



Ben Chavis (Right) At Airport; Others Unidentified

## Ben Chavis Arrested As Death Accessory

WILMINGTON (AP) — Black militant Ben Chavis was arrested by New Hanover County detectives Monday on a warrant alleging he was an accessory after the fact to the murder of a black Wilmington teen-ager last March.

Chavis, field organizer for the North Carolina-Virginia Commission on Racial Justice, was taken into custody moments after

he stepped off an airliner at the New Hanover County Airport. An aide said Chavis had flown from New York to surrender on the charge filed against him Dec. 15.

THE WARRANT alleges Chavis did "unlawfully and feloniously give aid" to Jerome Nixon, a Negro charged with the murder of the teen-ager. Chavis specifi-

cally was accused of "advising and counseling" Nixon by telling him "not to tell anyone else of the true circumstances of the case."

The 24-year-old Chavis was released after posting \$10,000 bond.

The charge stems from the slaying of Eugene Wright, 18, who was killed by a shotgun blast fired into the door of an apartment rented by Molly Hicks. Mrs. Hicks also has been charged with being an accessory after the fact.

Chavis was taken into custody two weeks ago in Raleigh by federal agents on indictments alleging he helped smuggle two men out of the country to avoid prosecution. That charge grew out of racial strife in Oxford in May 1970.

CHAVIS and Mrs. Hicks have been actively engaged this year in a black liberation movement in Wilmington that frequently has erupted into violence.

Attorneys Reginald Lewis and Frank Balance cautioned Chavis against speaking to newsmen after the bond was posted. They said he would be available at a news conference today.

The Rev. Leon White of Raleigh, executive director of the regional commission on racial justice, expressed the opinion that Chavis was innocent of the charge.

"The commission has perfect confidence Ben Chavis is going to be vindicated," White said.

Chavis was accompanied to Wilmington by Irv Joyner of New York, a staff member of the national Commission on Racial Justice. White said the commission is affiliated with the United Church of Christ.

## October Market End Approved

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said that the present twice-a-year (April and October) style introductions add to manufacturers' and retailers' overhead, which results in higher prices to the consumer.

THERE NOW seems to be a consensus that an annual style introductory market is more efficient than semi-annual introductions," Stevens said. "Arguments were presented in favor of both spring and fall, but the one that prevailed was that new styles introduced in the spring could be delivered in time for the retailer's best selling seasons."

Stevens said retailers have requested a greater "lead time" for delivery to service their promotional events in the fall. An early spring style introductory market for retailers would coincide with a new industry-wide fall consumer promotion, he said.

"UNDER the new plan the furniture retailer would see new introductions of manufacturers in early spring and the new lines would be available to the consumer in the fall," Stevens said.

Spellman said that the costs of staging two major markets per year add significantly to the price the consumer must pay for furniture. Thus, a major reason for the once-a-year-market proposal is economy, he said. "Another important reason is that retailers have been requesting this change for a long, long time," he said. "Two markets a year create problems for them. They have too many new styles to contend with."

Spellman said that he does not think the two regional markets held in January and July would be affected by the SFMA action since most of the larger furniture dealers do not participate in them.

High Point business, local government and market officials preferred to take a wait-and-see attitude toward the SFMA proposal.

Jim Casey, a spokesman for the Southern Furniture, Exposition Building here, said the four markets per year — including the October market — are now scheduled through 1975. "We are proceeding ahead with our plans and schedules," he said.

George Covington, executive vice president of the High Point Chamber of Commerce, said "our reaction (to the SFMA proposal) will be determined by the action the SFMA board takes in February."

Covington said that reducing the number of major markets in High Point to only one per year could "pose some difficulty for us." He noted that the average visitor to High Point during market week spends about \$30 a day.

High Point Mayor Bill Bencini, who expressed surprise at the SFMA announcement, said that "naturally, this would be bad for High Point. Anything that takes this much traffic away would have to be bad for the city."

other governors take office because it is a proposal of the Capital Planning Commission. The commission has statutory authority to plan and control the growth of state buildings.

## Royal Couple Announce Engagement

LONDON (AP) — Prince Alexander of Yugoslavia, who said he would rather be an officer in Britain's army than claim his late father's throne, announced his engagement Tuesday to Princess Maria Gloria of Brazil.

The princess is the eldest daughter of Prince Pedro of Orleans Braganza, claimant to the Brazilian throne.

The 27-year-old prince did not announce when or where the wedding would take place.

Prince Alexander said last year after his father, King Peter of Yugoslavia, died in the United States that he would prefer to retain his British citizenship rather than become his country's ruler in exile.

He was educated in Britain and is serving as a lieutenant in the 16th-15th Queen's Royal Lancers, with whom he did a tour of duty in riot-torn Northern Ireland.

Princess Maria has been working as an interior decorator in Madrid.

## Singapore Phones

TEL AVIV (AP) — Telrad Telecommunications and Electronics Ltd. of Israel announced it has won a \$1.6 million contract to supply telephones to Singapore.

# Archdale Loses In Effort To Win I-85 Interchange

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Daily News Raleigh Bureau

RALEIGH — Archdale residents have lost another round in their effort to persuade the State Highway Commission and the U.S. Transportation Agency to provide more access on the new route of Interstate 85.

But their efforts to get another interchange are expected to continue at a public hearing on design of the I-85 road segment to be scheduled early next year.

The state's engineers say they have consulted the federal agency and that they do not feel an interchange should be provided between the new I-85 corridor at the existing intersection with U.S. 311 at Archdale.

Archdale officials have objected strenuously to plans for routing I-85 into the Archdale area without providing an interchange at existing U.S. 311 in the town. An interchange is planned where the new road will cross the U.S. 311 by-pass, a road segment planned as a part of the project.

An environmental impact report on the project released in November reported requests for additional interchanges with existing U.S. 311 and with West Green Drive Extension in Randolph County had been made and were under study.

A STUDY of the cost-benefit ratios involved in the West Green Drive interchange with I-85 is still under way.

Engineers say they are moving as swiftly as possible to prepare for the public hearing on design, but 30 days must be allowed for publication of notice after the proposed design has been tentatively agreed upon by the agencies involved.

They have agreed that an interchange at existing U.S. 311 would be "too close" to proposed interchanges at U.S. 311 by-pass and at N.C. 62, the engineers report. It would cause removal of some 14 houses, a church and a few businesses but this was not a factor in the decision.

Last November's environmental report said present highway-oriented facilities (those selling food, lodging and services to tourists) on U.S. 29-70 will suffer "to some extent" by the removal of through traffic from that route when the new I-85 route is opened.

"REDUCED traffic volumes

will be evidenced for a few years until traffic gradually rebuilds to the present level," the report said.

But "massive failure of the established businesses on U.S. 29-70 is not expected."

"Marginal businesses which have benefitted from interstate traffic being routed by their locations will experience a de-

crease in sales, temporarily.

"Past experience has indicated established businesses generally have not failed as a result of traffic being removed from the road on which they are located.

"While some individual businesses may be adversely affected, the economic situation as a whole on U.S. 29-70 is not ex-

pected to deteriorate. Retaining the present four-lane divided facility without control of access will enhance the growth opportunities, since traffic congestion will have been reduced. Industrial and commercial development will have access off the present four-lane facility as well as access to the nearby proposed I-85.

## No Resistance

# Escapees Recaptured In A House In Raleigh

RALEIGH (AP) — Two prisoners who overpowered a jailer, seized his keys and fled the Wake County jail Sunday night were apprehended at a Raleigh house Monday.

Wake Sheriff Robert Pleasants said the two, both facing murder charges, were captured without a fight at about 3:30 p.m. and returned to the county jail.

They had been the object of a statewide alert by the Highway Patrol since they escaped from the jail on the fifth floor of the new Wake courthouse.

They were identified as Francisco Rones Rivera, 25, under a 24-year sentence for bank robbery, and Stephen Holloman, 25. The jailer, Charles Hill, sustained minor injuries.

PLEASANTS SAID he was making an investigation of the escape. He said Rivera "conned" Hill into letting him make a telephone call.

Holloman was one of three young Raleigh men charged with the shotgun slaying Oct. 14 of John Massey, a Raleigh store clerk, in a robbery that netted \$34.

Rivera and two others were convicted Dec. 9 at Fayetteville of robbing a Spring Lake bank April 22 of \$29,900. They are facing trial on murder charges in the slaying of an Army investigator, Dexter C. Krulis, 21.

V. B. Spence, chief night deputy, said Hill was given a note by Rivera which said the mother of Rivera's two children had been

stabbed Thursday and he wanted to call her.

HILL accompanied Rivera to a telephone to make the call, the deputy said. After returning to the cellblock corridor, Rivera produced a knife and threatened the jailer, Spence said.

A scuffle followed between the two and Hill, about 50, was overpowered and his keys taken. The deputy said Rivera freed Holloman and they forced the

jailer into Rivera's cell, locking him in.

Meanwhile, a second jailer, G. H. Heath, heard the disturbance from his post at the front of the cellblock and went to investigate. Heath passed through a safety door to the cellblock, then through a second. The prisoners were back of the second door, slipped out behind Heath and locked the door, Spence said.

The two men then took an elevator to the basement and fled.

## Hearing Wednesday

# Coast Guard To Probe Causes Of Tug Sinking

PORTSMOUTH, Va. (AP) — The Coast Guard Monday ordered a board of investigation to convene Wednesday to examine circumstances of the sinking of the tug Maryland as the search continued for five missing crewmen.

The board was ordered to meet at 9 a.m. at the Federal Building here to conduct a hearing.

A 30-foot cutter from the Coinjock, N.C., station and three helicopters from Elizabeth City, N.C., searched a broad area of Albemarle Sound for survivors

of the tug, which went down in high winds Saturday. They reported no success at nightfall.

One survivor of the sinking, John Williams, 61, who was picked up by a yacht, was under treatment for exposure at an Elizabeth City hospital.

He clung to the foundering tug until the last possible moment before it went down while his five shipmates tried to swim the 200 yards to the barge the tug had to tow through the gale-whipped waters.

Williams, a North Carolina native, called his rescue "a miracle."

## Japanese Group

# Nixon, Chou Asked To Assist Williams

TOKYO (AP) — Appeals have been cabled by a Japanese citizens' group to President Nixon and Communist Chinese Premier Chou En-lai asking their help for black militant Robert Williams, formerly of Monroe, N.C.

The Japanese group says Williams has been falsely accused of kidnapping a white couple during a racial disturbance in Monroe 10 years ago.

"The Association to Save the Life and Rights of Robert F. Williams" said it has gathered 10,000 signatures in its campaign.

The association charges North Carolina authorities fabricated the charge to silence Williams.

Williams now lives in Detroit and is fighting extradition to North Carolina. The association said Gov. William Milliken's decision to extradite Williams vio-

lates Michigan state law prohibiting extradition of political refugees.

The association said Williams, a Negro, would face severe punishment in North Carolina.

Williams lived in Cuba for five years and in Communist China for three years after the charges were lodged.

He lost a bid to avoid extradition when the Michigan Supreme Court upheld lower court rulings in October.



## Government Center In Raleigh

# State Unveils Plans For Mall

RALEIGH (AP) — Long-range plans for a three-block mall north of the State Legislative Building in Raleigh were unveiled Monday by Carroll Mann, state property officer.

The mall will be flanked by office buildings in a new State Government Center plan.

Mann said architectural work will begin immediately on a high rise, 250,000-square-foot office building at the north end of the proposed mall. The structure will be a general state office building and will sit astride what is now Halifax Street.

The 1971 General Assembly

appropriated \$200,000 for designing the building, Mann said. It will be between 15 and 20 stories high and cost an estimated \$6.95 million.

The mall would have two parking levels underneath it, capable of holding 1,100 cars. Flanking the mall would be double rows of trees on each side and there would be room for six more office buildings, three on each side, behind the trees.

Mann said it would take four to five years to get the building at the north end of the mall built. Hopefully work could then

begin in the north end of the mall and progress southward, he said.

Mann added the new plan involves an area large enough "that it ought to last the state no less than 100 years." No time table has been placed on completion of the whole plan but one of the mall maps had a 1985 date on it.

"We can go just as far and do just as much with this as the General Assembly thinks we can afford," Mann said.

He told newsmen the plan should extend beyond the administration of Gov. Robert Scott as

\$346,526 Postage

## Tax Returns, Auto Cards Will Set Record In State

RALEIGH (AP) — Between now and the first of the year a record volume of state income tax returns and motor vehicle registration cards will be mailed to North Carolinians.

It will cost the state a record \$346,526 for postage.

James H. Stamey, director of motor vehicle registration, said his division began the job Monday of mailing 3,156,581 registration cards, an increase of almost 300,000 over last year. It will take two days to get all the returns in the mail.

BASED on a third class bulk rate, the postage will cost \$252,526 Stamey said.

The task of mailing 2,250,000 state income tax returns will

begin Dec. 28 and takes 2½ days.

"We have a two-fold purpose for mailing the tax returns after Christmas," said Revenue Commissioner I. L. Clayton. "To mail them now would put a terrific strain on the postal department. Secondly, there is no need to remind the taxpayer before Christmas about his income tax return."

Stamey said his department "doesn't have much of a choice in the matter. We wait as late as we can in mailing the registration cards to avoid the heavy Christmas deluge. Yet, we have to have the cards in the mail before the license tags go on sale Jan. 4."

HE ADDED, "Anyone who has

not received their registration card by Jan. 1 should contact the motor vehicles department."

Clayton said that bagging the income tax forms on a zip code basis saves the state about \$85,000. The bulk rate cuts the postage bill from \$179,000 to \$94,000.

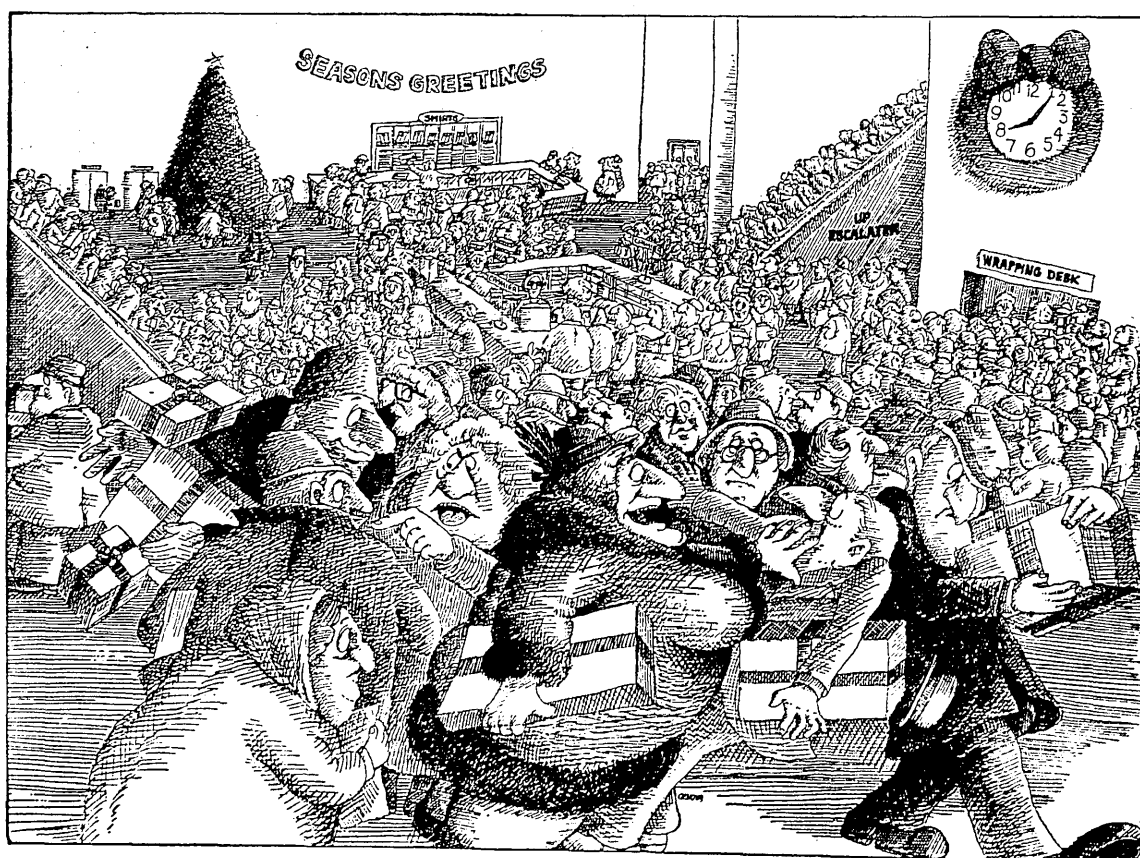
The same system is used by Stamey's department.

The income tax forms will fill 3,200 bags and weigh more than 98 tons. They will be mailed Dec. 28, 29 and 30.

Clayton said the 2,250,000 tax forms are going to persons who filed returns this year.

"We have an increase of about 100,000 new tax filers each year," he added.

What December 24th needs is a gift of Canada Dry Bourbon.



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