





The People  
United:

Will NEVER

Be Defeated!

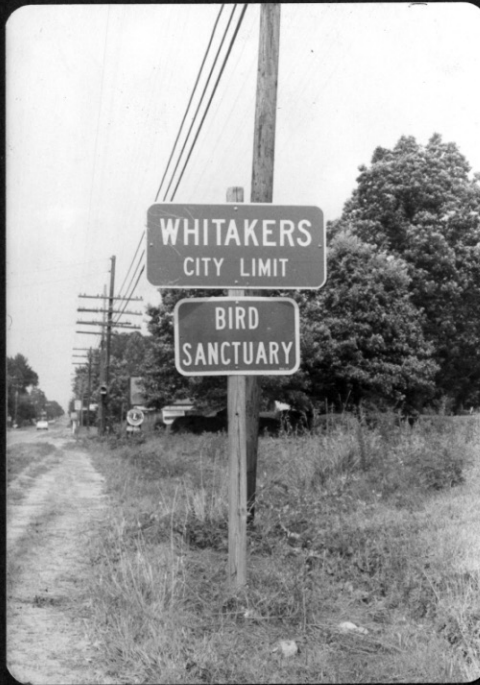


Whitakers



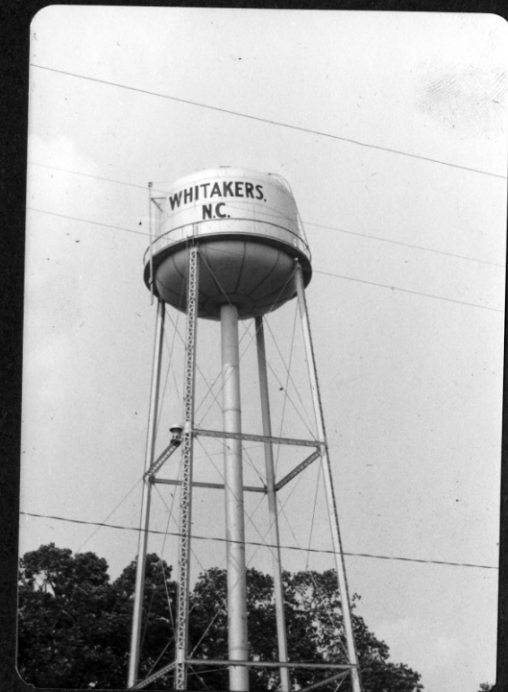
North Carolina





Whitakers is a typical small rural town in the Black Belt South.

Here several white families own and control the land while the vast majority of people, Afro-Americans and poor whites are kept down in a new version of slavery known as tenant farming and sharecropping.







WHILE



The working class live on one side of the tracks in small, inadequate housing, dirt roads, starvation wages, high unemployment, and lack of adequate health care.



The rich landowners live in mansions with swimming pools, Corvettes, and Lincoln Continentals. They do no work but rather live off the sweat and blood of the workers.















This small group of Capitalists control the entire system- the economic system as well as the political system which are one in the same.

They control the city council, the mayor, the police force- all of whom work in their interest.

The only public school in Whitakers was turned into a private school, thus denying Afro-Americans and poor whites the right to attend, and forcing them to be bused miles away from home to second rate schools.



# What About Industry ???



There are two major industries- Watson Farms and Seed Company and the American Enka Company.

Watson Farms and Seed Company is part of the trend in the South of the growth of agri-business, the running of small farmers off the land.

The American Enka Company is a textile plant which has had a long history of struggle in it's attempt to unionize.

North Carolina, with it's Right-To-Work Law, has only 6.8% of it's workforce unionized and thus ranks 50th. in industrial wages in the country.





AFL-CIO NEWS, WASHINGTON, D.C., AUGUST 20, 1977

**Tom Wicker Writes:**

## Firings, Harassment, Collusion Used to Stop Southern Unions

*Tom Wicker, associate editor and columnist of the New York Times, covered the House Labor subcommittee hearings in Roanoke Rapids, N.C. This column appeared Aug. 12.*

**NOT FAR DOWN THE ROAD** from this city near the North Carolina-Virginia border, in the small town of Whitakers, N.C., workers voted in 1975 by a majority of over 200 out of a thousand votes to form a union at the American Enka Co.

Since then the company has filed 40 objections with the National Labor Relations Board; all were dismissed, but the company has appealed. The workers still don't have their union; meanwhile, as Jesse Rudd, one of them, told a House subcommittee holding hearings here, "there's no way I can raise my family" on a wage of \$3.96 an hour. That's \$1.52 below the national average industrial wage for March 1977.

In Johnsonville, S.C., a subcommittee was told, Wellman Industries workers lost union elections in 1970 and 1971 but finally won in 1972, only to find that it would be 1976 before the company got around to bargaining with them. Even these talks collapsed. Johnny Davis, a black worker from Hemingway, S.C., said at the hearing, and "we still don't have no union yet."

Up in Asheville, N.C., some workers at the Appletree Chevrolet Co. sought union representation in June. In the few weeks since, eight of the 43 persons in the potential bargaining unit—nearly 20 percent—have been fired. Wilbur Hobby, president of the North Carolina AFL-CIO, said their union activity was the cause.

By all odds the most famous example of this kind of industrial stonewalling is here in Roanoke Rapids, where in 1974 the 3,500 workers in seven textile plants of the J. P. Stevens & Co. voted for union representation. They still haven't got it, and have hardly even been able to negotiate for it with a company termed by a union official "the No. 1 labor law violator" in the country.

As a consequence, a national boycott of Stevens products has been launched by the Clothing & Textile Workers, and the J. P. Stevens case has become the sort of rallying point for many groups that the California farm workers used to be. At the same time the Stevens case is a dramatic symbol of the difficulties the ACTU and the AFL-CIO face in their new push to organize the South.

The labor-management subcommittee was not holding hearings specifically on the J. P. Stevens case, but on H.R. 8410, a labor reform act proposed by President Carter to prevent such delaying and harassing tactics of which Stevens and other companies have been accused. Among other things, the bill would provide double back pay for

eral contracts for three years to firms found to have wilfully violated NLRB orders. J. P. Stevens has just been awarded a \$3.4 million contract by the Defense Logistics Agency, despite 14 citations by the NLRB for labor law violations.

**What that means, economist B. R. Skelton of Clemson University told the subcommittee is that "crime pays."** The proposed reform, he said, would at least "raise the cost of violating the law."

The subcommittee chairman, Frank Thompson of New Jersey, insisted that H.R. 8410 was designed to cope with "a national problem." But he and other members were left in no doubt that the problem is centered in the still largely unorganized South. North Carolina, for example, not only has the lowest average industrial wage in the nation—\$4.03 in March 1977, compared to a national average of \$5.48—but the fewest number of organized workers.

Two maverick members of the North Carolina legislature, Sen. William Smith of Wilmington and Rep. Thomas B. Sawyer of Greensboro, painted a picture of pervasive government and business collusion in North Carolina to prevent the coming of unions—a collusion that the Rev. W. W. Finlator of Raleigh, speaking for a group called Southerners for Economic Justice, called "sinister, subversive and un-American."

**ONLY CONGRESS** could give the state's workers the necessary help, Mr. Smith declared: "they are not going to get it from the government of North Carolina." And Mr. Sawyer cited a recent case in which Brockway Glass Co. wanted to locate in Person County, N.C., bringing in 1,700 jobs at an average of more than \$4 an hour. The county's industrial commission voted against the plan unless the company would pledge to be non-union and pay the considerably lower prevailing wage in Person County.

J. P. Stevens and other textile company officials did not appear. But representatives of the J. P. Stevens Employees Educational Committee were on hand to testify against union representation and H.R. 8410.

**Robert Valois, the group's counsel, refused to say how much of its funds came from Stevens or the textile industry; but Mr. Hobby was not at all reluctant to label Mr. Valois, whose law firm is linked politically to North Carolina's conservative Sen. Jesse Helms, as "a professional union buster."**

As the hearings wore on, worker after worker testified to the need for protection against firings and harassment for union activity, and for forcing companies to bargain in good faith. "We're going to sit there forever, if it takes forever," said Carolyn Brown, who works for J.P. Stevens and



# What Happened In Whitakers?



On April 19, 1977, an Afro-American by the name of Charlie Lee entered Joe Judge's store to buy a pack of cigarettes. Later Charlie realized he had been short-changed which is a typical tactic done to Afro-Americans.

Charlie Lee returned to the store and demanded his rightfully owned money-money he had slaved in the fields to earn. Charlie Lee failed to get his money but instead he got shot in the side.

His friend who was waiting in the car heard the shot and took Charlie to the Nash County Hospital where he died two days later.



# What Happened To Joe Judge?

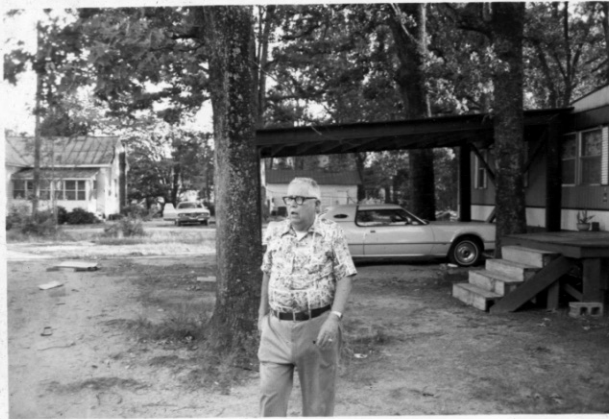


Nothing

Joe Judge was let out on \$10,000 bond, was allowed to return to his store with the same gun that he had just killed Charlie Lee with. Here he would continue to rip people off and harrass them.













PROPERTY HOLDINGS OF 3 JUDGE BROTHERS IN WHITAKERS, NORTH CAROLINA

#1 M.C. Judge - is by far the richest of the three brothers with property holdings valued at almost  $\frac{1}{2}$  million dollars on the tax books. Property values for tax purposes are always undervalued so M.C. Judge is probably worth much more. Needless to say, all of his wealth, as others among the rich white families in Whitakers, was made through the exploitation of blacks over many years and generations.

LISTING OF M.C. JUDGES PROPERTY HOLDINGS (TOTAL= \$217,230)

1. Map 2, Block 1, Lot 17 (this refers to code of how you locate his property within tax map books)(all valuations 1977) \$2,500  
M.C. Judge N. Whitakers fronting on Hwy. 301 CITY valued
2. Map 0-2, Lot 26  
M.C. Judge & wife Doris L. N. Whitakers RURAL valued \$19,440  
deed book 945, page 535
3. Map 0-2, lot 27 M.C. Judge & wife Doris L. valued at \$8,690  
farm North Whitakers, RURAL
4. Map 2, Block 6, Lot 6 CITY M.C. Judge White St. residential lot 1  
valued \$2,440
5. Map 2, Block 6, Lot 5 1 lot White Street, store, Hwy. 301  
COMMERCIAL, North Whitakers township, Mobil Service Station &  
Grocery valued at \$6420
6. Map 2, Block 6, Lot 4; 1 lot White St. COMMERCIAL  
M.C. Judge land value \$2,000; trailer hook-ups valued at \$800  
total valuation= \$2,890
7. Map 2, Block 6, Lot 7 CITY 1 lot White St., Hill House #10,  
Blk. E M.C. Judge valued at \$4,860
8. Map 2, Block 6, Lot 9 1 lot, White St. #8-9, corner of  
White & Taylor, Hwy. 301 valued at \$1,280
9. Map 2, Block 7, Lot 2 CITY 1 lot- New St.  
M.C. Judge & wife Doris (this is their new brick ranch house,  
which is located around the corner from Joe Judges' service station  
& store valued at \$59,100
10. Map 2, Block 7, Lot 3 1 lot, new valued at \$650  
D.E. Cutch & J.H., Jr. M.C. Judge & wife Doris L.
11. Map 0-3, Lot 12 RURAL 252, 5A Broddie-Powell  
M.C. Judge 252 acres; has tobacco allotment of 14.02 acres  
(30,000 pounds) & peanuts allotment of 22.8 acres; tenant house  
on property  
deed book # 691, page 552, 1959. farm bought for \$54,700  
now valued at \$85,840
12. Map N-2, Lot 10; 59, 6A Whitehead M.C. Judge RURAL  
state road 1510 Doris Lewis Judge (wife's name)  
Whitehead farm valued at \$23,120



## Page 2 (PROPERTY HOLDINGS)

#2 WILSON WOODROW JUDGE is the 2nd richest of the Judge brothers. He owns & operates JUDGE's EXXON Service Station & Store on Hwy. 301 South as you enter Whitakers from Rocky Mount. His store has flashing red neon sign reading "Judge's" over awning of station. Joe Judge's store & service station (Texaco) is located at the other end of Whitakers on Hwy. 301 (toward Enfield).

LISTING OF WILSON WOODROW JUDGE PROPERTY HOLDINGS (TOTAL= \$40,930)

1. Map 1, Block 8, Lot 1 COMMERCIAL 5 lots, White St. #1 thru 5,  
Moore Avenue & White St. (Hwy. 301) Block B, Moore  
Woodrow Wilson Judge; mobil home on lot, grocery store, canopy  
with concrete floor valued at \$12,870
2. Map 1, Block 6, Lot 7 Lot #13 of J.C. Moore, Div. M/Bk. 1, p. 2  
Blk. A Wilson Judge valued at \$250
3. Map 1, Block 6, Lot 6 CITY 5 lots, Moore Blk. A #8-9-10-11-12  
Wilson W. Judge & wife valued at \$1000
4. Map 1, Block 6, Lot 8 1 lot Moore (50' X 150')  
Wilson W. Judge & wife valued at \$150
5. Map 1, Block 7, Lot 15 CITY 1 lot White St., J.C. Moore  
valued at \$22,830
6. Map 1, Block 8, Lot 6 2 lots #6 & #14, Blk. B., J.C. Moore  
Wilson Judge & wife valued at \$3,600
7. Map 0-3, Lot 7A 1-5A Judge R.C. & William Judge  
valued at \$230

#3 JOE JUDGE (he has no property holdings on record; however, this isn't a complete indication of his wealth as he has a brand new Lincoln Continental and could have money in the bank & elsewhere)

Joe Judge's store; Tax map #2, Block 5, Lot 9 is owned by Stallings Oil & Coal Co., 315 W. Ridge St., Rocky Mount, N.C. phone= 446-6184. They are the Texaco distributor for the area there 1 lot, A.J. Moore lots #1-2-3-4 & 14, Blk. D. Joe Judge Texaco building burned down in 1975 and was rebuilt  
land worth \$6090 & improvements worth \$3,170  
Joe Judge lives in a trailer behind the station & grocery store



# What Did The People Do?

CONCERN CITIZENS OF WHITAKERS

PUBLIC MEETING

MAY 18, 1977

7:30 P.M.

JERUSALEM BAPTIST CHURCH

-PROGRAM-

SONG.....LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

SCRIPTURE

PRAYER

PURPOSE.....REV. EDWARD KING  
PASTOR JERUSALEM BAPTIST CHURCH

INTRODUCTION.....FRANKLIN D. WILLIAMS  
BOARD MEMBER FRANKLINTON CENTER, INC.

SPEAKER.....MR. BEN S. RUFFIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
NORTH CAROLINA HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL

QUESTION PERIOD

REMARKS.....MRS. E. HAWKINS  
ROCKY MOUNT NAACP

CLOSING.....WE SHALL OVERCOME!!

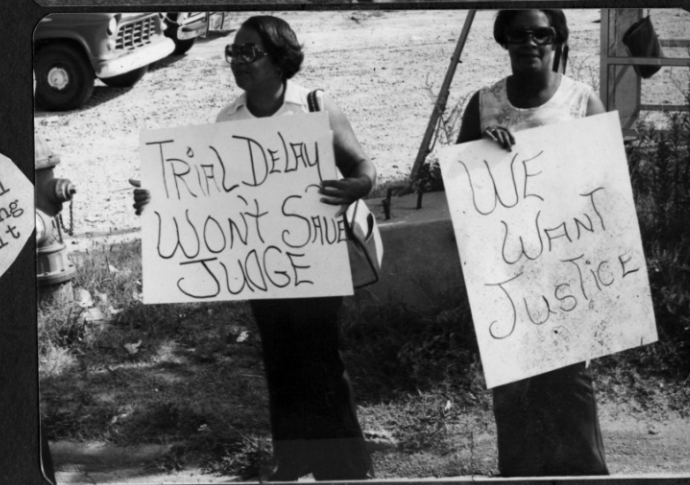
The people rose up by the hundreds in protest of their brother being shot down in cold blood by a wealthy storeowner and slumlord. There were demonstrations in the streets where the people displayed their anger at what had happened.

In an attempt to buy out and cool off the people's just struggle, the state brought in Ben Ruffin, a so-called leader of the Afro-American people but actually only a robot of the capitalist class who use his color to try to confuse the people.



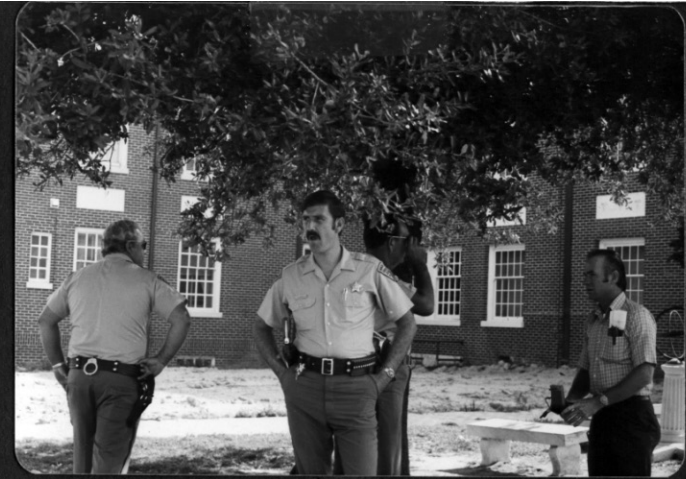


Leola Lee, the widow of Charlie, has served as an inspiration to all who are struggling in the Black Belt South.

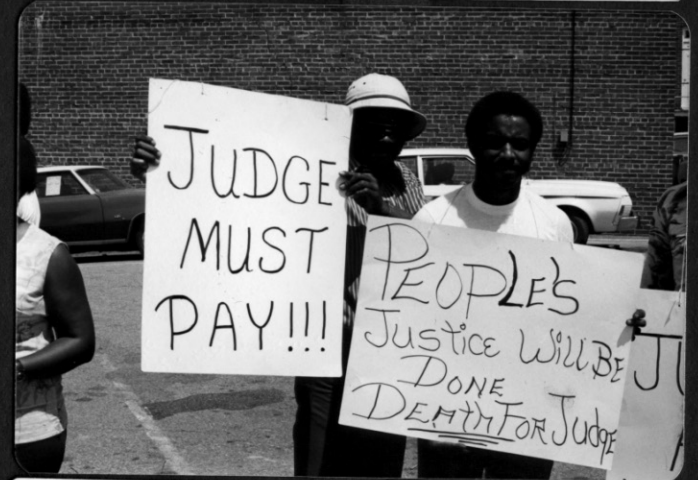














# **SOWETO COMMEMORATION**



Sponsored by Durham ALSC  
Stanford Warren Library  
1201 Fayetteville Street  
June 16, 1977

# **African Liberation Support Committee**



## **ALL AFRICA WILL BE FREE!**

**ALSC — Durham Chapter  
Box 795  
Durham, N.C. 27702**

ALSC holds meeting in Durham and  
spreads the word about what's  
going on in Whitakers.



**FROM**

**TO**

**SOUTH**

**NORTH**

**AFRICA**

**CAROLINA**



On June 16, 1976, in Soweto, Azania (South Africa), tens of thousands of African students rose up to attack the brutal system of apartheid and imperialism that keeps them enslaved. The movement spread like wildfire as thousands of workers joined the protests. The racist police tried to kill the resistance with guns. Hundreds of these heroic fighters were killed by police bullets. Hundreds fell in the struggle to liberate their country from white racist rule. But thousands more rose up to take their place and to carry on the struggle. Today this struggle goes on, growing day by day.

On April 19, 1977, in Whittaker, North Carolina, Charles Lee, a Black man, was shot to death in cold blood, by a white racist shopkeeper, for no reason other than he was Black. At his court hearing, the murderer was set free by the racist judge. Hundreds of people in the Whittaker area rose up and demonstrated that justice be done, that the murderer be punished. That struggle continues today too.

The African Liberation Support Committee (ALSC) exists to support the just struggles of the African and the Afro-American masses of people. After almost two years of inactivity, the ALSC is being reorganized. Just two weeks ago, on African Liberation Day (May 28th), the ALSC had a demonstration of over 1,000 people in Washington, D.C.

Come to our next meeting and hear about all these struggles and what you can do!

**DATE: Thursday, June 16, 1977**

**TIME: 7 P.M.**

**PLACE: Stanford L. Warren  
Library - Corner Umstead/  
Fayetteville St.**

Take part in a memorial for the liberation fighters of Soweto and the fallen brother from Whittaker; turn grief into strength to continue the struggle for national liberation and against racism. Hear about this year's African Liberation Day (ALD) and help us rebuild ALSC.



# JUSTICE MUST BE DONE!



On April 19, after cheating Charlie Lee out of \$7.00 in change, Joe Judge shot and killed him. Joe Judge, a murderer and a thief, is still a free man, still walking the streets and still cheating people in his store. Folks around here say it's not the first time Judge did something like this. And unless something is done, unless Judge is punished for his crime, it won't be the last. He still tends his store with his roll of money on one hip and his gun on the other.

Many of us have struggled hard for justice in this case. We had a demonstration with almost all of Whitakers marching. It was a display of Black power like Joe Judge and his friends tremble with fear, a display of Black power like Whitakers had never seen. For a time after this, divisions developed among us, and we were temporarily weakened. But two weeks ago a rally was held at Bleeding Hill and now the divisions are healing. Our struggle is growing strong again. Some people are still dealing with Judge. But should we wait for another murder, should we wait for Judge to kill another man before he is put where he should be? NO! Our family or friends could be next. Our voices must not be dimmed. Justice must be done!

Some of us visited the City Council calling for answers to our demands. They told us to wait, that in two weeks we would have an answer. That's been over two months now, and we still have no answers. We can't wait for City Council to answer our demands. They are like the courts who refuse to try Joe Judge. The only way to make them move is to struggle.

The City Council and the courts are part of the same system that oppresses us. A small group of rich white folks sit on our backs and control our lives. They control the courts, the city councils, the police; they own the land we still slave on and the factories we work in. They even own the houses we live in. They keep us in poverty to keep themselves rich. They live well from the fruits of our labor while we scrape by on miserable paychecks, or on a share of the crop we grow, or on a pitiful social security check. They live in luxury while we don't even have sewer lines for our homes, or sidewalks in our communities.

Charlie Lee's murder is part of this system of oppression. His life was worth less than a handful of change to the courts and to the City Council. But for us, Charlie Lee's life was a very precious thing. And we must avenge his murder by seeing that justice is done.

Join us in our rally this week to see that justice is done.

**DATE** TUESDAY, JULY 26

**TIME** 8:30 PM

**PLACE** TRIPLE OAKS RECREATION CENTER

DISCO FEATURING THE REFLECTORS WILL FOLLOW - \$1.00 DONATION

PEOPLE'S COALITION FOR JUSTICE



# JUSTICE MUST BE DONE!



On April 19, in Whitakers N.C., Charlie Lee, a Black man, was shot and killed by Joe Judge, a white racist shopkeeper and landlord. Charlie Lee was shot and killed for only one reason -- he was Black. And Judge didn't even spend one day in jail -- the system protects him because he's a rich white man. This was nothing but an old style lynch murder, a vicious act of national oppression.

Soon after Charlie Lee was murdered, hundreds of people in Whitakers marched to demonstrate their outrage and disgust with a system that allows an innocent man's life to be taken, and the murderer to go unpunished. And today their demand must become our demand -- justice must be done! To continue their struggle a disco/rally will be held in Whitakers on July 6.

For centuries Black people have been oppressed. First we were torn from Africa, shipped like cargo to be slaves on plantations in America. Today it's as new kinds of slaves: tenant farmers, sharecroppers, and factory workers. Still we slave our lives away to make other men rich. Still Black people throughout the South and the whole U.S. suffer intense exploitation and oppression. Still our lives are cheap -- Charlie Lee was killed for a handful of change. The struggle in Whitakers is our struggle!

The African Liberation Support Committee exists to further the struggles for liberation in Southern Africa, and also to support the struggles against national oppression in this country. We are inviting our friends and supporters to join with us to support the people of Whitakers in their struggle for justice.

## DISCO/ RALLY

\* speeches, songs, music, & dancing \*  
featuring THE REFLECTORS

Wed., July 6  
Starts at 7 p.m.  
Whitakers Recreation Center  
(on Highway 301)

Refreshments  
\$1 Donation for  
the Band





**DISCO/RALLY**

*"Justice Must Be Done"*

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Date: Wednesday, July 6, 1977

Place: Whitakers Recreation Center  
(On Highway 301)

The rally will be followed by a Disco . . .  
featuring ***The Reflectors***

Speeches, Songs, Refreshments  
Music, Dancing

\$1 Donation  
for the band



## SONG SHEET

## HAVE YOU HEARD?

Whitakers, Whitakers, have you heard  
 (MASSES RESPOND BY REPEATING)  
 Liberation is the word.  
 (MASSES RESPOND BY REPEATING)  
 Whitakers, Whitakers, ain't it right?  
 (MASSES RESPOND BY REPEATING)  
 Fight for justice is our fight  
 (MASSES RESPOND BY REPEATING)  
 Am I wrong or right?  
 (MASSES RESPOND: "YOU'RE RIGHT!")  
 Am I wrong or right?  
 (MASSES RESPOND: "YOU'RE RIGHT!")  
 Am I wrong or right?  
 (MASSES RESPOND: "YOU'RE RIGHT!")

People, people, have you heard?  
 Joe Judge is a dirty word:  
 People, people ain't it right?  
 Hanging Joe Judge is out of sight.  
 Am I wrong or right?  
 Am I wrong or right?  
 Am I wrong or right?

Workers, workers, have you heard?  
 Better jobs is the word.  
 Workers, workers ain't it right?  
 Higher wages is our fight.  
 Am I wrong or right?  
 Am I wrong or right?  
 Am I wrong or right?

Farmers, farmers have you heard?  
 Land ownership is the word.  
 Farmers, farmers ain't it right?  
 Taking back the land is our fight?  
 Am I wrong or right?  
 Am I wrong or right?  
 Am I wrong or right?

Afro-Americans have you heard?  
 Liberation is the word.  
 Afro-Americans ain't it right?  
 Self-determination is our right?  
 Am I wrong or right?  
 Am I wrong or right?  
 Am I wrong or right?

Whitakers, Whitakers have you heard?  
 Liberation is the word.  
 Whitakers, Whitakers ain't it right?  
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 Am I wrong or right?  
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## WHITAKERS PEOPLE ARE RISING!

Whitakers' people are rising  
 rising,  
 fighting,  
 struggling,  
 organizing,  
 Whitakers' people are rising.

Afro-Americans are rising,  
 rising,  
 fighting,  
 organizing,  
 liberating,  
 Afro-Americans are rising.

Farm workers are rising,  
 rising,  
 fighting,  
 struggling,  
 organizing,  
 Farm workers are rising.

Factory workers are rising,  
 rising,  
 fighting,  
 struggling,  
 unionizing,  
 Factory workers are rising.

African people are rising,  
 rising,  
 fighting,  
 struggling,  
 organizing,  
 African people are rising.

Whitakers people are rising,  
 rising,  
 fighting,  
 struggling,  
 liberating,  
 Whitakers people are rising.

## CHANTS

THE PEOPLE SAY, JUDGE MUST PAY!  
 (repeat four times)

THE MAN SAYS RUN, WE SAY FIGHT!  
 WE KNOW JUSTICE IS OUR RIGHT!  
 (repeat four times)

BLACK, BROWN, YELLOW, WHITE,  
 WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE!  
 (repeat four times)



7/21/77

Dear Friend,

We are sure that you are aware of the great injustice that is being done in Whitakers. Charlie Lee, a Black man, was murdered in April; he was killed after he was shortchanged at the store and demanded his money back. Mr. Lee was killed for a handful of change. Yet still today the money Joseph Judge, a rich white shopkeeper and landlord, has not even stood trial, or spent any time in jail. If we don't do anything, Judge will go unpunished.

We are sponsoring a rally this Tuesday night, July 26, at 8:30 PM at the Triple Oaks Recreation Center to say that justice must be done in this case. We hope you can come and that you can bring friends to strengthen our struggle. We are struggling for justice for all of us, against our oppression as Black people and poor people. And the victim of this crime could have been any one of our families or friends. We must not allow such a crime to go unpunished, or such crimes against our people will only grow. We must not allow an innocent man to be murdered and the murderer to go free.

Thank you for your support. We hope to see you Tuesday.

Sincerely, *Leola Lee*  
*Waldo James*

Waldo James  
Temporary Chairman,  
People's Coalition for Justice

Mrs. Leona Lee



PRESS RELEASE

RELEASE DATE: IMMEDIATE *(July 22, 1977)*  
 SUBJECT: WHITAKER, N.C. RESIDENTS CALL FOR JUSTICE OVER SHOOTING DEATH OF BLACK MAN  
 FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: Mr. Waldo James, Chairman  
 People's Coalition for Justice  
 phone: (919) 437-7741 in Whitakers, N.C.

"WHITAKER, N.C. RESIDENTS CALL FOR JUSTICE OVER SHOOTING DEATH OF BLACK MAN"

A rally will be held on Tuesday, July 27, 1977 to call for justice in the fatal shooting of Charles Lee, allegedly Joseph Judge. The rally will be sponsored by the People's Coalition for Justice. It will begin at 9:00 P.M. at the Triple Oaks Recreation Center on Highway 301 North between Whitakers and Enfield, North Carolina.

On April 19, 1977 Charles Lee was shot through the chest, allegedly by Joseph Judge. Mr. Lee died two days later. Mr. Judge has been indicted for murder, but no trial date has been set, nor has Mr. Judge spent any time in jail. He was released on \$200 bond. Mr. Lee was Black and Mr. Judge is white.

Shortly after the death of Charles Lee, a protest march with over 500 people was held. Several marches and rallies have been held since April 19th. At the last rally, held on July 6th, speakers from the African Liberation Support Committee (A.L.S.C.), a member group of the coalition, called for the residents of Whitakers to "persist in the struggle to see justice done. Nothing changes without a struggle. So if we want justice, we must struggle for it."

The rally will have speakers, songs, and chants.

Mr. Waldo James, chairman, of the People's Coalition for Justice, encourages all interested residents to come out to the rally at 9 P.M. on Tuesday, July 27th in order to find out more about the shooting death of Charles Lee.



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August 2, 1977

Dear Friend,

Joe Judge goes to trial on Tuesday, August 9, 1977 in Nashville, N.C. We are all waiting to see what kind of "justice" the courts will give out. Already Joe Judge has been free for four months since he murdered Charlie and free to carry his gun. He is charged with second degree murder rather than first degree. This means a lighter punishment for him--if he gets punished at all. We must continue our struggle to be sure justice is done.

We will be having a mass meeting Monday night, August 8th, at 8:30 P.M. at the Franklinton Center Library in Bricks, N.C. (on Highway 301 North of Whitakers) to show our continued determination to struggle. On Tuesday, August 9th, there will be a rally and picket at the Nashville Court House calling for justice to be done.

Meanwhile, we are organizing a boycott of Joe Judge's store. We are urging our friends and neighbors to stop buying at Judge's store. Not only is Judge still dangerous, but he and others like him should be shown that our community will oppose anyone who murders our people. Enclosed are several leaflets about the boycott. Please post them where people can see them and tell your neighbors not to buy at Joe Judge's store. This is one way the people can see justice done.

Last Tuesday, July 26th, we had a successful rally at the Triple Oaks. Over 170 people filled the room with our songs, chants, cheers, and speakers. Our strength and determination are growing. Let the newspapers said only 50 people were there. This is why we must rely on the people, not the newspapers.

We want to thank you for the warm support you have given and for your continued interest. Hope to see you Monday night at the mass meeting, and we hope you can make it to Nashville on Tuesday.

Sincerely,

*Leola Lee*

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"WHITAKERS, N.C. CITIZENS CONTINUE STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE IN SHOOTING DEATH CASE"

It has been almost four months since the April 19, 1977 shooting death of Charlie Lee, a black man. Joe Judge, who operates a store and service station in Whitakers, N.C., has been indicted for second degree murder in the shooting incident. The trial of Joe Judge is scheduled to begin at the Nashville Courthouse of Tuesday, August 9th.

The people of Whitakers, N.C. are determined to see that justice is done in this case of one of its citizens. A local group, The People's Coalition for Justice, has been organizing around the case for several months. The group has held numerous mass meetings, demonstrations, and rallies. The group plans to step up its activities with the upcoming trial of Joe Judge in the shooting death of Charlie Lee.

Today, the People's Coalition for Justice, announced its plans for the week of the trial. First, on Monday, August 8th, the group will hold a mass meeting at 8:30 P.M. at the Franklinton Center Library in Bricks, N.C. (located on Highway 301 North of Whitakers, N.C.) The purpose of this meeting will be (1) to show the continued and determined support of the people of Whitakers in seeking justice in the shooting death of Charlie Lee and (2) to plan a demonstration and rally that will take place during the opening day of Joe Judge's trial.

Second, on Tuesday, August 9th, the People's Coalition for Justice is planning a demonstration and rally that will take place near the courthouse in Nashville, N.C. Joe Judge's trial is scheduled to open during court session on Tuesday, August 9th.

The rally will begin at 9:00 A.M. ( $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before the court session opens at 9:30 A.M.) The third activity of the People's Coalition for Justice being planned is an economic boycott of Joe Judge's store and service station in Whitakers, N.C. The group is distributing leaflets calling upon local residents not to shop at Judge's store until he receives justice for the shooting death of Charlie Lee.

Waldo James, Temporary Chairman of the People's Coalition for Justice, and Mrs. Leola Lee, widow of Charlie Lee, emphasized, "we must show Joe Judge and others like him that our community will oppose anyone who murders our people. We will continue our struggle to be sure justice is done."

The Coalition has invited all who are interested to attend the August 8th mass meeting in Bricks, N.C. and the August 9th rally at the courthouse in Nashville, N.C.

The group said that there is growing support interest and support for the Whitaker's people in their struggle to see that justice is done in this case.



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## Murder Trial Re-Scheduled

The murder trial of Joseph M. Judge, a white service station owner charged in the April 19 slaying of Charles Lee in Whitakers, has been continued to a special session slated for Sept. 19.

The trial was originally slated for the regular session of Nash County Superior Court today but the move to call a special session was procured by District Attorney Frank Brown and announced this morning in court. A judge for the special session has not been appointed.

The change of date for the trial means that an extra week has been designated in court for the special session, Brown said.

Meanwhile, a group call-

ing itself the Peoples Coalition for Justice demonstrated in Nashville this morning claiming the defendant has been given special treatment through the courts.

Mrs. Charles Lee, wife of the 48-year-old black farm worker who was slain in the Whitakers incident, was among the group of protesters. "We simply want to see justice done and we will continue to push for this throughout the trial," Mrs. Lee said.

"It is clear that the trial is being put off to let things cool down," said Nelson Johnson, a spokesman for the group. "But we want to make it clear that whenever or wherever the trial takes place, we plan to be there," he said.











