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Pres. Bush Expected To Veto 1990 Civil Rights Bill

Wednesday April 4, was the 22nd anniversary of the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. His life was ended by an assassin's bullet in Memphis, Tennessee where he had come to help sanitation workers in their efforts to form a union.

On Wednesday night, April 4, President George Bush spoke to a group at dinner celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Joint Center for Political Studies an African American "think tank" which enjoys utmost respect from all Americans.

U.S. Attorney General Richard "Dick" Thornburg has recommended to Bush that he veto the Civil Rights Act of 1990 (HR-485 and S-2104). Bush has

asserted that he will veto this most significant piece of civil rights legislation of the last quarter century.

The Civil Rights Act of 1990 would provide action that is needed to fill gaps in the civil rights laws left by Court decisions. The Court had ruled that in the Patterson v. McLean Credit Union case, the Civil Rights Act of 1866 could not be applied to victims of discrimination. The present Supreme Court is methodically knocking down previous decisions which enabled challenges by those who were discriminated against.

Last fall, *The Carolina Times* carried, in a series entitled "Crisis In The Courts," the definitive analyses

by the NAACP of the six key cases decided by the Court which, if left unchallenged and unchanged, would drastically erode many of the legal underpinnings of civil rights progress.

Bush told the Joint Center dinner participants that "Black Americans have challenged me and my Administration to live up to the highest ideals of the Civil Rights Movement. I accept that challenge." He then discussed recent changes in South Africa and overcoming "obstacles to opportunity" in America.

After Bush's speech, Attorney Eleanor Holmes Norton, a professor at Georgetown University told the audience, "All I can say is the President forgot one item. He forgot to explain himself for his untimely action. Blacks will find it unacceptable for the President to come to dinner and then go home and veto bills that are critical to our progress."

Ralph Neas, executive director of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, said, "The strong vote reflects the bipartisan congressional consensus that supports this vital and historic measure. Without question, the Civil Rights Act of 1990 will be enacted this year, thus overturning a series of Supreme Court decisions that have made it more difficult for victims of discrimination to get into court, to prove discrimination and to obtain effective remedies."

Neas accused Bush of bowing to the right wing of the Republican Party, and said he hoped that "President Bush will reject the recommendation of Attorney General Dick Thornburg and other senior officers and refuse to join the ranks of Andrew Johnson and Ronald Reagan as the only presidents in American history to

Eagles To Induct Five Into Hall

The NCCU Eagles will induct five into the Hall of Fame Sat., April 14. The banquet will be held at the W.G. Pearson Cafeteria. The banquet will be dedicated to the memory of Lee Calhoun who died June 21, 1989. Other inductees include Russell E. Blunt, Willie J. Hayes, Henry J. Kirksey, and George E. Wallace, Jr.



CALHOUN



BLUNT



HAYES



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WALLACE

veto a civil rights bill."

Ron Brown, chairman of the Democratic Party, said the administration's threat to veto the Civil Rights Acts of 1990 is a "disgrace." He said, "I am particularly distressed in view of the gracious nature of the press appearance that we've seen another example of kinder and gentler rhetoric and very unkind action by the administration."

Sen. Paul Simon (D-Ill), co-sponsor of the Civil Rights Act of 1990, in arguing the case for the bill said, "It's now up to Congress to correct the mistakes made by the Court last year and to signal our clear intent, on behalf of the American people, that discrimination against women and minorities, no matter how unintended or subtle, has no place in the workplace or in our society."

Citizens wishing to state their position on the Civil Rights Act of 1990 can get through to Congress by calling (202) 224-3121.

News Briefs

DREW MEMORIAL HIGHWAY DEDICATION SCHEDULED

RALEIGH — A ceremony to officially name a section of NC-49 in Alamance County for Dr. Charles R. Drew is scheduled for Monday, April 16, near Haw River.

Lieutenant Governor James C. Gardner and Secretary of Transportation Thomas J. Harrelson will be joined by federal, state and local officials for the ceremony.

The late Dr. Drew is best known for pioneering the preservation of blood plasma. In 1941 he served as medical director of the first American Red Cross Blood Bank, a pilot program in New York City. The program later became the model for the American Red Cross during World War II.

Mrs. Charlene Drew Jarvis, Dr. Drew's daughter and a member of the Washington, D.C. City Council, will attend the ceremony.

Dr. Drew died on April 1, 1950, following an automobile accident near the site of the Dr. Charles R. Drew marker on NC-49.

In the event of rain the ceremony will be held at the Pleasant Grove gym on NC-49.

The public is invited.

It is a widely-held myth in the African American community that Dr. Drew was not treated at Alamance County Hospital because of his race. This allegation has been reported on "MASH" and other national television programs. It is not true.

SECOND PATIENT CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN DURHAM

The second of the three patient awareness conferences sponsored by the N.C. Sickle Cell Syndrome Program will be held April 20-21, in Durham on the campus of North Carolina Central University.

The first conference was held in Greenville, and was a great success. It was attended by over 100 persons consisting of families and persons affected by sickle cell disease. Topics such as Coping With Sickle Cell Disease, Nutrition, Support Groups, Clinical Updates were presented. There were many opportunities for participation in the sessions by those in attendance. Also, there was a great deal of sharing between sessions and during the Friday evening get-together.

The conference in Durham is located for persons who live in the central part of the state. This would include the Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Raleigh, Fayetteville and Durham areas and also the counties surrounding these cities.

For further information contact Ms. Elaine Whitworth at (919) 33-0385.

CHICAGO PUBLIC RELATIONS EXEC TO SPEAK APRIL 22 AT WSSU HONORS PROGRAM

Ms. D. Michelle Flowers, senior vice president of Burrell Public Relations Inc. of Chicago, is the keynote speaker at Winston-Salem State University's Honors Day observance at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 22, 1990.

The program will be held in the James A. Dillard Auditorium of the Anderson Center across from the main campus at the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and Reynolds Park Road.

Flowers, who graduated magna cum laude from Winston-Salem State, is a Greensboro native. She holds a master's degree in advertising from Northwestern University.

She joined Burrell Public Relations in 1986 as assistant vice president, and in August 1987 became vice president, responsible for new business development, agency administration and account management. She was named senior vice president last August, and supervises such accounts as Kraft General Foods, Procter & Gamble and Citicorp/Citicorp.

Flowers has been an account supervisor with Golin/Harris Communications in Chicago, where she managed several programs for Sara Lee Corporation. Her responsibilities included local and national Sara Lee Foundation projects and the corporation's Adopt-A-School and corporate identity programs.

She also has held public relations positions at the Chicago Urban League, becoming director of public relations in 1983.

While in Winston-Salem, Flowers worked at Integon Insurance Company as an internal communications specialist and, later, as a field communications specialist.

A member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Society Inc., Flowers also belongs to Winston-Salem State's Alumni Association, the Chicago Urban League, the Northwestern University Alumni Association, the Carcer Beginnings Mentor Program and the National Association for Female Executives.

For additional information, call: Ms. Marilyn Roseboro, 919/750-227 or Ms. Blanche Carter, Public Affairs, 919/750-2150

East And West German Students Visit Durham to Study Civil Rights Movement

By Debbie Selinsky
 Duke University News Service

A group of East and West German university students visiting the United States this month to add insight to their studies of the contemporary civil rights movement in the American South will be at Duke University and in Durham next Monday and Tuesday, April 16-17.

Their observations on the lives of African Americans should be especially significant since some of these same students have been experiencing their own civil rights movement since the push for democracy in their homeland intensified last year.

The 25 students -- five from the University of Leipzig in East Germany and 20 from the University of Munich's American Studies Department in West Germany will spend time talking with black government, education and business leaders, including Durham Mayor Chester Jenkins, State Rep. Mickey Michaux and Mrs. Willa C. Bryant of the Durham Board of Education.

Visiting students are also expected to meet one-on-one with students from Duke and North Carolina Central University.

The students, who are the first combined group from East and West Germany to visit the United States since last year's political upheaval, will present a public forum, "The German Future: A Dialogue with East and West German Students" on Monday at 8 p.m. in Zener Auditorium in the Sociology-Psychology Building on Duke's West Campus.

The Center for Documentary Studies at Duke and the International Visitors Council are acting as hosts for the group. The Monday talk will be sponsored by the Duke Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures, West European Studies and the Mary Lou Williams Center for Black Culture.

The Duke-Durham involvement

in the tour came about as a result of the friendship between Robert Korstad of the Center for Documentary Studies and Harmut Keil, who with Klaus Ennslen is directing the "Black Americans Today" study tour in the United States.

"Germans -- in part because of the large number of U.S. blacks stationed in their country during World War II -- have always had a strong interest in Afro-American history and culture," Korstad said in an interview.

"We're excited to have them come to Durham, since it has a long and rich history of educational and economic success among African American residents. In the 1930s, Durham was considered the black Wall Street of the United States. ... Today it remains one of the most important centers for black life in the Southeast."

To act as co-host for the students, visit to Durham and Duke seemed "perfectly natural" to center executive director Iris Tillman Hill.

"The center has been created to encourage active observation and engagement in our society. Oral history and documentary photography, the primary tools of the documentarian, ask students and scholars to use their eyes and ears, to observe life's conditions, and to cross the boundaries of academic disciplines," she said.

"By coming here to observe and participate in dialogue with African Americans in an effort to understand their lives in today's South, these German students and their teachers are practicing documentary work."

The visit, particularly the Monday forum, provides an equally important opportunity for Americans to hear first-hand of the changing lives of the people of East and West Germany.

"It's like Mohammed coming to the mountain," said Forrest Rogers of the International Visitors Council. "Everyone is so interested in what it happening in East and

West Germany and now we have a chance to hear from young people who live there."

Korstad added that discussion at the Monday forum should be lively since the students have differing opinions on the rise of German nationalism.

In light of rapidly occurring changes in their homeland, students will be carefully scrutinizing what they see in the United States, Tillman Hill said.

"These young people have studied U.S. history and know a great deal about our country even before they arrived. They're very

sophisticated politically, come from a variety of disciplines, and will be asking us some hard questions; questions like why voter participation is so low in a country that is supposed to be the world's bastion of democracy," she said.

"Some people feel we are going to have to relearn what our country is supposed to be all about and that we may end up learning it from people who are learning about us."

For more information on the public forum, call the Center for Documentary Studies, (919) 687-0486, or the Duke News Service, 684-2823.

Motor Club Estimates Ten To Lose Lives Over Easter Weekend

CHARLOTTE — An estimated 10 people may be killed in traffic accidents on North Carolina streets and highways this Easter weekend, according to the N.C. State Motor Club. In addition, 950 individuals may suffer disabling injuries in motor vehicle crashes during this first spring holiday weekend.

The holiday officially begins at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, April 12 and ends at midnight Sunday, April 15. Last year over a similar period of time 12 were killed and 973 were injured, while 14 were killed and 955 injured in 1988.

The prediction of two fatalities less than the number of people who died during this holiday a year ago, and four less than 1988 follows a trend of fewer fatalities over holidays which began several years ago.

John G. Frazier, president of the statewide motor club says there is good basis for the optimistic figure.

"North Carolina has made an enormous amount of progress in highway safety over the past 25 years," Frazier stated. "We believe that North Carolinians are beginning to understand the good sense in separating alcohol from driving, and the use of safety belts in preventing highway fatalities."

To date traffic records of the N. C. Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles show a decline of 74 traffic fatalities over the same period of time in 1989. "This gives North Carolina a good start on continuing the downward trend in traffic deaths," Frazier said.

The pessimistic factors in the prediction according to Frazier is Easter signals the beginning of spring vacations and an increase in recreational travel. "Unfortunately, it is in this vacation travel area that more vehicle accidents occur," he said.

Because most holiday weekends are family affairs, trips during these periods focus on the importance of seat belts and infant restraint equipment. To help insure a safe and happy spring holiday Frazier urges all motorists to use their safety belt and fasten children into approved child safety seat.

"We have come a long way in our efforts to prevent highway fatalities and are hopeful that the trend will continue," Frazier said.

As of this date 265 traffic deaths have been recorded in North Carolina.