

Giuliani, Dinkins March, Snipe

By Richard Pyle

NEW YORK (AP) — Mayor David Dinkins called challenger Rudolph Giuliani "despicable" and Giuliani accused his rival of appeasing criminals as the two candidates marched in the annual Columbus Day parade.

While backing off somewhat from earlier criticism of Dinkins for allowing black Muslim preacher Louis Farrakhan to rent city-owned Yankee Stadium, Giuliani said Dinkins had "sent the wrong signal" to whoever was responsible for the murder of a police officer in Washington Heights.

For his part, Dinkins said the Republican-Liberal contender displayed "despicable behavior" by trying to exploit the cop's death for political gain. "To suggest the city is knuckling under to lawless elements is inaccurate and harmful to the city," he said.

Housing Officer John Williamson, 25, was fatally injured when he was hit by a bucket of plaster tossed from a six-story rooftop during a disturbance triggered by a city-run car towing operation.

Giuliani told a sidewalk news conference that by suspending the towing operation after the murder, Dinkins was "caving in to the mob." "The mayor has done that too often. To have that happen again would be a major mistake," he said. "You don't back down in the face of lawless activity and you don't cave in to a mob. What kind of signal is that to the city?" The political sniping enlivened a traditional Gotham celebration that appeared otherwise to have lost some of its pizzazz.

Despite bright, chilly weather, crowds were notably sparse along the route, and by the time Giuliani reached the reviewing stand on upper Madison Avenue, Dinkins was long gone and the seats were virtually empty. Giuliani marched behind a 30-piece Police Department band that did nothing to dispel his image as the law-and-order candidate in the Nov. 2 election.

Some spectators applauded the police, in a show of support for the department battered recently by public hearings on corruption.

"Men in blue, we love you," chanted one woman as officers marched past.

Some officers also managed to let Giuliani know they supported him. One flashed his uniform lapel to reveal a Giuliani campaign button on the underside. Another, throwing a salute, had one fastened to the palm of his white glove.

While campaigning Giuliani had said that as mayor, he would have denied a Yankee Stadium rally permit to Farrakhan because of the minister's history of anti-Semitic attacks.

After Dinkins retorted that the city was obligated to comply under the right of equal access and free speech, Giuliani modified his criticism, saying the city had "facilitated" Farrakhan's request.

"They gave him the keys and the contract," he said. Before the parade, Dinkins said Giuliani knew that the controversial minister had spoken before in New York, using public facilities.

"(Former mayor) Ed Koch could not deny it to him then, and I cannot do so now," Dinkins said.

Dinkins said recent polls, showing him regaining an edge over Giuliani in the tight mayoral race, were proof that polls can change.

"So Rudy, don't get so desperate. Don't tear our city asunder in the process," he said.

Cristyne Lategano, Giuliani's press secretary, denied that Giuliani had softened his position on Farrakhan's rally.

She said he had expanded on his earlier criticism by saying the city-adium contract should be examined to see whether it provided grounds for denying the permit.

"The question is, when you take \$140,000 for renting a space, does it all under the same guidelines as going to the city for a permit to give a speech on a street corner?" she said.



Tar Heel basketball coach Dean Smith presents Natasha Elyse Martin with a certificate during the Davie Poplar Ceremony at the University of North Carolina At Chapel Hill Bicentennial Observance Tuesday, October 12. Natasha Elyse Martin received a seedling of the Davie Poplar tree, a famous campus landmark, to take home and plant in Durham County. She attends Githens Middle School.

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Funds Two Scholarships In Name of Margaret and Kelly M. Alexander, Sr.

WINSTON-SALEM — Working with the North Carolina NAACP, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company has funded two \$1,000 scholarships in the names of Margaret and Kelly M. Alexander, Sr.

At the time of his death in April of 1985, Kelly Alexander was the chairman of the national board of Directors of the NAACP. Margaret Alexander, his widow, has remained active with the NAACP, recently serving as chairperson of the 50th Anniversary Special Observance Committee.

"I am deeply touched that my name is included with my late husband's and consider this one of the greatest honors ever bestowed upon me," said Alexander.

"The establishment of these scholarships in the names of Kelly and Margaret Alexander is just a small token of the love and respect we have for their many years of selfless devotion to the NAACP," said Ben Ruffin, vice president of Corporate Affairs for RJR.

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Scholarship applications are available at the North Carolina NAACP Office, P. O. Box 20547, Greensboro, NC 27420-0547 and through high school guidance counselors.

The application deadline is January 14, 1994.

NAACP Leader Looks Back On First Six Months

BALTIMORE (AP) — Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. has caught the eye of corporate America during his first six months as head of the NAACP with a hard ball approach to companies that stumble on race relations.

Chavis moved in quickly seeking agreements improving economic opportunities for blacks when the Denny's restaurant chain was hit by charges of bias and an offensive cartoon showed up in an AT&T magazine.

"I'm not into hollow threats. I think those are counterproductive," Chavis, 45, said as he reflected on his first half-year on the job.

"We want to get beyond 'incidents' to the larger question of the systemic relationship between corporations and the African-American community." Chavis' tactics have won him a lot of praise, but there are those who fear the agreements may damage the credibility of the organization, especially if the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People benefits directly from those agreements.

"Overall, Ben Chavis gets high marks," said Ronald Walters, a Howard University political scientist. "But you can't raise money from corporations and at the same time hold them accountable. Let's imagine AT&T had given the NAACP \$300,000. Would they still have been at the table? I'd prefer to see the NAACP really ratchet up its membership to pay for what it needs to do." One of Chavis' goals has been to improve the financial condition of the NAACP, which depends heavily on a loose network of 2,200 local branches staffed almost exclusively by volunteers.

He launched the NAACP's first endowment drive in July with a \$2 million gift from the late Reginald F. Lewis, America's richest black businessman. So far, \$3.1 million has been raised toward a goal of \$100 million, Chavis said.

Another goal was to rebuild membership, and Chavis said he has had some success. Membership has grown to more than 600,000, an increase of about 110,000 since he took office.

But he has risked alienating the NAACP's core membership of middle-class Christians with moves such as his appearance with Louis T. Farrakhan, the black separatist leader of the Nation of Islam whose anti-Semitism has kept him out of the civil rights mainstream. Chavis said the appearance was not an endorsement of Farrakhan's views.

"I believe Minister Louis Farrakhan is an important leader within the African American community. To deny the presence of his leadership would be a mistake," he said.

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