Mrs. Wilson takes oath as juvenile justice committee member

By Roger Glass

Critics of this country's juvenile justice system have voiced strong opposition to the double standard which they claim exists within that system. They believe that many of the offenses committed by juveniles would not even be charged if the offenders were adults.

For this reason and others, a 1974 act of Congress set the tone for the establishment of the National Advisory Committee for Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The committee is responsible for finding alternatives to incarceration and improvement of the quality of juvenile justice.

In a formal meeting Wednesday at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Washington, Mrs. Genevieve H. Wilson of Baltimore was among the new Presidential appointees sworn in before committee chairman J.D. Anderson. Of the six new members, Mrs. Wilson was the only black.

A native of Memphis, Tenn., Mrs. Wilson has served on the board of the Family and Children Society of Baltimore as well as the Red Cross board and that of the Children's Guild. She is the wife of Kenneth O. Wilson, vice-president and advertising director for the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers.

Mrs. Wilson, a state administrator for the Carter campaign in Maryland, was sworn in, as were the other six new members, by Walter Fiederowicz from the Attorney General's office.

The terms of those sworn in expires on Mar. 18, 1981.

According to Mrs. Wilson, a graduate of LeMoyne College in Tennessee, "The commission is primarily concerned with juvenile offenders not being institutionalized without real justification, as has been the case in the past."

(Photo by John Bunns)

FOLLOWING the swearing-in ceremony of new members of the National Advisory Committee for Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Wednesday, in Washington, D.C., Mrs. Genevieve H. Wilson of Baltimore, Md., views her certificate along with Walter Fiederowicz of the Department of Justice and J. D. Anderson, committee chairman, of Omaha, Neb. Mrs. Wilson was appointed by President Carter on Oct. 3, and her term expires Mar. 18, 1981.

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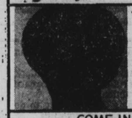

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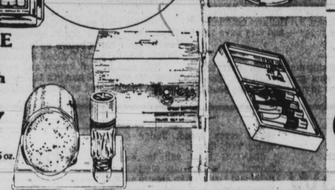

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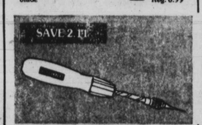

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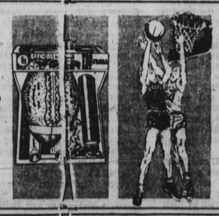

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Bell hears caucus plea to help Wilmington 10

Rep. Parren J. Mitchell, D - 7th - Md., along with five other members of Congress, Sunday, Dec. 4, visited two of the nine young black men who are in prison in North Carolina as a result of the Wilmington 10 Case.

Attorney General Griffin Bell met with the Congressmen in Mitchell's office Wednesday morning to hear their pleas for him to file an amicus curiae (friend of the court) brief for the prisoners.

The delegation also pressed the North Carolina governor to either issue a general pardon or a pardon of forgiveness or to commute the sentences.

The Wilmington 10, nine black men and one white woman, were convicted in the fire - bombing case of a white - owned grocery store and sentenced to a total of 282 years in prison. They are all still in prison except the white woman, who was paroled.

Since their conviction, major witnesses against them have recanted their original testimony and there has been extensive evidence of prosecutorial misconduct.

For these reasons, Amnesty International, winner of the 1977 Nobel Peace Prize, has adopted the Wilmington 10 as "prisoners of conscience."

The delegation, traveling at their own expense included: Reps. Don Edwards, D-Calif.; Walter Fauntroy, D-District of Columbia; Fortney "Pete" Starr, D - Calif., Robert Drinan, D - Mass. and George Miller, D - Calif.

BY THE WAY...

by Joe Black

Throughout the years, countless schemes and outright rackets have deprived the Black community of millions of dollars of gross income.

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We've had more than our share of pimps, hookers, grafters, pushers, boosters, and bunco artists.

But, somehow, we've survived.

However, as I travel today, to many of the cities in America, I am frightened by what I see happening to Black Americans. Blacks are so busy doing their own thing, they fail to recognize the big rip-off being perpetrated by the power structure.

Not racism. But rather, how our greed and stereotyped self-images blind us to the tricks of "the man." Instead of using our God-given minds, too many Black people shrilled "right on" when the National Administration and certain cities pushed for the decriminalization of marijuana possession. Like lambs being led to slaughter, too many Blacks smiled approval. Because it strengthened their rationale that grass isn't harmful.

I can't give an opinion based on personal experience, but based on statements from former addicts who appear at drug abuse seminars sponsored by my employer, marijuana users can develop a psychological dependence on the drug. Which can lead to harder stuff. And a harder road.

We have a hard enough time getting a first chance. When you leave it to the discretion of the police to arrest or reprimand an individual, how many Blacks do you think will get a second chance?

Let's get smart and resist all programs that will make it easy for any pusher to operate in our neighborhoods.

The life you save may be your son's. Your daughter's. Your brother's. Your sister's.

Or, your own.

Joe Black
Vice President
The Greyhound Corporation

(AFRO Photo by Norman Spencer)

MORTGAGE BURNING ceremonies were held last Sunday at Wayland Baptist Church. Among members who participated are (L to R) Rev. Darneal Johnson Jr., pastor; Mrs. Bethel Marrow, Lawrence Campbell, Mrs. Elizabeth Durrette, Mrs. Margaret Walker, Ellis Reynolds, Rev. J. Edgar Henson, assistant pastor; Linwood Foster and Simon Jarvis.

Wayland Baptist burns mortgage

"As I look back as pastor of the church for seven years, God has blessed us spiritually and financially.

"I am even more thankful for those who started off with Wayland prior to my coming. They have laid the foundation we had to build upon."

Rev. Darneal Johnson, pastor of Wayland Baptist Church, 3200 Garrison Blvd., made the above statement to the AFRO.

He was speaking of the mortgage burning ceremonies held last Sunday at Wayland. More than 1,000 members and friends attended the services.

Mayor Schaefer attended the 10:45 a.m. services and proclaimed Dec. 4 as Wayland Baptist Day.

In 1908 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thrower a group made plans to organize a church.

The first home of Wayland was in a storefront at 304 N. Ann St. and was named after Mrs. Thrower's home church in Matthews, Va.

Under the leadership of Rev. W. J. Winston, Wayland Baptist members purchased the edifice at 1200 Lexington St. in 1920 while Mr. Winston was still pastor a larger church was bought for $20,000 at Broadway.

After serving as pastor for 32 years, Mr. Winston resigned in order to become pastor of New Metropolitan Baptist Church in 1941.

The mortgage at the Jefferson and Broadway Church was burned under the leadership of Rev. Elijah H. Reynolds in 1944.

Mr. Reynolds served as minister until his death on June 23, 1946.

Rev. W. W. Payne, who is now pastor of City Temple Baptist Church, Dolphin and Eutaw Streets was appointed in 1947.

Due to redevelopment plans, Wayland Baptist congregation moved in 1952 to Monroe and Franklin Sts., at a cost of $65,000.

More than 3,000 Baptists marched to 3200 Garrison Blvd. on March 6, 1966.

Mr. Payne resigned in 1970 and organized City Temple Baptist Church.

Rev. J. Edgar Henson, assistant pastor of Wayland served as interim pastor until Rev. Darneal F. Johnson Jr. was elected in December 1970.

Mr. Johnson stated the church will develop their educational center to be the first in Maryland that will be kindergarten through grade five.

Looking towards the future, Mr. Johnson plans to help senior citizens in Christian fellowship and to retrieve members who have wandered from the fold of God.

The mortgage burning and cornerstone laying ceremonies ended with a candlelight communion service.

Last rites held for Mr. Hatcher

Funeral services will be held 6:30 p.m. Tuesday for Theodore Hatcher at William C. March Funeral Home, 928 E. North Ave.

Mr. Hatcher, 51, of the 2700 block Harford Road, was found beaten to death Dec. 1 in a burning rowhouse in the 1300 block Bruce St.

Police state Mr. Hatcher was beaten over the head with a hammer, then the apartment was set on fire.

Relatives of Mr. Hatcher told the AFRO Mr. Hatcher went to the Bruce Street apartment to visit a friend.

Due to poor health, he was unemployed and enjoyed painting in his spare time.

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