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## Jackson Speaks On Mandela's Visit To Washington

"We are reminded of that history in which our struggle for dignity, respect and self-determination have been intertwined with that same struggle conducted by our brothers and sisters on the African continent," said Reverend Jackson last week at the Nelson Mandela Rally in Washington, D.C.

Nelson Mandela arrived in Washington, D.C. as part of his tour of various cities across the United States. After 27 years of unearned suffering from brutal oppressors-guilty of massacres, beatings and jailings-Mandela continues to emerge with a clear mind and objectives; an unbroken spirit, with no trace of bitterness; and a steel will.

He is one of the preeminent moral authorities in the world today. When he speaks the world listens, and Tuesday night, June 26th, at the Washington convention center was no exception. The man whom some call a national hero addressed a crowd of twenty-thousand on-lookers.

The 71-year-old Mandela, gave a rousing 15-minute speech to the crowd with a continued plea of supporting sanctions against South Africa. Often interrupted with cheers and chants, the 3-hour ceremony dedicated to the African National Congress, gave words of encouragement from prominent local and national leaders.

The Reverend Jackson introduced Mandela to the crowd using a history parallel between the

struggle of the African-Americans in America and in South Africa. He noted the following:

\* He said "In 1955, Rosa Parks has a tired day (Montgomery Bus Boycott) and in the same year the African National Congress published its Freedom Charter.

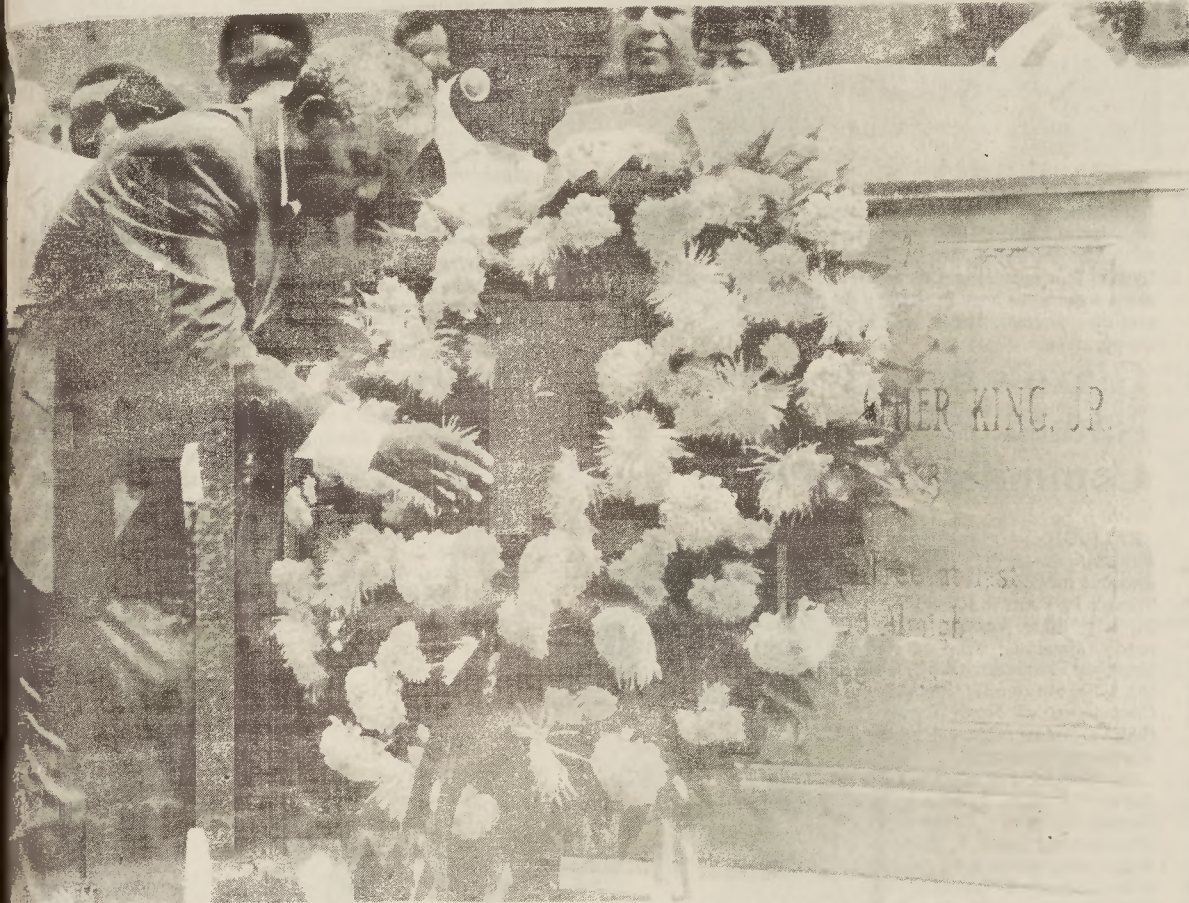
\* 27 years ago, in 1963, Dr. King was jailed in Birmingham, Alabama and Mr. Mandela was jailed in South Africa.

\* 27 years ago, in 1963, President Kennedy proposed a civil rights bill aimed at the enforcement of voting rights, equal employment opportunities, and the desegregation of public facilities. Now, 27 years later President George Bush is threatening to veto the Civil Rights Bill.

\* In 1984 I announced my historic bid as President, yet it was the same year Prime Minister P.W. Botha was sworn in as South African President.

And it was also the same year that Randall Robinson, Dr. Mary Berry, and Cong. Walter Fauntroy decided to press the Pretoria government into making reforms by staging what was the beginning of daily demonstrations at the South African embassy!"

Reverend Jackson concluded by saying "now in 1990 we are inspired to KEEP HOPE ALIVE. We are winning everyday. Division and confusion cannot stop us. Truth crushed to the earth will rise again. Hope is in the air, and help is on the way."



ATLANTA — Nelson Mandela and his wife, Winnie, lay a wreath on the tomb of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. after

visiting the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change. (UPI Photo)

## RJR Nabisco Continues Support For Minority Education, Press

CHICAGO -- Continuing a 100-year tradition of supporting minority education, RJR Nabisco, has announced that funding for the RJR Nabisco Scholarship Program in Journalism would be continued for the nineteenth consecutive year.

Speaking before the 50th Anniversary Convention of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), Ben Ruffin, president-corporate affairs for Reynolds Tobacco Co., announced that the company would continue to finance journalism scholarships for African-American students selected by the United Negro College Fund, which has

administered the program since 1983.

"In the early 1970s, NNPA's leadership came to us with their concerns about meeting the growing need for African-American journalists trained to report on issues of importance in their communities. In response, RJR created this scholarship program in 1972 because the company recognized that your newspapers are essential to the cultural vitality of your communities," said Ruffin.

"By providing scholarships to young African-Americans who aspire to be journalists, we help to ensure a continuing source of

skilled, well-trained reporters and editors who bring an Afrocentric perspective to issues critical to their communities," Ruffin said.

Since the scholarship program started, 60 students have benefited from more than \$250,000 in financial support, making it the largest journalism scholarship program ever funded by private industry.

In addition to announcing the continuation of the RJR Nabisco Scholarship Program, Ruffin told NNPA members that the company would begin running a new series

of corporate advertisements in more than 180 NNPA-member newspapers in the fourth quarter of this year.

"This advertising commitment is in keeping with our long-held view that your newspapers play a unique role in preserving and enriching the traditions of the African-American community," Ruffin said. "You can rely on us for the support that will assist you in continuing to carry out this increasingly important mission."

The corporation's support for minority education dates back to a personal gift of \$500 by the company's founder in 1891 to help establish Winston-Salem State University (WSSU). Recent support includes a \$4 million grant to WSSU's Centennial Campaign (Continued On Page 8)

## Highway Bill Hearing To Be Held In North Carolina

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Representative Tim Valentine has announced that the Surface Transportation Subcommittee of the House Public Works and Transportation Committee will hold a regional field hearing in Durham, North Carolina, on reauthorization of the Federal-aid highway, mass transit, and highway safety programs. The hearing is expected to be held in September, with the exact time and location to be announced.

"I am delighted that North Carolina will have this opportunity to tell our story directly to the

Surface Transportation Subcommittee," Valentine said. "There was intense competition to host these field hearings, and I am pleased that North Carolina is one of only six states chosen from around the nation."

Current federal surface transportation programs expire on September 30, 1991. Hearings on reauthorization of these programs are expected to focus on future transportation needs, problems in the current programs, and proposals for changes in the program structure and funding methods for transportation projects.

"North Carolina is treated unfairly under the present highway and mass transit programs, and more equitable funding practices should be a top priority in the new program," Valentine said. "It is also critical that Subcommittee members understand the major commitment of state resources that has been made to expand, modernize, and maintain North Carolina's highway system."

North Carolina's 78,000 mile highway network is the largest state-maintained highway system in the nation. Last year the North Carolina General Assembly passed the largest highway construction package in the state's history, a \$9.2 billion, 13.5 year program to complete a 3,600 mile intrastate four-lane highway system, improve 113 miles of interstate highways, pave 10,000 miles of dirt roads, and construct seven urban freeways.

Since 1965, North Carolina has paid in more and received less from the Highway Trust Fund than any other state. In addition, North Carolina has received less than five cents for every dollar it has paid into the Mass Transit Account since that program was established in 1982.

"The Durham field hearing will be valuable in ensuring that North Carolina's unique situation and transportation needs are understood clearly," Valentine said. "I hope it will help to make the case for needed changes in the federal programs."

Valentine is a senior member of the Surface Transportation Subcommittee. Representative Norman Mineta (D-CA) is Chairman of the Subcommittee, and Representative Glenn M. Anderson (D-CA) is Chairman of the full Public Works and Transportation Committee.

## Remembering The Forgotten Half Conference Held To Discuss Youth With No College In Their Plans

WASHINGTON, D.C. — We've heard and read them time and again the past few years, yet each time the statistics on at-risk youth are repeated, they have fresh impact:

\*Each year, up to 700,000 youth leave school before graduating.

\*A study of youth who dropped out of high school in 1987 and 1988 revealed an unemployment rate of 57 percent.

\*The same study showed that the unemployment rate for black teens who left school early was 77 percent.

These statistics, cited by Labor Secretary Elizabeth Dole in her opening address, are the basis for the school-to-work conference held here in May. Around 200 leaders from business, education and government attended the three-day event, which was co-sponsored by the Department of Education.

"For half of America's youth, college serves as a bridge between secondary school and a career path," Secretary Dole said. "However, for the non-college bound youth, the forgotten youth the bridge between secondary school and a career is frequently unemployment. Too many of those who do find employment often bounce around from job to job, casting about as they try to find a niche."

But the 70,000 students who drop out of school each year apparently are not the only

disadvantaged students.

Al Shanker, president of the American Federation of Teachers, had more disturbing statistics from the National Assessment of Educational Progress:

\*The percentage of American youth (still in school) who are at the top level of writing skills, that is, able to write an essay or letter, is between three and six percent. (By contrast, 28 percent of German students pass all sections of a five-day test).

\*The percentage of students at the next level, able to write one or two paragraphs with one point to communicate and one or two errors, is 20 percent.

\*Only four percent of all American students are in the top mathematical level.

"Yet 55 percent of American students go on to college, and they could not be admitted to college in any other country in the industrialized world," said Shanker. "Clearly, the most advantaged kids who ever walked the earth are not learning much at school."

According to Shanker, all American students — those who keep studying as well as those who give up — lack something that is basic in European and Japanese schools: incentive.

"In other countries, you can't get into college unless you pass a national test," he said. "In the U.S., the question has become not what

## News Briefs

### ELKINS CHRYSLER-PLYMOUTH WINS CHRYSLER CORP 'AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE'

HIGHLAND PARK, Mich. — Chrysler Corporation has announced that Elkins Chrysler-Plymouth of Durham has earned that automaker's highest dealership honor, the "Award for Excellence," for its performance in 1989.

E.T. Pappert, Chrysler Corporation's Vice President-Sales, explained that the "Award for Excellence" is given annually to those Chrysler-Plymouth, Dodge, and Jeep Eagle Dealers whose sales performance, customer service, administration, facilities, and community relations are especially exemplary.

"This is the 12th time that Elkins Chrysler-Plymouth has received this prestigious award," said Pappert, "and it is especially important to point out that only about one in 10 Chrysler Corporation dealerships, nationwide, meets the stringent performance criteria to qualify for this honor. The entire staff of Elkins Chrysler-Plymouth can take pride in their accomplishment."

### DURHAM CITIZEN ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT OF U.S. JAYCEES

LOUISVILLE, KY. — A North Carolina man, Donnie Solomon, was elected vice president of The United States Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees) Wednesday, June 13, at the organization's 70th Annual Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky.

This past year, Solomon served as president of the North Carolina Jaycees, helping all Jaycee chapters in the state with recruitment and motivation. He and nine other national vice presidents each will serve five states.

Solomon has held many chapter and state Jaycee offices. He is employed by G.A. Clark & Associates as director of Public Relations. Solomon; his wife Gwen; and their children, Kimberly and Cindy, live in Durham.

The U.S. Jaycees, a leadership training organization for men and women ages 21 through 39, has 240,000 members in 5,000 communities.