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## Black daily, man settle their dispute

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CHICAGO -- The *Chicago Defender*, a black-owned newspaper whose criticism of the city's first black mayor prompted one subscriber to chain himself to its office in protest, made peace on the front page last Wednesday.

"The *Chicago Defender* endorsed Harold Washington when he ran for mayor, and the *Defender* is still on Harold Washington's side," the newspaper said in a page-one editorial.

The move by the city's only black-owned daily newspaper resolved a dispute sparked by an earlier editorial that questioned whether the black community was any better, off under the Washington administration.

### Seeking A 'Fair Assessment'

The Rev. Herbert Martin, president of the local NAACP board, chained himself to a column outside the *Defender* offices in freezing temperatures last Monday to protest the editorial. Picketers marched in support.

Martin, who also had begun a hunger strike, vowed to stay until the *Defender* promised "an honest and fair assessment of the progressive reforms by the mayor."

Martin freed himself last Tuesday night after reaching an agreement with *Defender* Board Chairman John H. Sengstacke, who wrote the column in last Saturday's *Defender* that criticized the mayor.

### 'We Are A Family'

Last Wednesday's *Defender* carried a front-page photo of Martin and Sengstacke, hands clasped overhead in victory, under a headline that read: "We are a family."

Sengstacke originally said he would not retract the offending editorial, which asked Washington, "What the hell's going on?"

Sengstacke also said on a recent Sunday morning radio talk show that included Mayor Washington that anyone who objected to the editorial could write a letter to the editor.

Washington said black radio is "more relevant" than black newspapers and that he already has been mistreated by the white press.

But the tone of last Wednesday's editorial was conciliatory and said the earlier commentary "in no way reflected on the accomplishments of Mayor Washington."

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**DIANA WOWS 'EM**

NEWLY MARRIED Motown legend Diana Ross feted crowds in Charlotte and Greensboro last week with a fuller figure and a still-full singing voice (photo by Candace Freeland, Charlotte Observer).

## Results of inquiry spur new controversy

*Burke and Daulton supporters rally in wake of internal police investigation*

By L.A.A. WILLIAMS  
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Both sides were quick to respond Friday to an internal investigation of city police -- and the controversy it has created within and without the department.

The investigation involved the police's handling of the Deborah B. Sykes murder case and resulted two weeks ago in the demotion of former Detective J.I. Daulton, the chief investigator in the case, the disciplining of some of Daulton's superiors and a reprimand for Police Chief Joseph E. Masten.

Darryl E. Hunt supporters called a Friday morning press conference to say that Daulton's demotion and the other disciplinary actions confirmed what they had been saying all along -- that something was afoot in the police investigation that led to the June 1985 conviction of the then-19-year-old Hunt, a black man, for the crime. Hunt is now serving a life sentence.

But discontent also surfaced Thursday among some public safety officers with Alderman Vivian H. Burke, who, as chairman of the aldermen's Public Safety Committee, had ordered a review of the police's handling of the case last fall, which led to the internal investigation.

The Public Safety Committee oversees the police and fire departments.

Days later, active and retired police officers and firemen charged that Mrs. Burke has meddled too much in department affairs, despite her position. They also said they are investigating Burke for a possible conflict of interest because her son worked in the office of Hunt's defense lawyers

during the trial.

In response to those allegations, which first were reported last week, a group of black citizens called a press conference Friday at Shiloh Baptist Church to voice their support for Mrs. Burke and warn her critics that they will not allow them to intimidate her.

In a prepared statement, read by businessman Jim E. Mack, the group said, "We are here to show our support for Alderman Vivian H. Burke ... We believe Chairman Burke has carried out her duties as chairman of the Public

**"Mrs. Burke did not lie on the witness stand. She did not concoct any of this. Mrs. Burke is not on trial. Tisdale ought to be on trial. Masten and Daulton ought to be on trial. Facts are stubborn things."**

—THE REV. JOHN MENDEZ

Safety Committee with dignity and skill. As chairman of the Public Safety Committee, Alderman Burke has the right to investigate matters relating to public safety in the city of Winston-Salem.

"To those who have charged that she has overstepped her bounds and to those who say they are going to investigate Alderman Burke, we say, 'Go on and investigate, but don't try to intimidate or frighten her by making nameless and faceless allegations.'"

The group said Mrs. Burke has

## Brown: Blacks' problems are a 'human problem'

By L.A.A. WILLIAMS  
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GREENSBORO -- Former '60s black activist H. "Rap" Brown, now known as Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin, told a racially mixed audience last week that the problems black people face today are symptoms of a much larger "human problem."

Al-Amin, 42, headed the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), the organization primarily responsible for teaching non-violent tactics during the sit-in days of the mid-1960s, and helped lead the Black Power movement in the late '60s. He appeared at the University of North

Carolina at Greensboro Thursday night for a guest lecture sponsored by the school's Neo-Black Society.

Al-Amin, who currently leads Jamatul-Rasool, a Muslim organization based in Atlanta, said man has strayed from his roots.

"The cause of the problem is that man has gone away from the purpose of his creation," he said. "Man was created for a purpose. He is, by design, a being with a purpose and an intention. It's easy to talk about blackness, but it is much greater to give direction to this life we find ourselves in. We must not just survive America; we must surpass this dilemma."

In explaining the ways of Islam, to which he converted in the early '70s, Al-Amin said black people have made the mistake of imitating their oppressors.

"The Prophet Muhammad said, 'If you imitate a people, you are of that people,'" he said. "If you want to vanquish a people, the final straw in destroying them is imitation. You cannot use this society as your point of reference if you intend to struggle against it."

"The tools this society provides you with are inadequate for the struggle you must wage. The tastes, lusts and things this society offers cultivate our own self-oppression."

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Then he was H. "Rap" Brown; today he's Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin (photo by L.A.A. Williams).



WSSU Chancellor Cleon F. Thompson (photo by James Parker).

## S. African trek: 'Inhumanity like I've never seen'

By ROBIN BARKSDALE  
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Winston-Salem State University Chancellor Cleon F. Thompson, who returned last week from a 10-day fact-finding trip to South Africa, said he felt as if he were stepping back in time during his visit to that troubled country.

Thompson was among a delegation of 16 black Americans chosen to participate in a study of South Africa's educational system. The group included 12 presidents and chancellors of historically black colleges and universities.

The trip was coordinated by the U.S. State Department in an attempt to identify ways in which the United States may help improve educational opportunities for black South Africans.

### 'A Strange Segregation'

The separatism in South Africa, Thompson said, reminded him of the conditions and attitudes he experienced as a black man in America during the 1960s.

But in Africa he saw a different kind of segregation.

"When I was walking around in Africa, I was definitely reminded of the same kind of segregation we had here in America in the 1960s," Thompson said during a press conference at his office last week. "But it was a strange segregation in Africa. It was not like in Georgia. Blacks (in South Africa) come into the city to work during the day, and you may see some of them working in stores and at businesses. But then, at the end of the workday, they all get back on the train and ride out to their own areas. There is no intermingling. Each race has its own section that they live in."

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