

Second round of hearings held



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Judge James Long, who presided over the 1980 state murder trial of the Klansmen and Nazis accused of killing five Communist Workers Party members on November 3, 1979, told members of the Greensboro Truth and Reconciliation Commission last week that Federal Bureau of Investigation "signal analysis" of the gunfire and CWP supporters' courtroom behavior played key roles in the acquittal of the six defendants on murder charges.

"Most of what I learned about that fateful day came from the evidence presented at the state criminal trial," said Long.

Commission organizers said the two days of hearings, held at N.C. A&T State University's 298-seat McNair Auditorium, drew about 500 people, about 100 more than the initial hearings held in July.



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Top row, from left: Testimony at the hearing came from, among others, Rev. Cardes Brown, who was president of the Pulpit Forum in 1979; Rev. Nelson Johnson, who organized the 1979 rally; Lewis Pitts, who represented the Nathan family at the 1985 civil trial;