

### Jesse For President

This young voter-to-be holds fast to sign proclaiming her choice for president in November during the visit of presidential candidate the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who appeared at the Benton Convention Center April 18. A crowd of more than 3,000 turned out to hear Jackson's political sermon (photo by James Parker).

## Newspapers roundly criticize Klan-Nazi case From Page A1

*Times*: "It is sad to say, but North Carolina is a happy hunting ground for such violence-reeking organizations. Throughout the history of North Carolina, the thread of violence has been part of the warp and woof of its political life, its economic life and its social life. Murderous events have punctuated its past with far more regularity than the violence of tornados or hurricanes, for instance...."

A newspaper in neighboring Virginia echoed that sentiment.

"Once more, a jury in North Carolina has refused to find anybody criminally culpable for the 1979 slayings of five communist demonstrators at an anti-Klan rally in Greensboro," said the *Roanoke Times and World News*. "It is a blot on the state's reputation."

Their attorneys based the defense of the Klansmen and Nazis on self-defense and painted a picture of them as patriotic citizens who went to Greensboro to protest communism. The defendants were not, in any manner, motivated by racism to attend the anti-Klan rally, the defense argued during the three-month-long trial.

But the *Carolina Peacemaker*, a black weekly in Greensboro, found that hard to believe.

"We are having trouble figuring out how traveling a long distance, armed with dangerous weapons, into a perceived zone of danger constitutes the kind of self-defense envisioned by the law," read an April 21 editorial in the *Peacemaker*. "And we are ever harder pressed to figure out how rally disruption -- in itself an unlawful act -- could be viewed by a jury as consistent with love of country -- a country that protects

freedom of speech, peaceable assembly, racial equality, collective bargaining and the life and limb of those who practice them.

"Meanwhile, four men and one woman are dead. And the Klan is a little more alive than it was."

Added an editorial in the *Charlotte Observer*: "... The not-guilty verdicts in two exhaustive trials also mean that, although five people were shot to death on a public street in broad daylight, before more than 100 witnesses and with TV cameras rolling, no one has been convicted of any crime. Whatever the reasons, the result is outrageous.

"It was unlikely that every defendant would be convicted of every charge against him. Yet the implicit message the system has sent forth -- that no one was really murdered, that no one's rights were really violated -- stands in shocking contrast to the bloody events recorded on videotape that day."

And an editorial in the *High Point Enterprise* said: "The basic truths in this case cannot be ignored. Whatever their politics, human beings were slain on that day in 1979, and no one stands responsible for those deaths.... We can only hope that this tragic series of events does not encourage others to take out their political or philosophical enmities against others with shotguns and high-powered rifles."

In Winston-Salem, where the federal trial was held, *The Sentinel* said the killings go against the grain of what America stands for.

"People were killed and maimed under circumstances that reeked of willfulness," the paper wrote. "The fundamental

freedoms of assembly and expression were nullified by gunfire."

Two trials and dozens of not-guilty verdicts later, the families and friends of the five victims have filed a civil suit that is scheduled to go to trial in August. That suit,

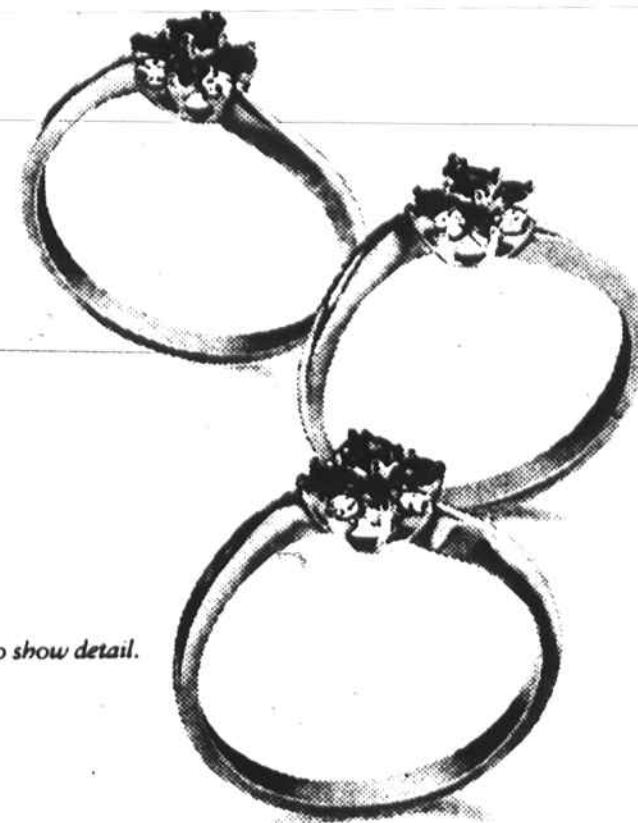
said *The New York Times*, may be the last glimmer of hope for justice.

"There remains some hope that a still-pending civil suit will bring a more complete answer to the Greensboro tragedy," said the *Times*. "Still to be ex-

plored are complaints from the communist group that government informers and agitators invaded its rights and that both federal and local governments provided inadequate protection. A further accounting is in order."

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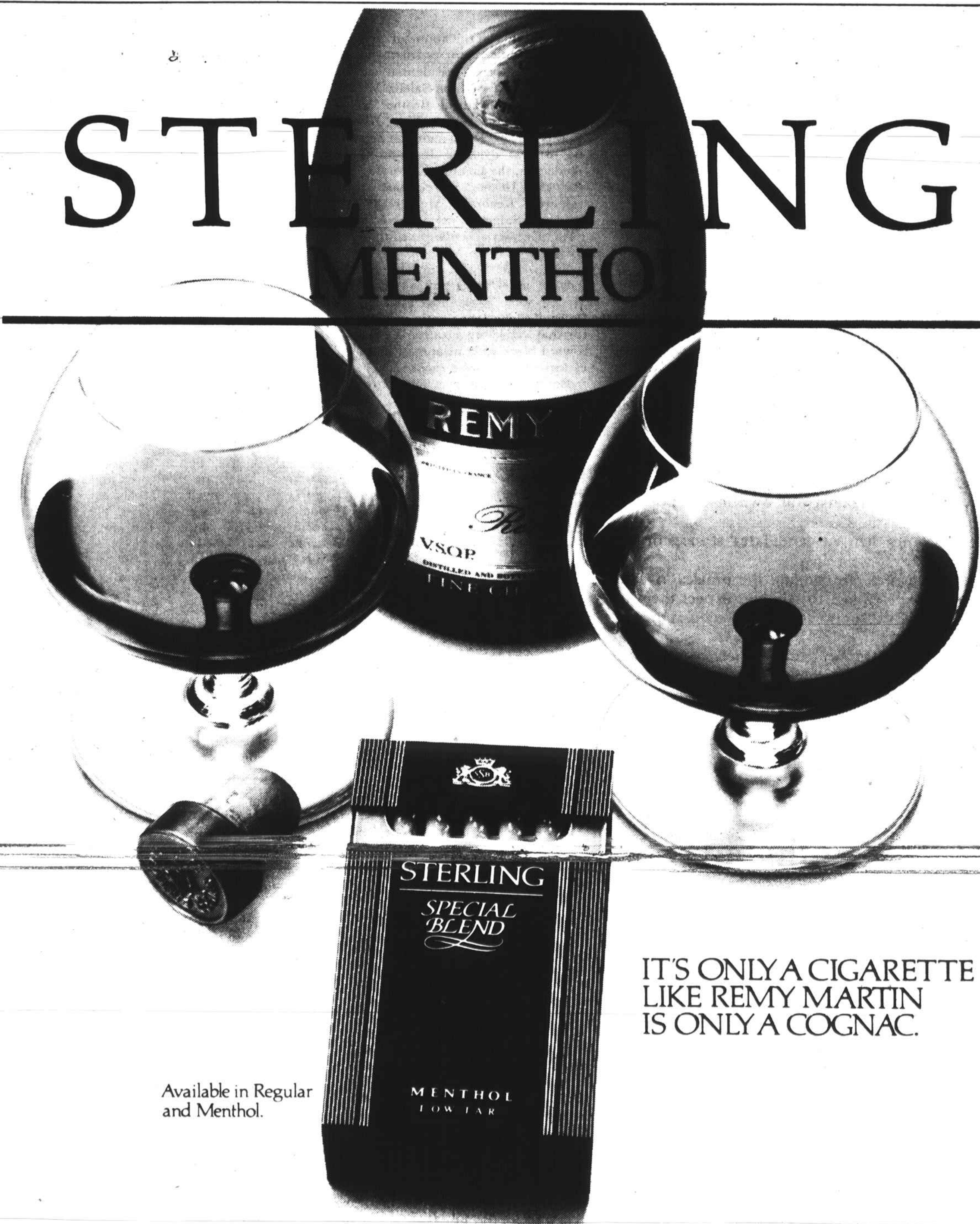
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