

NEWS DIGEST—

National, state and local news briefs compiled by Greg Brown

Apartheid demonstrators on waiting list

NEW YORK -- So many people want to be arrested outside the South African Consulate here that the New York support committee of TransAfrica now has a waiting list.

More than 140 persons have been arrested since Nov. 21 for blocking the entrance to the building in protest of the Reagan administration's refusal to use economic and diplomatic leverage to change South Africa's apartheid system of racial segrega-

Demonstrators are taken police headquarters and are issued summonses. The Village Voice reports that a criminal court judge recently congratulated a district attorney for dismissing charges against the first 43 persons arrested, calling apartheid "an abomination." The next group which was charged with disorderly conduct was to appear appear in court yesterday.

Harriet Michel, chairman of the New York support committee, says she hopes the protests will create "a blizzard of bills in the state assembly and City Council that range from the divestiture of corporations to some type of sanctions." A bill to prohibit the city from accepting bids from corporations that have operations in South Africa will be reintroduced in the City Council soon.

Michel says she thinks the term "waiting list" sounds frivolous, but that there are enough participants to keep the demonstrations alive for a considerable length of time.

Those desiring arrest have contacted Michel at the New York Urban League to schedule a time to appear at the consulate at 425 Park Avenue. Legal aid attorneys are making themselves available to represent the demonstrators.

Supreme Court upholds affirmative action

WASHINGTON -- The Supreme Court, in a 6-3 decision last week, ruled that states may use affirmative action plans giving specific employment preferences to minorities, a practice described as "reverse discrimination" against whites.

The case at issue involved 15 white New York prison guards who said their chances to be promoted to captain were hurt illegally when state officials added points to " promotion test scores of blacks and Hispanics.

New York was not under federal court order to implement the affirmative action plan, but did so in 1982 when there were no minority officers holding the permanent rank of captain in any of the state's prisons.

The Supreme Court ruled in 1979 that racial af-

firmative action plans are permissible when private employers which are not under court order act to eliminate "conspicuous racial imbalance in traditionally segregated job categories." Last week marked the first time the court applied the rule to government employers.

Technically, the court did not specifically decide whether the 1979 decision should apply to government employers, but let stand a federal appeals court ruling which left the affirmative action plan intact in New York. Chief Justice Warren Burger and Justices William Rehnquist and Byron White voted to use the guards' case to decide its applicability to government employers, but at least four of the court's nine members must vote to review such cases.

Black former ambassador to Sweden dies

NEW YORK -- Dr. Jerome H. Holland, an educator, civil rights activist and former United States ambassador to Sweden died of cancer Sunday at the age of 69.

Holland was president of Hampton Institute in Hampton, Va., between 1960 and 1970, and headed another predominantly black institution, Delaware State College, for seven years prior to that.

President Richard Nixon named him Ambassador to Sweden in January 1970, a post he retained for two years. He became the first black to serve on the board of the New York Stock Exchange upon his return in 1972. He also was chairman of the American Red Cross and a member of

the boards of directors for the National Urban League and the United Negro College Fund.

Holand graduated with honors from Cornell University in 1939, where he was twice named to All-America football teams as an end. He received a master's degree in sociology from Cornell in 1941 and a doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania in 1950. He was elected to the National Football Hall of Fame in 1965.

Most recently, he was a presidential counselor and trustee emeritus at Cornell, which named its international living center in his honor.

He also was the author of articles about the social and economic conditions of American blacks and wrote a book, "Black Opportunity."

Coors increases minority bank deposits

GOLDEN, Colo. -- The Adolph Coors Co. says it had deposited a total of \$4.6 million in 31 minority-owned banks throughout its marketing territory as of late December.

The company agreed to make greater use of minority banks last year when sales declined after William K. Coors, the company's chairman and chief executive officer, reportedly made racist statements to a minority business group in Denver

The Rocky Mountain News quoted Coors as telling 110 businessmen at a seminar sponsored by Denver's Minority Business Center that "One of the best things slave traders did is to drag your ancestors over here in chains," and that in Africa, "It is not that the dedication among the blacks is less. In fact, it's greater. But they lack the intellectual capacity to succeed."

Coors, the nation's fifth largest brewery, currently is marketed in 37 states and the District of Columbia. It plans to increase that number to 44 states in early 1985 with the addition of Illinois and the New England states.

The company said it has deposits in 20 black banks, six Hispanic banks, two women's banks, two Asian banks and one American Indian bank.

"Our company has long felt a commitment to the various communities with which Coors does business," said Peter H. Coors, division president of the brewery, "and we're gratified that our minority banking program provides a procedure in which to demonstrate our continued good faith."

Crime Prevention

New tenant robs his landlord

The following "Crime Box Score" is designed to keep you abreast of criminal activity in your neighborhood during the past week and to help protect your family and property from crime.

Armed robbery

• 1700 block, Center Street

A man rented a room in his house to another man he had met earlier in the day. Later the same day, the man who rented the room pulled a knife on the landlord and threatened to kill him if he did not give up his money. The landlord had no money but did have food stamps. The robber took the food stamps and left. Police responding to the call saw a man fitting the description of the robber. They stopped him and he was later identified as the man who threatened the landlord. The robber was later Market and thought with any set of the second

Armed robbery-rape

• 400 block, North Patterson Avenue

Three women and three men were having a party in a motel room when two armed men entered. The intruders tied up the men and robbed them. Then they raped the three women, tied them up and robbed them. The two gunmen are described as a black male about 5 feet 9 inches tall weighing 160 pounds and a black male about 6feet tall weighing 225 pounds.

Strong armed robbery

200 block, North Liberty Street

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A woman filling out a deposit slip to pay for her electric bill reached into her pocket for the money when a man grabbed her from behind took her money and two rings. The man was described as a black male.

2600 Colburn Drive

A man gave another man he didn't know a ride to several locations. The driver later told rider he couldn't take him anywhere else. The rider then told the driver he would pay him for driving him

around if he would take him to one more place. Arriving at the final place, the driver and the rider walked into an apartment where the rider had agreed to pay him, where the driver was robbed by the rider and another atacker. The robbers were described as a black male about 170 pounds and a black male weighing about 165 pounds and standing 5 feet 9 inches tall.

Storebreaking

• 100 block, Walkertown Avenue

A business was broken into and 10 video games were taken, as were a pool table, cash register, six bar stools and a wooden table.

Police responded to a break-in in progress. When

• 1000 block, Cherry Street

they arrived, a witness told them three people just left the business and were running north from the scene. Timee persons were inter arrested arro. chase. Two of the three were charged with storebreaking. The other faces charges in juvenile

• 1400 block, Douglas Street

A church was broken into and food was taken from the freezer.

• 3300 block, Patterson Avenue

A business was broken into and someone tried to pry open the safe. Nothing was reported taken. • 800 East 14th Street

A business was broken into and its office was ransacked. A portable TV, a calculator and telephone were taken. • 1900 block, Jackson Avenue

A church was broken into and an amplifier, two microphones and a reel-to-reel tape recorder were

stolen. Housebreaking • 900 block, East 23rd Street

A black and white television was taken. • 1600 block, Lincoln Avenue

An assortment of frozen foods was taken.

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