

Williams trial begins

# Calm prevails in Atlanta

A jury of eight Blacks and four whites has been selected to hear the murder case against Wayne B. Williams, accused of killing two of the 28 murdered or missing Black youths in Atlanta.

According to reporters, calm prevails in Atlanta, perhaps a testimony to the recent changes in the complexion of that city's justice system. The defendant, who is Black, is to be tried before a Black judge; Public Safety director Lee P. Brown is Black; the special agent in charge of the FBI's investigation is Black; the chief defense attorney is Black; and Atlanta's mayor is Black. Only the prosecutor is white.

Other prominent members of the municipal power structure include the Superintendent of Public Schools and, at the time of the billings, the president of the Chamber of Commerce.

David Franklin, a prominent Black attorney, explained that the calm should not be interpreted as lack of interest. There is no hysteria "because the Black community knows that nobody is going to be railroaded in the trial. That is the difference between today and two decades ago."

"It is clear that the presence and involvement of a Black power structure in the city is the reason why Atlanta responded to this, the murders and the trial, with confidence that justice will be done," Mayor Andrew Young said.

"Having Black people woven throughout the fabric of the city is an important reason why racial violence has never been part of At-

## PSU offers minority aid

Effective immediately, disadvantaged metropolitan-area students with ethnic minority backgrounds may qualify for special assistance if they pursue their educational goals at Portland State University.

Knowledge and use of PSU's special study and financial aids could increase chances of academic success for these students, according to Maria Alanis, PSU admissions counselor in charge of minority student recruitment. During Fall term, 1981, one of every 12 students enrolled at PSU indicated that he or she came from an ethnic minority background, Alanis noted.

Minority students currently considering enrollment at PSU may take advantage of two main support programs, known as "Upward Bound" and "Talent Search." In addition, minority student organizations such as Black Cultural Affairs, the Hispanic Student Union, and the United Indian Students of Higher Education can help fulfill the cultural needs of minority students.

Additionally, several financial aid programs are now available to help students meet the costs of higher education. Also, eligible students may defer payment of admissions and tuition fees under certain conditions.

Disadvantaged students with ethnic minority backgrounds interested in pursuing studies at PSU during the 1982-83 academic year are urged to submit financial aid applications prior to Jan. 15.

For further information, contact Ms. Alanis at PSU's Office of Admissions, P.O. Box 751, Portland, OR 97207, or call 229-3511.

## KBOO honors King

Radio Station KBOO (90.7 FM) will be presenting a "special" twenty-one hour memorial tribute commemorating the birthday of the late civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This program will be aired from 10:00 am Friday, January 15 until 7:00 am, Saturday, January 16, 1982.

This "special" will consist of gospel music, soul, jazz, and blues. There will also be miscellaneous live musical performances, live poetry readings, and short speeches throughout the 21-hour broadcast, including news and interviews from Grassroot News, N.W. This program is being presented by Shaheed Haamid, George Page, J.W. Friday, Dupree Casey, George Fitz, Connie Stokes aka Lady "C," Pablo Innis, and Ken and Kevin Berry.

The Co-ordinator of this year's Dr. Martin Luther King Tribute is Keven Darrell Berry.



DR. LEE BROWN  
Atlanta's history as it was recently in Miami."  
Dr. Charles H. King, Jr., presi-

dent of the Urban Crisis Center, believes the current calm is not all good. "Violence and death are such a large part of the Black experience that anger at the alleged murderer tends to be minimized. For a Black to kill other Blacks in such great numbers is outside the Black experience, so we are mystified more than angry. And the mothers of the victims cheapened the deaths of their children by their commercialization and exploitation, so that took away from us some of the grief and mourning we could feel for them and removed our right to cry."

He fears that the calm is an indication of a deadening of sensitivity to death.

While injustice for Blacks and the poor continues in the nation, Young believes that it is a thing of the past in Atlanta. "There has been an accommodation of Blacks and whites, socially, economically and politically, that I don't think works like this any place else in the world."

# Mayor Young hits Reaganomics

Andrew Young, Ambassador to the United Nations during the Carter Administration, called President Ronald Reagan's domestic policies "clear failures" adding that Reagan will have to be "turned around or turned out."

Young said the Reagan Administration has become ideology-oriented to the point that it has not even fulfilled the expectations of the business community.

"Pragmatic businessmen would have realized the market potential around the world and would have begun to internationalize our economy to make it more competitive." Of the Reagan officials he added, "Both they are not business oriented. They are right-wing ideologues."

Young expects a resurgence of student activism in the spring, including protests against cuts in student aid and education funds. Other issues will include the arms race and the military budget.

"Supply-side economics is not a



MAYOR ANDREW YOUNG  
pragmatic business, something that has grown out of business practices, Young explained. He added that he hopes the "big-business pragmatists in the Republican Party begin to have a little more to say" about the

domestic and foreign policies.

Young was sworn in as Mayor of Atlanta Monday. He said he expects to maintain the affirmative action programs that were introduced by Maynard Jackson and credits them with an increase in the number of Black-owned businesses, especially construction firms.

Young, who has served as a consultant for foreign investment groups since leaving the U.N., hopes to establish Atlanta as an international trade center. "The new future is the developing world. What we're doing is to use Atlanta as a gateway to opening up a totally new market in Latin America, Africa and the Middle East."

Success in this endeavor will hinge on his ability to retain and expand his own overseas contacts and on a turnaround of the Reagan Administration in aiding local governments.

He hopes that foreign businessmen will select Atlanta for investment opportunities, stimulating employment in the region.

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