

Opinions vary about black discontent

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While some black leaders say the N.C. Democratic Party is not serving its black members' interests, other party leaders, black and white, have varying opinions on the existence of discontent.

"I don't know that I would describe it as a general discontent," said Richard Whitted, second vice chairman of the Democratic party. "I think there are some blacks who have expressed some concerns."

Most blacks are more concerned about issues such as job availability than with the party itself, Whitted said.

"I think if you would talk to people at the grass roots level, black concerns are on pocketbook issues, with education concerns second," he said.

The Rev. E.B. Turner, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Lumberton and a member of the UNC Board of Governors, said he believed there was discontent among black Democrats.

"The . . . party has called upon the blacks to support (it) but when blacks run for office and seek to introduce some changes, they are shot down," he said.

Everett Ward, director of political operations for the N.C. Democratic Party, said he has not seen discontent among black Democrats.

"There are concerns black Democrats have that all Democrats have regarding the future politically, (such as) economic issues, nuclear issues," he said.

Turner said there were many instances when white Democrats voted for a Republican candidate over a black Democratic candidate in North Carolina.

"I know there is a problem . . . concerning the white election of black candidates," Whitted said. Blacks tend to support white party candidates more than white Democrats support black candidates, particularly in the eastern part of the state, he said.

Ward said the Democratic Party needed to encourage loyalty.

"If you look at some election returns in areas where we (Democrats) outnumber Republicans two-to-one or three-to-one . . . there is some degree of people not sticking with the party," he said.

The Democratic Party has been criticized by the Rev. Jesse Jackson and the Rainbow Coalition for its second primary system. If a leading candidate fails

to gain 50 percent of the vote, a runoff is held to determine the Democratic nominee.

Some black leaders have said their candidates may win the first primary, but often lose in the runoff, as white votes collect behind the other candidate.

Whitted said he had mixed feelings about the second primary. There are times it has worked against black candidates, but it has at times been useful in guaranteeing that a candidate is nominated with a substantial vote behind him, he said.

Possibilities exist for blacks to separate into their own party, Turner said. He said he did not know if the move would be advantageous.

"Another party would clearly weaken the Democratic party as it is now existing and throw victories into Republican hands," he said.

Ward said he believed the Democratic Party was trying to "address the concerns of all Democrats," rather than addressing the concerns of isolated party segments.

"Black Democrats are very important to the Democratic Party just like all Democrats are important to the party," Ward said.

Syrian-supported guerillas capture two Israeli soldiers

From Associated Press reports

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Guerrillas captured two Israeli soldiers in Israel's security zone in southern Lebanon Monday, and Israeli troops swept north out of the zone in search of the men, security forces reported.

The sources, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said guerrillas of the Syrian-supported National Resistance Front umbrella group ambushed the Israeli border inside the security zone at 1 p.m.

The state-run Beirut radio quoted unidentified United Nations sources as saying four Israeli soldiers were killed and four more captured by guerrillas.

But officials of the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon said by telephone that only two Israeli soldiers were captured.

Union targets companies

BAL HARBOUR, Fla. — About 13,300 United Steelworkers went on

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a nationwide strike Monday against the nation's four largest can manufacturers after rejecting management offers of \$400 year-end bonuses in place of an increase in hourly wages.

The union began officially pulling its members out of about 75 plants across the country at 3 a.m.

Minutes earlier, local union presidents voted 57-38 to turn down an industry pattern-setting contract by the National Can Corp., the third largest of the four companies with about 2,000 Steelworkers on its payroll.

The three other companies also struck by the union are Continental Inc., with 6,000 Steelworkers on its payroll; American Can Co., with 4,500 union members; and Crown Cork & Seal Co., with about 600 USW members.

Gramm-Rudman may hurt the handicapped

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The Gramm-Rudman bill could have a devastating effect on the lives of the handicapped, according to Terry Brown, assistant director of the Governor's Advocacy Council for Persons with Disabilities.

The act is designed to balance the federal budget by putting a ceiling on the deficit every year until 1991. Gramm-Rudman was recently declared unconstitutional by a panel of three federal court judges but this decision is being appealed to the Supreme Court.

The bill would make cuts in various areas of federal spending to balance the budget. Funding for the education and employment training of the handicapped is expected to be cut.

"A lot of children will not be receiving the services they need," said E. Lowell Harris, director of the Division for Exceptional Children in the state Department of Public Instruction.

Harris said his division was expecting a 4.3 percent to 4.6 percent cut in funding for the fiscal year 1986, and a possible 30 percent cut the following year.

James Barden, coordinator of federal programs for the Division for Exceptional Children, said he expected about 12,000 handicapped children would be dropped from school rolls unless the state could replace the federal funds that would be lost.

Barden said the act would cut special programs to deaf, blind, and severely handicapped children. Early childhood

programs and recruitment projects would also be cut, he said.

Barden noted that state and federal laws require North Carolina to provide appropriate education for handicapped children, but it is unclear how the state will be able to provide this service if federal funding is not replaced.

The state could lose about \$9 million of the \$71.8 million it had expected to receive in federal funds for education for the handicapped in fiscal years 1986 and 1987, according to a Washington-based study group called Federal Funds Information for States.

The state vocational rehabilitation division also expects a reduction in its ability to train persons with disabilities.

Bob H. Philbeck, the deputy director for the division, said it could lose at

least \$1.4 million in 1986 if Gramm-Rudman goes into effect. He said he expected even harsher cuts in 1987.

Of the 3.8 million people between ages 16 and 64 in North Carolina, about 371,200 (9.7 percent of the working-age people) reported they were disabled, the 1980 Census shows.

"Gramm-Rudman could be very costly later on because many people won't get help at a crucial time," said Mac Brownlee, research and policy analyst for the Governor's Advocacy Council. "There's a chance that they will become even more dependent on federal programs which could cause further deficit problems."

For the record

In a Feb. 12 article: "63% of '85 graduates employed full-time," *The Daily Tar Heel* reported that 9.5 percent of the survey's respondents were unemployed. The article should have read that only 7.9 percent of the respondents who were seeking employment had not found jobs, and another 1.5 percent were not employed, seeking employment, or enrolled in school. *The Daily Tar Heel* regrets the error.

Tylenol discontinues capsules due to cyanide poisoning deaths

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (AP) — Johnson & Johnson announced Monday that it will no longer sell any capsule products directly to the public because it cannot control tampering blamed for the cyanide-poisoning deaths of one woman this month and seven people in 1982.

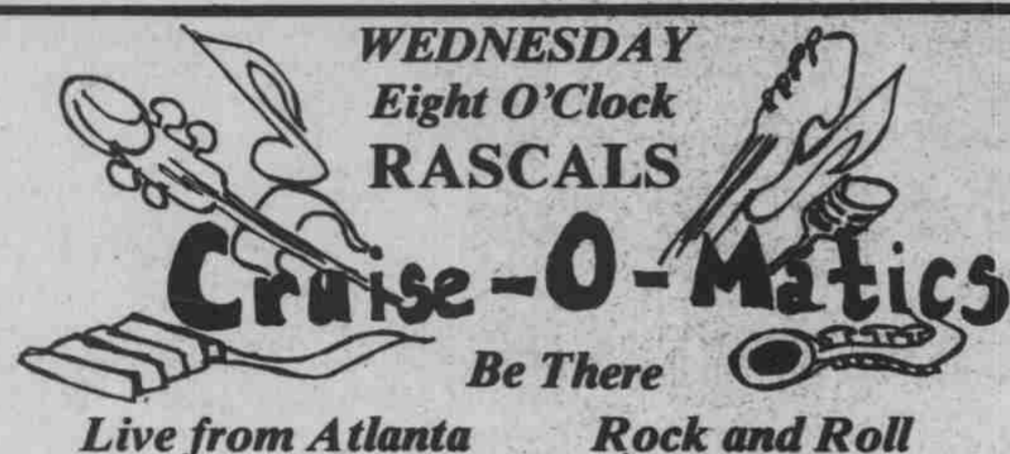
The announcement was made at a news conference by company chairman Jim Burke.

He urged users of Tylenol capsules to instead switch to coated oval-shaped tablets known as "caplets," and said that Johnson & Johnson would replace free any capsules now in the hands of consumers or stores.

The ban was suggested Sunday by Andrew P. O'Rourke, elected executive of Westchester County, the New York suburban area where Diane Elstroth, 23, died last week after swallowing Extra-Strength Tylenol capsules tainted with deadly cyanide. Investigation also turned up a second bottle containing tainted Tylenol in the same town.

O'Rourke suggested the federal government control production and sale of all drugs in capsules, but the Federal Food and Drug Administration spokesman William Grigg said the government is not accepting such a ban. "You've had this happen twice now," O'Rourke said, referring to poisoning in Westchester County and the deaths in Chicago in 1982. "I think it's time that the government came up with some type of a plan to prevent it from happening in the future."

Meanwhile, 14 states and at least one foreign country have also banned the sale of Tylenol capsules.



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