

## President Bush Says He Will Veto 1990 Civil Rights Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) - The White House said Friday that President Bush still plans to veto a major job-discrimination bill despite last-minute changes designed by proponents to overcome administration objections.

Presidential press secretary Marlin Fitzwater said changes adopted by House-Senate conferees did not eliminate features in the civil rights bill that administration opponents would encourage employers to adopt hiring and promotion quotas to avoid lawsuits. "We still believe this is a quota bill," Fitzwater told reporters. "We

continue to believe a veto is warranted on that basis." The legislation would undo six Supreme Court decisions that civil rights lawyers claim make it harder for plaintiffs to prove employment discrimination.

The White House statement and a letter by Attorney General Dick Thornburgh to Congress that summarized the president's objections to the bill prompted accusations from a leading civil rights group that the administration was negotiating in bad faith.

The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights charged in a statement that White House chief of staff



JERUSALEM — A Palestinian woman kisses a handprint of human blood. The handprint, along with nine others, was placed on a wall on the Temple Mount where Israelis shot and killed 21 Palestinians. (UPI Photo)

## Trial Of White Supremacist Begins, Says Death Of Black Necessary

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - A white supremacist being sued for \$10 million over the slaying of a black man testified he wasn't counseling murder when he advised racist skinheads to "kick ass." White Aryan Resistance founder Tom Metzger also said Tuesday that a witness who testified earlier that he was sent to Portland by Metzger to incite violence against minorities may have really been working for Portland police.

Metzger, 52, of Fallbrook, Calif., and his son, John Metzger, 22, are defendants in a lawsuit brought by relatives of Mulugeta Seraw, 27, an Ethiopian beaten to death in 1988.

The lawsuit contends Metzger indirectly caused the slaying by sending followers to Portland with a message of violence and hate for skinheads, young white racists recognizable by their shaved heads.

Three skinheads, Kenneth Mieske, Kyle Brewster and Steven Strasser, have pleaded guilty to murdering Seraw.

David Mazzella, former vice president of Metzger's Aryan Youth Movement, testified earlier that the Metzgers sent him to Portland to organize local skinheads and promote violence against minorities.

"I didn't call for imminent violence," Metzger testified. "I tell the entire white working class of this nation figuratively and literally that they are going to have to kick ass just like our founding fathers did. I make no apologies for that." Metzger said he never meant for skinheads to hurt anybody except in self-defense.

He also denied sending agents to Portland to start trouble. "I don't have the authority, power or money to send anybody any place," he said.

Metzger also acknowledged during cross-examination by attorney Morris Dees that he accepted a collect call from Mieske shortly after his arrest for Seraw's murder.

But he said he merely asked Mieske if he understood his rights and if he had retained an attorney.

Dees also played telephone messages Metzger records for the public. In one message Metzger said Mieske "may have done a civic duty" by killing Seraw. In another, he said Ethiopians should get out of the United States.

## UDI/CDC Receives \$1.1 Million For Development

George Quick, chairman of the board of UDI Community Development Corporation announced that the organization had received 1.1 million dollars in development funds. The funds would be used to support a two million dollar development project within UDI Industrial Park as a part of its Phase V Development Plan and create over 300 temporary and full time jobs within two years.

The sources of the funds are the Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration \$685,000 and the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Services through its discretionary program, \$500,000.

According to Ed Stewart, executive director of UDI/CDC, the funds represent the culmination of 18 months of planning. He said Phase V, which is next to the final phase, involves an access road to nine acres of land locked property within the UDI Industrial Park and the site preparation and construction of two manufacturing facilities each consisting of 15,500 square feet. Phase V will be done in two parts. The street and first building should be complete during the second quarter of 1991. A potential tenant has been identified and is expected to employ approximately 100 people when in full operation.

UDI/CDC, a community based minority organization broke ground for UDI Industrial Park in 1977.

Juanita Kreps, U. S. Secretary of Commerce at that time was the featured speaker. The industrial park consisted of 41 acres at that time and had only one tenant confirmed. The industrial park celebrated its 10th anniversary, April 1987, with Governor Martin paying special recognition to the organization as UDI officially cut the ribbon on a newly constructed building to be occupied by the park's tenth company, W. W. Grainger, Inc. of Skokie, Ill.

Stewart said "The UDI Industrial Park now consists of 91 acres and has 14 companies operating in the park or committed to do so". Acknowledging the support of the Durham Chamber of Commerce for the success of the park, he continued by saying "it is now one of the most, if not the most, developed industrial site in North Carolina because of the amenities".

"It is also the results of the minority community, working against certain adversities, developing an economic source within Durham's designated impact area to create a forceful economic (Continued On Page 8)

## As Election Nears, Political Sniping Heats Up

RALEIGH (AP) - A proposal earlier this year to sell Umstead State Park to raise money for the state park system is a legitimate campaign issue in local and state races, Wake County Democrats said Monday.

Republican state Senate candidates last week criticized a letter from three incumbent Democrats that said Republicans had suggested selling the park to benefit their "wealthy Republican friends." They demanded that Democrats apologize for the letter.

"The idea to sell Umstead Park to developers or anyone is bad public policy," Henry W. Jones Jr., Wake County Democratic chairman, said Monday. "It is shortsighted. It is shameful. And it does call for an apology - from the people who have been promoting the idea." Wake County Democrats approved a resolution rejecting the sale of Umstead Park and another idea floated by Republicans to transfer the park to the city of Raleigh, which would use part of the land to develop a golf course, petting zoo and other recreational facilities.

The idea of selling Umstead Park, which was raised by an official in the state Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources, touched off a firestorm of criticism.

rejected the idea several days after it was raised.

Elsewhere in politics, Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Harvey Gantt campaigned in Durham and Chapel Hill, where about 2,000 students came to hear him speak.

Gantt brought a message that seemed to please the students: Use cuts in defense spending, at least in part, to boost education and clean up the environment.

"It's time for us to start spending less money on B-2 bombers and more money on the education of our children," he said. "It's time for us to care, to care about the people between 0 and 5 years of age rather than spend \$668,000 on a fax machine at the Department of Defense." Gantt's trip to the UNC-CH campus ended a day of campaigning that included a trip to N.C. Central University in Durham and a speech to a combined meeting of the Durham Rotary and Kiwanis clubs.

The speech to the crowd of businessmen carried much the same theme as did his remarks to students. Gantt spelled out his post-Cold War priorities and touched on restructuring health care.

Republican Sen. Jesse Helms was in Washington and had no public appearances scheduled in the state. On the Senate floor, Helms (Continued On Page 5)



WASHINGTON — President Bush is likely to veto the 1990 Civil Rights Bill once it reaches his desk. With enough Senate votes to pass a veto, Bush contends the bill ensures hiring decisions will be made with race being the major factor. (UPI Photo)

## NAACP Wants Probe Of Sting Tactics In South Carolina

WARTLE BEACH, S.C. (AP) - The NAACP is demanding a full investigation of the FBI's sting operation at the Statehouse to determine whether black lawmakers were unfairly singled out for attack and harassment.

The NAACP wants a complete investigation into allegations of a longstanding FBI policy of spying and investigating black officials without probable cause, said William F. Gibson, president and board chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

While, Sunday night about 100 people attended a rally in support of four black lawmakers who were among nine indicted as a result of the sting.

Rev. S.C. Cureton said those at the rally were there to support "four brothers who were up in the sting operation. The Civil War, the Ku Klux Klan was formed to frighten blacks holding public office. And in 1990, we have the sting operation trying to get blacks out of positions." Gibson, speaking at a news conference held in conjunction with the NAACP's 49th annual convention here, released copies of a letter he sent to the U.S. Judiciary Committee asking for an investigation.

A grand jury indicted the four on charges they sold their seats for cash. The sting, "Operation Lost Trust," was a lobbyist working undercover who offered lawmakers a bribe for their support in a mutual betting bill.

The four black lawmakers, all of them Democratic representatives, are: Larry Blanding of Sumter, Ennis Fant of Greenville, B.J. Gordon of Kingstree and Luther Taylor of Columbia.

All have pleaded innocent and are awaiting trial. Taylor's began Monday; the others are scheduled to be tried in November.

Three other members of the Legislative Black Caucus have been named by U.S. Attorney Bart Daniel as "conspirators" in a scheme to get money for their votes.

Neither Democratic Reps. James Faber of Eastover and Frank McBride of Columbia nor Circuit Judge Tee Ferguson, a Spartanburg Democrat who left the House this year for the bench, have been charged in the case.

Also, Rep. Kenneth Bailey, D-Eutawville, who is black, has been questioned by federal agents but has not been charged or named as a conspirator.

Of the 170 members of the Legislature, 20 are black. "We feel there's a need for concern when only 21 black Americans are or were members of the General Assembly when this sting was originated. However, 38 percent of those 21 were targeted for action by the sting. While at the same time, only 4 percent of the white members of that General Assembly were targeted," he said.

"Was the sting a conspiracy or coincidence," asked Nelson Rivers III, executive director of the state NAACP. "We want an in-depth investigation into this." Gibson's letter, sent to U.S. Sen. Joseph Biden, D-DeI, the committee

chairman, refers to an alleged nationwide FBI conspiracy called "Fruhemenschen," set up to persecute black officials.

Fruhemenschen is a German word for "primitive man." "The NAACP does not condone or (Continued On Page 5)



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