



**RABER WHARTON, 48**, formerly of St. Louis, Mo., talks with one of her young charges in Barbados, an island in the Eastern Caribbean. Ms. Wharton (left), a peace corps volunteer is applying her more than 20 years of professional experience as a teacher and director of nurseries and day care centers. Assigned to the Nutrition Center in Bridgetown, she is helping to provide early childhood care and guidance to 500 youngsters who have suffered from malnutrition. She also is training employees of day care centers and children's homes.

## Pres. Carter lends direction

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major thrust of Mr. Carter's foreign policy. During his inauguration, Mr. Carter said, "Because we are free, we can never be indifferent to the fate of freedom elsewhere."

"Our moral sense dictates a clear-cut preference for those societies which share with us an abiding respect for individual human rights. We do not seek to intimidate, but it is clear that a world which others can dominate with impunity would be inhospitable to decency."

But Zbigniew Brzezinski, assistant to the President in National Security Affairs, said the Administration is not "making human rights the condition for dealing with governments."

"We see movement towards human rights as inherent in the present, if you will—the evolution of mankind, the rising demands, more literacy, more communications—all of that is producing many more demands for human rights," Mr. Brzezinski said, adding, "and we want to encourage that."

The intent of the Carter Administration, Mr. Brzezinski said, is to make "other governments and people more sensitive to the issue."

Those who criticize Mr. Carter's human rights stand often cite the case of the Wilmington 10 as an example of alleged human rights violations.

On June 14, 1977, Mr. Carter had this to say about the "10"—nine Bilalian men (and a Caucasian woman who has since been freed). The men are serving a total of 282 years for allegedly burning down Mike's Grocery in Wilmington, N.C. during a racial disturbance in 1971.

"...the only comment I am free to make under our own system of government is that I hope that justice will prevail, that the ones who are accused of the crime will be given a fair trial; if they are found guilty, that they'll be punished in accordance with normal procedures for an equivalent crime committed."

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Mr. Carter continued: "There is a

very strict prohibition, as you know, against the encroachment of the Executive Branch of government on the Judicial Branch. The Attorney-General (Griffin Bell) is concerned about this particular case in that he wants the same thing I want, and that is that justice be done.

"This has been a matter of longstanding controversy both on the domestic scene and internationally as well. And I trust the system in its entirety. If there ever is a mistake made at a lower level in our judicial system there's always a right to appeal.

"And I believe the history of our judicial system is that ultimately they make the right decision...I think that it would be improper for me to try to impose what I think should be a judgment in a case that I've not heard tried and I don't have any direct familiarity with the evidence. I believe that evidence will prevail."

An indication of the direction the Carter Administration was going was revealed less than 24 hours after being sworn in.

In a move that surprised many, Mr. Carter pardoned Viet Nam draft evaders which numbered into the thousands. However, deserters who are overseas, were not covered by the order, neither were those who received "less than honorable" discharges for going AWOL.

Mr. Carter also caused quite a stir with his "amnesty for aliens" program. The program called for granting amnesty to aliens who have been working in the U.S. for seven years or more.

The proposal also called for allowing those who have been in the country for less than seven years but who were here prior to Jan. 1, 1977 to remain. The catch is that they would be denied certain social services and they would not be allowed to bring in their families.

Mr. Carter is expected to continue practices along these lines. Most observers say that the first year of a new Administration is no true measure of the effectiveness of that Administration.

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