

NAACP Decries Attack On Black GI's In Europe

BOSTON — NAACP delegates unanimously adopted an emergency resolution, which calls for a halt to the rise of racial discrimination against black troops in the armed services.

The resolution urged the "Commander-in-Chief," President Reagan, to ensure that racism and discrimination are not repeated in the armed services.

The resolution stated that "there is a resurgence of racism as indicated in recent studies that blacks do not have the same mental capacities as non-blacks."

The delegates indignantly challenged that report by resolving to take all steps "to disavow any implied or stated attacks and/or statements on the mental capacities on blacks as a

group." The resolution also stated that the "Brookings Institute reported that the all-volunteer armed services has become racially imbalanced."

In addition, the resolution mentioned that Germans have been complaining that there are too many black troops in their country.

"Black troops," the resolution said, "have

been accused of an unwillingness to carry out their duty on assignments in certain domestic situations."

To the charges Margaret Bush Wilson, chairperson of the NAACP National Board of Directors, said forcefully, "How dare you question the clairob of our boys."

The delegates cheered and applauded their approval.

Voters Reject Longer Terms For Legislators

By Joseph E. Green

The "con game" that some North Carolina legislators tried to run on North Carolina voters "conned" itself last Tuesday when the constitutional amendment

which would have extended state legislators terms from two to four years was defeated all across the state.

Of the five constitutional amendments that voters had to decide, the one that would have lengthened the terms was the most controversial.

In fact, a former state legislator and veteran North Carolina politician said, during an interview prior to the vote, that "this is a con game... some people want to become full-time politicians at the expense of the people."

Tom Gilmore, chairman of the "Keep The Two Year Term Committee," said he was delighted that the vote turned out the way that it did.

Prior to the vote, Gilmore accused those politicians who favored the four year term of being "self-serving" and "deceitful."

In a related matter, voters concerned with the rising costs of utilities and the indifference of administrative bodies to their plights, approved a measure giving the North Carolina Supreme Court the authority to review direct appeals from the state utilities board.

A leading opponent of the four-year-term amendment was Durham Representative Ken Spaulding who led all candidates in the state house race and who received more votes than any other candidate running in Durham County.



BOSTON—U. S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy (l) and Benjamin L. Hooks (r) Executive Director of the NAACP, shake hands along with Hook's grandson Carlton Gray and Kennedy's son Patrick after the senator delivered a speech at the NAACP National con-

vention, Haynes Memorial Auditorium. Kennedy opened up with a heavy barrage against the civil rights record of the Reagan administration in his speech. UPI Photo

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authority on the black family. He states: "The black family is one of the strongest institutions in America." In spite of the degradation, social turmoil, and welfare difficulties, the black family survives as a tribute to the inherent capabilities of blacks to survive in spite of the odds.

Following is the basic principle that underlies all interpersonal relationships: A large helping of love, understanding, compassion, patience, support, teamwork, fairness, trust, perseverance, and the belief that every problem can be overcome if both partners want to work toward this goal. Combine this recipe with common sense. Now, serve a helping of this concoction to your mate and yourself before arising in the morning and before going to bed at night. Although blacks face unusually difficult circumstances in society, a healthy dose of the above medicine, taken on a regular basis, will cure all interpersonal ills.

It may not eliminate every problem in society but you will, nevertheless, be happy. You can, then, direct your attention to the other problems in society. It has worked for other races — why not for blacks.

Your suggestions are welcomed. Suggestions for future articles will be appreciated. Cassette tapes of this and other articles are available for individual use, discussion groups and classroom use. All letters and inquiries should be sent to Dr. Charles W. Faulkner, Post Office 50016, Washington, D.C. 20004.



By the way...

By Joe Black

I have never said that racism does not exist in these United States, because racism has been a part of our society since 1619 when John Hawkins first brought us into this country as slaves. And I do say that too often Black people use the word racism as an excuse for our inadequacies. Quite often these are the same people who, in a bragging fashion, talk about Harriet Tubman and the "Underground Railroad," Crispus Attucks and the Boston Massacre, Malcolm X and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., encouraging our people to strive for independence and equality of opportunity. But those same people are not doing; they seem to have lost that fighting spirit. Thus, I keep saying that racism is an excuse, not the only reason why Black Americans fail to achieve our anticipated socio-economic growth.

We must admit that some of our failures are because too many of us have allowed apathy and welfare to make us lazy and abandon the fighting spirit of "We Shall Overcome." Well, somebody up there must like us and is giving us a second chance to destroy this unconcerned listlessness and put forth the needed effort.

My friends, it is no longer a request but an ultimatum that Black Americans become more involved in the political process. Black people failed to put forth the necessary efforts during the last national elections and are now grumbling about budget cuts and loss of jobs. Procrastination and postulation can no longer be tolerated because the survival of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 is dependent upon pressures from millions of Black people. To impress you with the importance of the voting act to Black America, let me cite a statistic from the Voter Education Project:

"Since passage of the act in 1965, minority voter registration has increased by a thousand percent in Mississippi, more than a hundred percent in some other Southern states; additionally, the region now has 2400 Black elected officials as compared to less than a hundred prior to 1965."

So, write to the President, your senator, and congressperson. Remember! The vote you save may be your own.

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Plain Talk About The Law Warranties and Guarantees

How do you know the product you will buy will work? What can you do if it breaks? How do you know what kinds of promises you can depend on?

To answer these questions you need to know about the guarantee. The guarantee on a product is called the "warranty".

There are two main types of warranties — implied and express. Express warranties are written down; implied are not.

The law says that the product you buy must be fit for its intended use. This is the implied warranty. For example, if you buy a loaf of bread, you should be able to eat it. If the bread is molded you can take it back and

get another loaf. The implied warranty protects you. The bread was not fit for its intended use.

Everything has an implied warranty, unless there is a disclaimer in writing. A disclaimer usually says the product is sold "AS IS." This means the seller is not responsible for the product. You buy it at your own risk. For example, if the store has a sign which says, "Day-Old Bread, 15¢ — As Is," that is a disclaimer. If you buy the bread and it is moldy, the store does not have to take it back.

You should be very careful about buying products sold "As Is." You have no protection if they are bad.

When you buy something that costs a lot of money you want more than an "implied warranty". You want a guarantee in writing. This is called an "express warranty". An express warranty is the written promise of the seller or manufacturer. This warranty will tell you:

- (1) What parts of the products are guaranteed;
- (2) How long the guarantee is good;
- (3) What the seller or manufacturer will do if the product doesn't work;
- (4) What you have to do to get repairs or a refund.

This warranty is good for anyone who owns the product during the warranty time. Be sure to read the warranty carefully before you buy. What you have in writing is your protection.

Next time you get ready to buy something, check the kind of warranty you are getting. Watch out for disclaimers. Make sure you understand what's covered. Know what you have to do. Check more than one store when buying expensive products.

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ethnic and ecological issue in the most human sense. No group is likely to lose more than black Americans in the current craze to create more nuclear missiles. A mistake would be to think at least there will be only limited "conventional" wars if there are enough bombs around without a need for an all out nuclear battle. But it will be black American soldiers sent to the front lines in a limited European "conflict". Considering the over 28% black American contingency in the U.S. Army, black deaths would be astronomical in any conventional conflict. Conscription of more young black Americans and Americans of any color is a very real case if this country is involved in a body-consuming conventional conflict of arms. The U.S. Navy's Tomahawk cruise missile, is a killer riding a computer; can

cover a distance of 1,550 miles, make TN Chicago to New York or San Francisco to Los Angeles run at 550 miles per hour striking from land, sea or air. A three million dollar menace which can be armed to smash its target with a conventional warhead, or vaporize the mother with a nuclear blast. Both nuclear super power have such weapons on the ready. Why no use them first on the weak, then on each other?

The total worldwide military spending was almost a half trillion dollars (\$42 billion) in 1979, up some 22.5% from 1970-1979. The U.S. and its allies account for a third of this money as does the USSR and its associates. A shame for both bad boys. The sin and the end is when each gets an itch to squeeze the trigger to hear the last big bang.

Two Durhamites On Newspaper Staff

WINSTON-SALEM — The newspaper staff of the Governor's School West elected staff officers at its first week's organizational meetings at Salem College, site of the school. The officers and their staffs will publish a weekly edition of the "West Points," which will cover the unique and not-so-unique experiences at this summer school campus.

The list of staff officers includes Ms. Amy Davis and Ms. Sonya Bell of Durham.

These summer experiences will provide unique instruction for specially selected gifted (in academics) and talented (in the arts) students. The experiences will be typical.

however, in the sense that they will involve juniors and seniors from North Carolina's high schools and will reflect their social as well as cultural and academic activities.

Now celebrating its 20th anniversary, the Governor's School West accents contemporary theory in all areas of study and encourages creative problem solving and divergent thinking. A similar program Governor's School East (1978), operates in Laurinburg, on the campus of St. Andrews College. The Governor's School concept as originated in North Carolina has served as a model throughout the nation.



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