selected as the most valuable player in the first Eastern Shrine Bowl Game in Durham, N.C. in 1966.

While a student at Winston-Salem State University, he was elected to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities," and received the NCAA Allen American scholarship award while starring in football and compiling a 3.3 academic average.

He said several local bar association leaders helped him draw up the statement.

Upon graduation from Winston-Salem State University in 1964 with a B.S. degree in physical education, McKnight earned a Master's degree from North Carolina Central University in the same field in 1965, and was selected the top graduate student from among his classmates.

During the past five years, he served as head baseball coach and assistant football coach of Howard University in Washington. He is coordinator of professional theory courses and director of research in the Department of Physical Education.

Dr. McKnight is author of a book, "The Psychology of Weight Training Program," which will be released in May.

Among his other duties, Dr. McKnight is a part-time professor of psychology at Washington Technical Institute and lecturer at the American University.

Married to the former Willie Mae Johnson of Washington, D.C., the McKnights are parents of a daughter, Paula, age 4 years. His wife is a secretary in the administrative office of the Washington, D.C. Schools.

7 Wilmingtonians get civic awards

WILMINGTON, N.C. (UPI) — Seven Wilmington citizens, including Mayor B. D. Schwartz, have received special awards from the state Human Relations Commission for their efforts to restore racial harmony in this port city.

The awards were presented by Aaron Johnson, public information officer for the commission, who said while there was a time "many feared the coming and echo of the night" in Wilmington, "vision, courage and compassion have changed, things. The bad news has turned into good news."

Johnson said Wilmington was the first tar heel city to bring members of black and white extremist groups together as members of a local Human Relations Committee.

According to Schwartz, Wilmington's Human Relations committee was reorganized in November to include representatives of all factions in the Wilmington community, including the Rights of White People organization and the Black Messiah Church.

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He said while the committee has held only three meetings, there are signs that it will bring solutions to some problems which have led to racial violence.

"As long as people know each other, talk to each other, we have high hopes," Schwartz said.

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Johnson said the Wilmington community is working towards "a city hall and court house and government responsive to the needs of all citizens, equal enforcement and protection of the law, and education system rid of fear and conducive to learning, improved health and sanitation conditions," among other projects.

Others besides Schwartz who received certificates were:

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William Cullom, chairman of the Wilmington-New Hanover Human Relations Commission: Tom Jervay, editor of the Wilmington Journal; Mrs. Bertha Todd, assistant principal at Hoggard High School; and

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Herb McKim, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Human Relations Committee, and Elaine Fields and Angelia Wright, students active on the committee.

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Gov. Bob Scott wrote in a letter to the Human Relations Commission that the seven "embody the kind of spirit, attitude, compassion and sense of fair play that will help us through our human relations problems."

Day Care council sets national meet

WASHINGTON—The Day Care and Child Development Council of America is sponsoring a conference here from Saturday, Feb. 5 through Monday, Feb. 7. The theme of the national meeting is "Where Do We Go From Here?"

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The Presidential veto of the OEO Bill with the Comprehensive Child Care provisions brought a deluge of letters and telephone calls into Washington from across the country to the Council's offices.

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It is in response to this need for direction that the conference is being called.

Tenn. State girls lead AAU's new record holders

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Twelve American records have been confirmed by the Amateur Athletic Union as new world marks in track and field.

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The women's records, all in relay events, were supplied by the team of Diana Hughes, Debbie Wedgeworth, Mettline Render and Iris Davis in the 440-yard relay, 44.7, and two Atoms Track Club foursomes.

The Atoms records came in the mile relay, the first a 3:41.2 clocking by Michele McMillan, Gail Fitzgerald, Michele Marshall and Cheryl Toussaint, the second a 3:38.8 mark when Linda Reynolds replaced Miss Marshall for the Brooklyn-based group.

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Among them the men's marks was that of John Smith, a UCLA student, who broke the 440-yard dash record with a 44.5 clocking at the U.S. outdoor track and field meet in Eugene, Ore., last summer. The mark was approved by the international body which controls the sport.

Also approved was the record of Rodney Milburn of Southern University at Baton Rouge, La., who broke a 12-year-old 120-yard high hurdles mark of 13.2

Police chief attacked by 450-pound pig

DETROIT (UPI)—An attack by a pig has left Police Commissioner John Nichols limping.

Nichols said he was attacked by a 450-pound porker, named Shiela, during a visit to a Utica-area farm last week.

"She's extremely small but extremely dense," Nichols said.

The pig was given Nichols as a birthday present 14 months ago by some of his men. At the time, it weighed only 15 pounds.

Nichols said he went to the farm to visit Sheila and was accosted when he stepped into the pig's pen. He managed to get one leg out of the way before being bowled over by the porker.

Nude sailors forfeit bonds

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. (UPI) —Three crew members of the U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker Mackinaw were arrested on disorderly conduct charges for cavorting in the snow without clothes.

The three, who police said had been drinking, were released on personal recognizance bonds of $40 each. They forefeited the bonds by failing to show up for a scheduled court appearance.

Pay of S.C.'s minority workers below $4,826

COLUMBIA, S.C. — More than half the minority workers in the state government earn less than $4,836 a year, according to a preliminary report by the University of South Carolina Bureau of Urban and Regional Affairs.

The figure is 56 per cent, whereas 42 per cent of white employees receive less than $5,000 a year.

Dr. G. E. Breger, bureau director, expects to complete the exhaustive research project on minority employment by state agencies for the Governor's Advisory Commission on Human Relations by March.

He emphasized that the findings presented to the commission last week are preliminary.

One objective of the study will be to determine the nature and extent of implicit racial bias in state agency personnel practices resulting from the organization of personnel operations.

It will also assess the character and degree of overt discrimination in the treatment of minority group applicants and employees and to ascertain the image of state government employment among minority, since the appearance of bias can often be as damaging as the fact of prejudice.

The report will set forth recommendations to eradicate employment practices having discriminatory effects or posing possible future bias.

A preliminary investigation so far indicates that black leaders feel there is discrimination in state employment and that it exists because no action has been taken to bring about change.

They also cited a number of reasons including discrimination, unequal job recruitment and a discouragement of blacks by advisory by the fact that more blacks are not employed in state government jobs.

The interim report gives statistical data of blacks employed in state government and in the Palmetto State. It reveals that Clemson University hires 533; State Medical University and Hospital, 1,000; Department of Mental Health and Hospitals, 1,496; Department of Public Welfare, 265, and the Highway Department, 1,735.

According to the report, of all the known black employees in state government, only 325 have college degrees and 51 per cent of these workers are employed in health and welfare related jobs.

77 sentenced after N.C. demonstration

GREENVILLE, N.C. (UPI) — Pitt County District Judge Herbert Phillips has sentenced 77 protesters to terms ranging from six months to two years on charges stemming from demonstrations here and in Behthel.

All were found guilty after their attorney waived evidence. All gave notice of appeal.

The two-year terms went to civil rights leaders Golden Frinks, George Kirby, Willie Flemming and Bennie Roundtree, who had been charged with 12 counts each of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Lesser sentences were given out for parading without a permit and impending traffic.

The protesters were part of a series stemming from the fatal shooting of a Pitt county laborer by a state trooper near Ayden in August.

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Pram pushers exceed mark

NAIROBI, Kenya (UPI) —A group of runners, including Olympic champion Kip Chogo Keino, recently broke the world record for baby carriage pushing Sunday in a race through Tsavo National Game Park. Taking turns at pushing the carriage the runners covered 250.4 miles in 24 hours bettering the record held by a group of British Boy Scouts who in 1970 covered 148 miles.

Contempt citation sought for Charlotte school board

(UPI) —Attorney Julius L. Chambers says he plans to ask the U.S. District Court to cite the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Board for contempt after the board acted in apparent violation of a federal court order.

Chambers said he would seek the contempt citation regardless of whether student transfers recently approved by the board tripped the racial balance to a black majority at West Charlotte High School.

The board voted earlier this week to approve the transfer of six students to West Charlotte. The transfers could create a predominantly nonwhite enrollment at the school — in violation of an order issued last summer by U.S. District Court Judge James B. McMillan.

West Charlotte, according to a report released last month, had an enrollment of 675 whites and 831 nonwhites or 48.99 per cent black.

School officials said recent withdrawals and transfers, not reflected in the December statistics, could affect the present ratio.

McMillian's order permitted the school board to operate the system on a modified feeder desegregation plan with the stiulpiation that no schools be allowed to become re-segregated or predominantly non-white.

In 1970, McMillan had ordered the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system to desegregate all of its schools on an approximated 70-30 white-black ratio, under a plan which required busing more than half the system's 84,000 pupils.

The school board was permitted to alter the plan last year along the guidelines established by McMillan, even though the original order was upheld in a unanimous landmark decision by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Chambers has represented minority plaintiffs during Charlotte Mecklenburg's desegregation case.

GROPPI SAYS

Court decision 'great victory'

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (UPI). The Rev. James E. Groppi hailed as "great victory for justice" a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court last week overturning a contempt sentence meted out against him by the Wisconsin Legislature.

"I think it's a great victory for justice and it shows that whatever authoritative bodies we have in this country, they are going to have to respect the basic American rights," he said.

The court held Groppi was not given a statement of the charges or a chance to respond to them. Chief Justice Warren E. Burger delivered the unanimous 7-0 ruling.

"It's good to see that the Supreme Court has come through with a 7-0 ruling saying that every American has the right to a trial, the right to face his accuser," said Groppi.

"It gives me a little hope that there can be changes in this country."

Under an 1848 state law, the Wisconsin Assembly cited the activist priest by a 71-24 vote on Oct. 1, 1969, two days after he had led 1,000 people onto the chamber floor in a protest against cuts in welfare payments. The resolution specified he would be confined in the county jail for six months or for the duration of the legislative session which ever was briefer.

At the time of the demonstration, Groppi had achieved a national reputation for his marathon open housing marches here. Since the legislative action against him, he has been active in antiwar circles, but not to the extent of his civil rights activities in the late 1960's.

Groppi was a member of a pastoral team at St. Boniface Catholic Church in the inner city during that time, but has since been transferred to St. Michaels.

2 CORE-men charged in beating of 2 whites

NEW YORK (UPI) — Two members of the Harlem chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) were charged last week with the abduction and flogging of two white youths who allegedly beat up the son of CORE's national director, Roy Innis.

The men, Rupert Boynes, 22, and Jimmie Howard, 26, were charged with kidnapping, coercion and felonious assault. Howard was listed as the vice chairman of the Harlem chapter of the Black nationalist group.

Police charged the men with abducting two 15-year-old youths from their classroom at James Monroe High school in the Bronx and taking them to CORE headquarters. There the youths allegedly were forced to remove their clothes, and untangle a steel coat hanger and stretch them out. They then were forced to submit to the beating, police said.

A CORE spokesman denied that any beating had taken place at the organization's offices. The spokesman said the charges were "just outrageous lie and an attempt to defame the character of CORE."

The alleged attack was in retaliation to an incident at the school last Tuesday involving Alexander Innis, 15 police said.

The youth reportedly had been walching a crap game when a fight broke out and, he said, he was set upon by the two white youths. Young Innis reportedly told his father of the incident and according to the CORE spokesman, several organization members accompanied the youth to the school Wednesday morning to protest him.

Police said Howard and Boynes entered the school with five other men shortly after 1:30 p.m. EST, took Innis out of his classroom and led him on a room-to-room search until he pointed out the youths who allegedly beat him.

It was then, police said, that the men forced the white youths back to CORE offices and administered the beating.

The youths, who were not identified, were allowed to return to school following the flogging. Detectives from the Eighth District later accompanied the boys to CORE offices where they identified their alleged assailants as being adults.

The senior Innis, was unavailable for comment.

N.C. mayor seeks seat in Congress

CHAPEL HILL, N.C.—Mayor Howard Lee said last week he will challenge 20-year veteran Rep. L. H. Fountain in the Democratic Primary, seeking to become the South's first black congressman in modern times.

Lee, 37, pledged to produce a program to end the flight of young people from the rural Second District.

"I will propose a plan to deal with what some people call the exodus epidemic that sees the brightest and best of our young people leaving this area in search of full employment and a full life," he said.

"I am convinced that this district needs new congressional leadership and I am convinced the people know of this need," he said.

Lee's home county of Orange is a newcomer to the district. It previously was located in the 4th Congressional District, but was moved to the second by the 1971 General Assembly.

Work on TI's hospital ends

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. — The second phase of construction on Tuskegee, John A. Andrew Hospital, has been completed and service is now being rendered from the new facility.

An outpatient clinic, mental hygiene facilities, a dispensing pharmacy, an eye clinic, offices and examination rooms for two dentists and 15 physicians, and a 200 seat classroom auditorium are provided.

John A. Andrew, which reportedly delivers about 10 per cent of all black babies born in Alabama, is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.

It maintains cooperative agreements with the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health and Mental Hygiene Divisions of the Alabama State Department of Health; the Crippled Children's and Vocational Rehabilitation Services of the Alabama State Department of Education; and the Alabama Sight Conservation Association.

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The hospital also provides nursing students, dietetic interns, resident physicians, experiences for medical students, and continuing education activities in nutrition, medicine, dentistry and other allied health disciplines.

Hospital officials are hopeful that plans — affiliation with the local Veterans Administration Hospital — will be approached soon to expand John Andrew's involvement in allied health training.

The first phase of the hospital construction program, completed in 1970 included 60 electrically operated patients beds, an eight-bed intensive care-coronary unit and an eight bed recovery unit.

Also a radiology department; clinical laboratory facilities, three operating rooms, cystocopy, pharmacy, dietary department, and an interchange communication system between patients and nurses stations.

PRESIDENTIAL PETITIONS were filed in Harrisburg, Pa. last week by nine prospective candidates. The ninth petition presented to Secretary of the Commonwealth, Mrs. Delores Tucker (L), by the son of the late Gov. Lawrence, Jerry (C) and former Gov. George Leader (R) for Sen. Humphrey. Eight other petitions are in front of them for Sens. Edmund Muskie; Vance Hartke; Henry Jackson; George McGovern; Eugene McCarthy; Rep. Shirley Chisholm; Gov. George Wallace and N.Y. Mayor John Lindsay. (UPI Telephoto).

Tobacco firms told to make cigarettes less hazardous

WASHINGTON — Surgeon General Jesse L. Steinfeld has urged the tobacco industry to make smoking less hazardous by reducing the harmful substances in cigarettes — beginning with carbon monoxide, nicotine and tar.

In the Sixth Surgeon General's Report to Congress on the health consequences of smoking: Steinfeld said carbon monoxide in cigarette smoke may even be harmful to nearby non smokers, especially those with chronic lung and heart disease, and that it is too early to tell if a trend toward kicking the smoking habit has affected the national disease and death rate.

The smoker himself can diminish health hazards by reducing the number of cigarettes he smokes, how far down he smokes each cigarette and how frequently and deeply he inhales, Steinfeld said.

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The first surgeon general's report on smoking and health in 1964 concluded that cigarette smoking is a major health hazard, related to illness and death from lung cancer.

In 1967, a link with heart disease, was established. Heart disease and cancer of all types are the nation's leading disease killers.

Succeeding reports, such as the most recent have added new evidence to support these conclusions.

The 1972 report was based on more than 1,500 scientific studies and includes for the first time information on harmful ingredients in cigarette smoke and the health hazards for non smokers.

Highlights include:

A large, long-term Japanese study confirms findings previously limited to Caucasian groups that cigarette smoking is the major cause of lung cancer in men and a significant cause of lung cancer in women.

Cigarette smoking markedly increases an individual's susceptibility to earlier death from coronary heart disease. High blood cholesterol and hypertension are the two other major risk factors in heart disease.

Levels of poisonous carbon monoxide in experiments using rooms filled with tobacco smoke equalled and some times exceeded legal air pollution limits.

"The presence of such levels indicates that the effect of exposure to carbon monoxide may on occasion, depending on the length of exposure, be sufficient to be harmful to the health of an exposed person."

Millions of allergy sufferers may feel the consequences more severely from cigarette smoke.

Most likely contributors in cigarette smoke to the health are carbon monoxide, nicotine and tobacco tar; six probable contributors include nitrogen oxide and nitrogen dioxide; and 23 suspected contributors include ammonia, benzene, carbon dioxide, DDT, formaldehyde and methyl alcohol.

Only Ethiopia, Sudan, report high pox rate

Geneva — Smallpox has been all but eliminated everywhere except in Ethiopia and the Sudan, the World Health Organization (WHO) said last Friday.

There were cases in 17 countries last year compared with 22 countries in 1970 and 42 countries five years ago, WHO said.

Only Ethiopia and the Sudan, however, registered more than five or more cases per 100,000 inhabitants.

Doc says cigarette and drug habit akin

LANSING, Mich. (UPI) Cigarette smokers who say their "habit" can be kicked whenever they want to are actually addicts who need special help, the director of the State Public Health Department said Thursday.

"Like many addicts, the tobacco addict often deludes himself into believing his dependency is merely a habit rather than genuine addiction," said Dr. Maurice Reizen in a statement on smoking for National Education Week.

"Some even insist they could easily give up smoking if they ever wanted to," he said. "They fail to realize that the very reason they don't want to give it up is because they don't want to admit to themselves that they are really hooked."

Reizen said smoking is a serious health problem which must be dealt with at social and psychological levels as well as at the level of concern for physical safety and well-being.

Tobacco, he said, is even more addictive than alcohol.

"Along the line from habit to addiction, we find an estimated one drinker in 20 becomes an alcoholic, while almost every individual who becomes a smoker winds up addicted to tobacco," Reizen said.

Georgia restaurant, theater sued for bias

WASHINGTON—The Department of Justice has filed civil suits charging a theater and a restaurant in Georgia with racial segregation of patrons.

Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell said the two suits charged violations of the public accommodations section of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

One suit charged Robert H. Dunn Sr., operator of the Dunn Theater in Cairo, with maintaining separate ticket windows, entrances, concession stands and seating areas for black and white patrons.

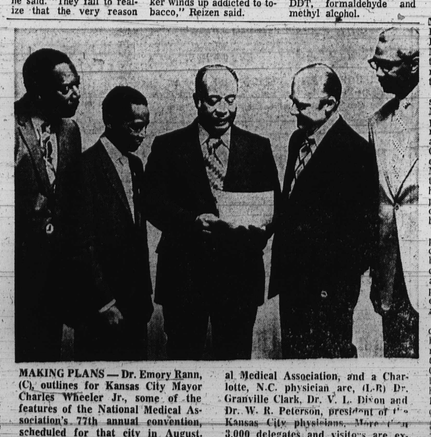
In addition, the suit said Dunn maintains only two restrooms, one for white men and the other for white women.

The suit, which was filed in U.S. District Court in Thomasville, Georgia, asked for a court order prohibiting Dunn from maintaining the separate facilities and requiring him to make available all facilities, including the restrooms, to white and black patrons on an equal basis.

The other suit charged Mr. and Mrs. Joel Hooks, owners of Hook's Barbecue in Milleri, with requiring blacks to obtain carry-out service at a rear window while serving whites in the main dining area.

The suit, which was filed in U.S. District Court in Savannah, Ga., asked for a court order requiring the owners to serve blacks inside the restaurant and to provide equal service to patrons of both races.

Both suits also asked for court orders requiring the defendants to inform the public that their facilities are available to all persons without regards to race.



MAKING PLANS — Dr. Emory Rann, (C), outlines for Kansas City Mayor Charles Wheeler Jr., some of the features of the National Medical Association's 77th annual convention, scheduled for that city in August. Along with Dr. Rann, who is chairman of the board of trustees of the National Medical Association, and a Charlotte, N.C. physician are, (L-R) Dr. Granville Clark, Dr. V. L. Dixon and Dr. W. R. Peterson, president of the Kansas City physicians. More than 3,000 delegates, and visitors are expected to attend the convention.

HRC aide attacks education system

COLUMBIA, S.C. — George D. Hamilton, human relations advisor to the governor, has charged that the present system of education in America has "perpetuated a system of racism and poverty."

Speaking to a workshop of black educators at Allen University, Hamilton said historically blackness and racial inferiority have been equated and this belief has been carried over and deeply rooted in the system of education.

"White history has often encouraged the black students to contentedly accept his status of subordination in America, and the white student to accept the patterns of racial cultural superiority," Hamilton said.

Hamilton said even those blacks who obtain a college education have a hard time finding employment and those who do soon find that "blacks are the first to be fired and the last to be hired."

Hamilton urged blacks to work to reform the present education system. He said school curricular must be revised, and text books replaced by those that reflect the true contributions of blacks in the history of South Carolina and of the nation.

"I think the time has come for us to examine ourselves, evaluate our educational system and redirect our energies," he said. "We must stop dealing with symptoms rather than problems."

Hamilton added, "We must not allow our post high school educational system to dictate that blacks and poor white children must learn trades, while middle class white children are allowed the exclusive right to professional training."

UN asked probe plight of Papuans

NEW YORK — The NAACP has called upon the United Nations "to grant the request of the Papuans of West New Guinea for a full and free hearing on their status with respect to Indonesia."

The Papuans are a black people living in this South Pacific island now ruled by brown Indonesians.

In a letter, earlier this month to UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldreim; NAACP Executive Director Roy Wilkins cited a resolution said last week it would propose shortly a sweeping reorganization of the nation's school financing system, with the Federal Government footing one-third of the cost.

Donald E. Morrison, president of the teachers' organization, said federal support of schools this year would drop to 7.1 per cent, with local school districts paying 52 per cent.

The major source of most local school money is the property tax, which recent court decisions in Texas and California declared inequitable.

The NEA said that as a consequence, a new school financing program would be proposed soon by the NEA and other education organizations to "preserve the nation's schools and improve the quality — and equality — of education for the 52 million school-age children."

"A key provision will call for the federal government to supply about one-third of each school dollar," an NEA statement said. It previously called for a $30 billion increase in federal school aid.

Morrison said, "This proposal is not a welfare program, which will be on an unprecedented scale, but rather a clarion call to reorder educational priorities in this nation before it is too late."

Responding to public an. NEA report on school statistics, Morrison said the average per pupil expenditure in the nation this year would be $929, up $61 from last year, but he said the increase would not cover the cost of any more goods and services than last year.

NEA readies spending plan for schools

Methodists plan to aid colleges

NEW YORK—United Methodists will observe Race Relations Sunday, Feb. 13, by contributing to Negro Colleges Advance, a two-year effort to raise $8 million for the denomination's 12 black schools.

Theme for the annual observance will be "You Can Make a Difference." Approved as an emeegency measure by the 1970 General Conference, the Negro Colleges Advance is being directed by the United Methodist Board of Education to provide money to help meet faculty salaries, provide scholarships, update facilities and make library acquisitions.

The black colleges have produced five of the church's six active black bishops, 95 per cent of the church's black ministers, and about 75 per cent of the physicians, lawyers, teachers, and business leaders affiliated with the church.

The twelve colleges include Bennett Greensboro, N.C.; Bethune-Cookman, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Claflin, Orangeburg, S.C.; Clark, Atlanta; Huston-Tillotson Austin, Texas; Meharry, Nashville, Tenn.; Paine, Augusta, Ga.; Philander Smith, Little Rock, Ark.; Rust, Holly Springs, Miss.; Wiley, Marshall, Tex.; Morristown, Morristown, Tenn. and Dillard University, New Orleans.

EDA trains insurance men

HARTFORD, Conn.—A grant has been given to the National Insurance Association, representing nonwhite life insurance companies, for a special school to train officers of NIA.

The training which began last week, is being held at the local headquarters of Life Insurance Agency Management Association. The grant was made by the Economic Development Association, a unit of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Companies participating in the school are American Woodmen's Life, Kansas City, Kansas; Central Life of Florida, Tampa; Golden Circle Life, Brownsville, Tenn.; Keystone Life, New Orleans, Mammoth Life and Accident, Louisville, Ky.; Peoples Life, New Orleans.

Protective Industrial Insurance Company, Birmingham; Purple Shield Life, Baton Rouge, Southern Life, Baltimore, Md.; Supreme Life of America, Chicago; Universal Life, Memphis; Winston Mutual Life, Winston-Salem, N.C.; Wright Mutual, Detroit.

The special school is designed to meet the particular needs and conditions of the black companies, a procedure LIAMA has followed when conducting schools for specific companies or groups, or when they have taken their schools to South America, Europe, and the Far East.

Students are expected to return to their companies with improved methods of tapping the life insurance market more effectively, especially the huge, underinsured black insurance market represented by 11.5 million blacks who are 18 years and over.

Black insurance companies represent the largest and most successful model of black capitalism with assets totaling more than $431 million.