AFRO's Mrs. Santa Needs $3,500

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RETIRED Enlisted Assoc., Inc. Auxiliary Chapter No. 9 presented $100 to Mrs. Santa. From left: Mrs. Mary Ann Govan, secretary; Mrs. Annie Harris, treasurer; Mrs. Beatrice R. Johnston, president; Mrs. Vernice Campbell, vice-president, and Miss Amanda L. Trotter, Ways and Means.

U.N.D.E.R.'s Needed Family Project of the Maryland House of Corrections, Jessup, Md., presented $200 to AFRO Mrs. Santa program. First row, seated left to right: Robert Jackson, 1st Vice Pres.; Lawrence Hooker, Pres. and Dir. Needed Families Project; Mrs. Santa's Asst., Mrs. Connie Brown; and Conrad Whitfield, 2nd Vice Pres. Second row standing: Nathaniel Row, Ways and Means Dir.; Maurice McRae, Exe. Sec.; Ronald McQueen, Founder of Needed Families Project; Freddie X. Roberts; John Hicks; Otis Smith, mem. Chairman, and Marcellus Moore, Asst. Warden of Treatment. Third row: James Smith, Richard Myers, Anthony Hollie, Trea.; and Eugene Boyer, Proj. Chairman. Not shown are: E. Curtis, Asst. Dir. N.F.P.; A. Jones, Alvin Morgan, John Kelly, William Smith, A. Howard and H. Lassiter.

THE LORD PROVIDES

FLASH

At press time Will Franklin, owner of Franklin's Grocery at 800 N. Carey St., presented Mrs. Santa with her largest donation to date, $600. Also Las Comparenos increased fund by $65, with Mrs. Ellestine Grant making the presentation.

Mrs. Santa's helpers come in all sizes and shapes and they have been coming in our red door and over our yellow phones even though the snow kept many of our would be givers at home.

At press time, Mrs. Santa's fund was only $7,756.66 . . . more than $3,243.34 short of what is needed to take care of the

Mrs. Santa has already mailed 125 ten dollar food certificates good at Brown's Super Markets and A and P Super Markets. Also 75 food coupons worth $15. in food at Brown's have also been mailed.

On Saturday, the Maryland National Guard under Sgt. Scott will be delivering 300 food baskets to AFRO's needy families containing all the ingredients for Xmas dinner and some days afterwards.

We still have 200 families to help. Take a minute now . . . call Mrs. Santa at 728-8200 and adopt a family or call us and tell us you're sending a check, and we'll help the family.

Thanks

Seven of Mrs. Santa's cases were taken by the Greek organizations of Coppin State College. They included Delta Sigma Theta, Stephanie Covington, chairman; Alpha Kappa Alpha, Bettye Dennis, chairman; Sigma Gamma Rho, Penny Parker, chairman; Zeta Phi Beta, Patrycia Saulcon, chairman; Kappa Alpha Psi, Edward West, chairman; Phi Beta Sigma, Charles Alexander, chairman and Omega Psi Phi, George Evans, chairman.

The Democratic Ladies Guild, Mrs. Kitty Mueller, president, adopted two of the AFRO's large families.

Bernard and Ann Lacewell of Fuller Distributors wrapped 20 gift packages of soap for the Waverly-Govans senior citizens at 2607 York Road.

If you have small gifts for the elderly, call Mrs. Catherine Smith at 323-5081.

Also helping with a $50. Check was the Youth Department of Concord Baptist Church, Mrs. Bernice Jackson, directress and the Rev. M. R. Silver, pastor, at 5304 Liberty Heights.

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The Gallants, William Britt, president, adopted a case for food, clothes and toys as did the G and M Pleasure Club, John Harcum, president (3 cases).

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Daniel Robinson, Lucky Democratic Pleasure Club, adopted two cases with a $22 contribution.

The Rev. Joseph Hammond, Upper Room Baptist Church, adopted two cases and Norval Norton, Turner Station Brownies are bringing Mrs. Santa toys and canned goods.

Other good neighbors include the Leeds West Civic association, Mrs. Alethia Bass, president, $54.64

Mrs. Santa Fund now $7,706.66

$500
Mid-West Athletic Club; John Griffin-pres.
$500
As You Like It Club; James Gray, vice-pres.
$500
M. Goldseker
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$100
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Ten Plus Inc.; Mr. Charles Griffin
Young Gentlemen of the Union, Randy Tilghman
The Twelve Personality Girls; Mrs. Mary Queen
Retired Enlisted Assoc.; Inc. No. 9; Mrs. Beatrice L. Johnson
Gay Street Merchants Assoc.; Gerald Jeffries, pres.
The Josiah Diggs Memorial Charity Club
$80.00
New Era Democratic Club of East Balto.; Del. Joseph Chester
$75.00
The National Brewing Co. Eastside Music Guild; Mrs. Estelle Carpenter, pres.
First National Health Care, Robert Young
$60.00
Anon
Mr. and Mrs. Levi Scarborough
$55.00
The Male and Female Ushers and Young Adult Ushers of Enon Baptist

$50.00
Elijah Royster; H and W Social Club
Anon
Judge Benjamin H. Foreman; Orphans Court
Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church; Rev. Olin Moyd, pastor
Baltimore City Retired Teachers
The School Marms; Catherine W. Greene, pres.
I. and M. Bail Bonding Agency; Leonard P. Moyer
Bernard and Ann Lacewell, Fuller Distributors
Women's Aux. Frontiers International; R. G. Pitts
Diana Kane Models; Mrs. Diana Kane
Galavie Twenty-Two; Mrs. Mertis Andrews, pres.
Phalanx Inc.; Judge Benjamin Foreman, pres.
The C. C. Social Club; Barbara Sheldon, pres.
The Continentals
Happy Ladies Charity Social Club; Mrs. Henrietta Cooper
Lawyers Wives of Baltimore
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$35.00
Lucky Democratic Pleasure Club, Hoe Robinson
$30.00
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Marshall P. Payne
Mrs. Lillian M. Murphy
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Blanche Northern
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In memory of Willard W. Allen, Mrs. Elizabeth Allen
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Mrs. Edythe McM. Blake
M's. Shirley Charlton
Roosters and Hens Social Club
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Epsilon Omega Chapter
Sarah L. Kenney, pres., Chatter Clubs
$25.00
Louise Turner
Ba Co Te Club, Mrs. Arabella Ross
Happy Go Lucky Club
Anon
Sisters Us Club
American Airlines; Gerard J. Martin
Security Social Aux. Inc. Mrs. Ruby Ward
Rev. Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Carrington
In memory of John H. Murphy Jr. from Marie E. Murphy
Bernice H. Hall
Sweetland Employees, George Gardner
Starlight Social Club; Lucy Waters
Women's Assembly For Community Services; Mrs. Ruth Tibbs, pres.
$21.00
Student Government Assoc.; Morgan State College; Mrs. Doretha Jordan
$20.00
Elinor Dimmy
Mr. John Scott Jr.
Anon
Mr. and Mrs. James Wildy
Mr. and Mrs. John B. Myers
Rebecca A. Sumrell
M's. Dolores Wrighee
Faithful Workers Savings and Charity Club; Virginia White
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Dr. Maurice Adams
Mrs. C. Dudley Lee
Mrs. Rosalind E. Griffin
The Thursday Night Bible Class of Garrison Blvd.; United Methodist
Ralph L. Peed
Mrs. Beatrice P. Butler
Helen W. Birt
Mrs. Cora H. Jones
Zona Gale Charity Club; Mrs. E. Brown, pres.
Mrs. Irene Lee
Mrs. Vivian E. Washington
$10.00
Mrs. Audrey Smith Brooks
Walter Sondheim Jr.
Mr. Carl J. Chase
Bernard and Alma Reed
J. R. and I. C. Jackson
Jime C. St. Thomas
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer S. Patterson
Mrs. Annie S. Gregg
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CASES

Case No. 310
I have had bad luck all this year. I have been in the hospital 3 times already. I don't know if I will use my left hand to work again. I had a stroke in my right side and stayed in the hospital for 15 days. I am still taking pills for high blood pressure so I would like something to help my 4 children with.

GEORGE BROWN, Mondawmin office of C and P Telephone Co. presented Mrs. Santa with $100.

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I am the mother of 7 children. We are very much in need, of food for Christmas. I could also use a toy and some clothes for them. My husband and I are not together. I do days work but its not enough to get the kids anything for Christmas.

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Case No. 312
Mother of 6 and 1 grandson. I retired from work in July because of problems and illness. Their ages are 20, 17, 16, 12, 11 and 15 months. Receive help from welfare.

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Case No. 313
I am the mother of 3 boys and expecting another at the end of this month. My husband deserted me 6 months ago and the only funds that I receive are unemployment. If I have the baby before Christmas my checks will stop and it takes a while to receive public assistance.

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Case No. 314
I receive help from Social Service but it's never enough to carry me through the month. Sometime I go hungry for days at a time. I am not able to walk and I bleed all the time.

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Case No. 315
My mother has 6 children 5 boys and 1 girl and receiving help from welfare. We need shoes bad. Anything you help us with will be greatly appreciated.

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Case No. 316
I just got married and I lost my job. My wife just had a baby and we need some food badly.

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Case No. 317
I have a daughter 9 and two sons 10 and 3. My sister lives in the house with me and she has two children. A girl 7 and a son 8. Between the two of us with 5 children anything you can do to help will never be forgotten.

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Case No. 318
I have 4 children and my mother stays with us because she has been sick for almost 2 years now. She's cripple and can only use one hand, and she has arthritis in that one. I'm on welfare and would appreciate a basket.

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Case No. 319
I am 22 years old and have 1 child who is in need of clothing, toys and some food to eat. I had my money taken check day. So anything you could do would help.

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Case No. 320
I am 11 years old, have 4 brothers, 2 sisters a niece and a nephew all living in the same house. My mother and sister receive help from welfare. Sometimes they put their stamps together to buy food and sometimes they run out. I would like it if you could send us a basket.

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Case No. 321
I'm writing this for a family of 8 children and a husband who's been layed off from work. Mother is unable to work because of children. Please help.

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Case No. 322
I am the mother of 10 children, 6 boys and 4 girls. I am receiving help from welfare. I would appreciate some help with toys and food for Christmas.

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Case No. 323
I am writing this letter on behalf of an elderly woman of 71. She is an invalid and has to stay in the bed all the time because of trouble with her legs. Please send her some long stockings and a basket of food.

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Case No. 324
I am a widow with 6 children and I would like very much if you could give me a basket and clothes for my kids. My children's ages are 18, 12, 11, 9, 8 and 5. They also need a coat but what ever you give will help.

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Case No. 325
Mother of 9 husband working but never enough money. Children are asking what they're getting for Christmas and we must be forced to say noth ng. If w could just get a basket it would be appreciated.

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Case No. 326
I am a mother of 10 children and also just moved. We are on welfade and I have so many bills to pay that I can't buy them any toys. I would like a basket and some toys for the children. Ages are 16 14, 13, 12, 12, 10 9 8 7 and 7.

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Case No. 327
There are 8 in family and both husband and I are out of work. My 18 year old son lost his job 3 weeks ago so there is no income coming in. We would like a basket for Christmas.

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Case No. 328
My neighbor has 9 children of her own and 3 grandchildren. She needs food, clothes and anything else you can spare. The children's ages are 3, 6, 9, 11, 12 14 16 17 and 19. The grandchildren's ages are 2 months 3 months and 1 week. Please help.

Case No. 329
I am writing for my 73 year old mother and sister who is a mental patient released from Crownsville, she has 1 daughter 12. They both receive Social Service but I would like for you to send them a basket and a few toys for her daughter.

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Case No. 330
I'm a mother of 9 children and grandmother of 1. I am not married. Money is hard to come by these days so would you help me with a basket. My children's ages are 10, 13, 16, 19, 8 12 15 and 17.

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Case No. 331
I have been unable to do anything for 6 years now and would like a basket. I could use some clothes too. I wear size 14 and a size 10½ in shoes.

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Case No. 332
I have 5 boys and 1 girl. We are very much in need of food, clothes and toys. I receive a low income from Social Service. I am not married. They really need coats and shoes bad.

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Case No. 333
I am 52 years old and suffer with ulcers in the stomach. I can walk pretty good but I have never had a Christmas basket. Please let me have a nice Christmas.

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Case No. 334
There are 10 of us and my mother and father are both unable to work. We could use some coats and shoes. A basket would even help.

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Case No. 335
Mother of 5. 3 girls, 2 boys ages 10, 12, 6 9 and 5 unemployed and a recent widow would like a food basket and a few toys for the kids.

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Case No. 336
Mother of 9, needs food basket. Children's ages are 18, 16, 14 12 10 and 9. Please help.

THE GENTLEMEN OF THE SPHINX, formed a year ago to help children in need, gave $100. to Mrs. Santa's families. They originate in Charlie Tilghman's Armed Sphinx Club. Left to right Raynard Brooks, Randy Tilghman, Bill Day, Charlie Jones, Brice Peterson, Ed Bartee. Not shown Calvin Corbert.

MAGNIFICENT EIGHT PLUS TWO presented Mrs. Santa's helper Sharon Jordan with $100. Above, Leroy J. Morsell, president and Thomas Berry, treasurer.

MR. AND MRS. LEVI SCARBOROUGH presented Mrs. Santa with $60.

MR. AND MRS. BERNARD LACEWELL of Fuller Distributing wrap gift packs for Govans- Waverly elderly citizens.

Holton hit for failure to appoint black judge

RICHMOND

Gov. Linwood Holton's failure to appoint at least one black as a judge of a court of record during his term has been attacked by the predominately-black Old Dominion Bar Association.

James Edward Sheffield, president of the statewide lawyers' organization, said this week he had sent the governor a resolution adopted by the group's executive committee condemning Holton's appointment of William W. Koontz as a circuit court judge in Alexandria.

The association had recommended to Holton for the judgeship Albert Melvin Miller, a black attorney in Alexandria. There are no black judges in courts of record in the state.

The resolution told the governor that although he had promised to name black lawyers to the bench during his term of office, Holton had not done so and the Koontz choice probably represented the governor's last judicial appointment before his term expires on Jan. 12

"Although the governor cites the improvement of race relations as his chief accomplishment during his term of office, Holton has accomplished absolutely nothing toward the placing of the first black in a court of record in the Commonwealth of Virginia," the resolution said.

Sheffield said he had communicated the association's endorsement of Miller to Holton in a letter dated Nov. 12.

In that letter, Sheffield told the governor, "Not only may this current vacancy be your last opportunity to appoint a black to a court of record, it may very well be the last chance that we, as black people, may have within it happen." The lack of opposition to the low-key talkathon against the bill.

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any of our lifetimes to see timism in the statement reflected the black community's distrust of Gov.-elect Mills E. Godwin Jr., who has a solid anti-black record.

Koontz was sworn in as a circuit court judge last week, but his final approval by the Virginia General Assembly is in doubt. Several leaders from the Alexandria area have indicated preferences for several white Democratic attorneys to hold the judgeship. They indicate they will try to unbench Koontz and name a man of their choice.

The Old Dominion Bar Association took its action at a special meeting held in Norfolk last week.

Chrome vote test early this week

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Senate Thursday failed for the second time to force a vote on a bill designed to close a loophole allowing U.S. purchases of chrome from Rhodesia in defiance of a U.N. embargo on that country.

A motion to cut off debate on the chrome measure was defeated 62 to 33—two votes short of the required two-thirds majority.

Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield said Thursday he intends "at least once more" to stop the low-key Independent Senator Harry F. Byrd is leading the mini-filibuster.

Byrd was author of the bill, passed two years ago, to lift the embargo sufficiently for chrome purchases.

Democratic Senator Hubert Humphrey, sponsor of the bill to repeal the Byrd measure said that although individual firms violate the U.N. embargo, the United States is the only major government which has officially defied its obligation under Article 25 of the U.N. charter.

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That article binds member states to observe sanctions voted by the world body.

He added that the economic development of Rhodesia, which is assisted by its chrome sales, gives the white regime more power and more resources to maintain its unjust rule of the black majority.

"Rhodesia is an insult to the whole concept of equal rights and equal treatment under law," he said.

The next vote was expected early this week.

High Court grants police another harassment option

By John W. Lewis Jr.
AFRO Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON—A Supreme Court decision handed down last week could result in increased harassment of black citizens by police officers.

The Court held in the United States v. Robinson, that it is not unconstitutional for a police officer who has made a lawful custodial arrest to make a full search of the person.

Justice Thurgood Marshall filed a dissenting opinion in which Justices William O. Douglas and William J. Brennan Jr. joined.

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"It is very clear that one of the targets of this case will be black people," said Joel Gora, staff attorney of the American Civil Liberties Union. "People will be stopped and arrested and searched for all sorts of petty violations — disorderly conduct, failure to move on, traffic violations — especially if it is a poor black area."

The historic decision involved a Washington, D.C. resident, Willie Robinson Jr., who was convicted of a drug offense as a result of evidence obtained by a police officer in a search of Robinson after his arrest for driving with a revoked license.

"The court said that any time an officer has a valid reason for arresting someone for any crime including traffic offenses, the officer has the power to conduct a full search of that person," said Gora.

"This is incredible because there are hundreds of local offenses that a person can be arrested for under local laws.

"This decision would allow them to search a person fully for violation of any of those laws. Until the Robinson decision, most courts held that a policeman could only search a person for two reasons: to search for weapons and to keep the suspect from destroying evidence."

"The 4th amendment says that there should be no unreasonable searches and seizures. You must have a search warrant based on probable cause and you have to go before a judge to get one," he explained.

"Traditionally, the Supreme Court has said that any search not based on a search warrant is unreasonable. The presumption was that you had to get a search warrant. Certain categories were exceptions, and since they were exceptions they hal to be limited."

On April 23, 1968, Officer Richard Jenks, of the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department arrested Robinson near the intersection of 8th and C Streets, Southeast.

Jenks, as a result of previous investigation following a check of Robinson's permit four days earlier, determined there was reason to believe that Robinson was operating his car, a 1965 Cadillac, after the revocation of his operator's permit.

Robinson was arrested and Jenks began to search him. During his patdown, Jenks discovered a crumpled-up cigarette package, containing 14 gelatin capsules of heroin. Robinson was convicted in District Court. That conviction was overturned subsequently in the Court of Appeals.

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"There is always the possibility that a police officer, lacking probable cause to obtain a search warrant, will use a traffic arrest as a pretext to conduct search," said Justice Marshall in his dissent.

"The majority opinion fails to recognize that the search conducted by Officer Jenks did not merely involve a search of respondent's (Robinson) person," said Marshall. "It also included a separate search of effects found on his person. And even if we were to assume . . . that it was reasonable for Jenks to remove the object he felt in Robinson's pocket, clearly there was no justification consistent with the Fourth Amendment which would authorize his opening the package and looking inside."

The ruling also covered a similar Florida case.

Justice William H. Rehnquist, a Nixon appointee and the court's most conservative member, wrote for the majority.

In the Florida case, a college student was arrested, for failing to have his driver's license on his person. A subsequent search turned up a cigarette box containing marijuanna.

Activist made official's aide

HOUSTON — Black activist Ovide Duncantell has been made an administrative aide in County Commissioner Tom Bass' Precinct 1, acting as a liaison with the black residents who make up 25 per cent of the precinct.

A former director of Area 4 of the Harris County Community Action Association, the 37-year-old Duncantell will be earning $11,000 a year.

Bass admitted to fellow commissioners that he realized that the hiring of Duncantell "represents a calculated risk" on his part but he asked that the activist be given "the benefit of the doubt at this stage."

Duncantell is presently serving a probated sentence for possession of marijuana. He accused police of having conducted an illegal search and seizure.

37 still on death row

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Thirty seven Americans, most of them black, will spend this Christmas on "death row" in prisons across the country, according to the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Cobb, New York, executive director of the Commission for Racial Justice of the United Church of Christ.

Congregations and members of the two-million-member United Church, especially in North Carolina where 18 persons face the death penalty, are being mobilized to oppose "this outdated and barbaric practice," Dr. Cobb said in a statement issued here last week.

"At this season when our minds and hearts are turned toward the One who was born and dwelt among us, how can we contemplate the taking of a human life in the name of justice?" he asked.

Since capital punishment laws were struck down by the Supreme Court in 1971, 21 states have adopted new laws reinstating the death penalty. The General Synod of the United Church of Christ, the representative body of the denomination, this year, called for repeal of capital punishment wherever it has been reinstated.

While reaffirming the denomination's continuing opposition to the death penalty throughout the United States, Dr. Cobb called special attention to North Carolina where, he said, in less than a year 14 blacks, including one black woman, and four whites have been condemned to death.

"The disproportionate number of blacks on death row indicates overt racism and insensitivity in the administration of justice in North Carolina," Dr. Cobb said.

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He denounced the "highly unusual" sentencing on Sunday, Dec. 9, in Edgecombe County of three black men scheduled to die for the alleged rape of a 22 year old white woman last summer.

An Edgecombe County Superior Court jury, returned the guilty verdicts against Vernon Leroy Brown, 22, of Tarboro, Bobby Hines, 23, of Princeville, and Jesse Lee Walston, 23, of Washington, D.C.

The three showed no emotion as Judge John Webb pronounced the mandatory death sentence, but relatives in the courtroom wept.

Webb ordered the defendants taken to state prison in Raleigh and held there until Jan. 10, the day they are scheduled to die.

Defense attorney G. P. "Jack" Hopkins of Tarboro immediately gave notice of appeal.

No one has been executed in North Carolina in more than a decade.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled last year that existing death penalty statutes were unconstitutional because they could be applied unequally.

But the North Carolina Supreme Court ruled last January that the death penalty as it is mandatory for first degree murder, first degree rape, first degree burglary and first degree arson.

The three were charged with raping the 22-year-old woman during the early hours of Aug. 5 in a secluded area near Tarboro, located some 40 miles east of Raleigh.

Each defendant testified he had had sexual relations with the woman, but that she had consented.

The victim denied from the witness stand that she had given her consent, and said she feared she would be harmed or killed.

Members of the United Church are being asked to send telegrams to the governor of North Carolina and "to exercise their rights to bring pressure on their legislators," he said.

The North Carolina field office of the Commission for Racial Justice has been directed to give "top priority to efforts for abolition of the death penalty."

Dr. Cobb reported that the North Carolina office, under the direction of the Rev. Leon White, has been conducting an unprecedented effort in organizing the families of persons under sentence of death to work together against capital punishment.

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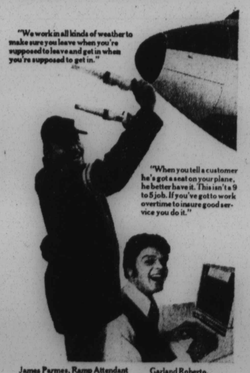

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