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Participants in the Monday King celebrations, from top left, joined in a freedom walk, listened to comments from Emery Rann and remembered the struggles of South African blacks (photos by Santana).

Thousands celebrate King birthday

By ANGIE MARTIN
Chronicle Staff Writer

More than 1,000 residents took part in the activities held here Monday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. The events, organized by the Minister's Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity, were held at various locations throughout the city.

Celebrants got an early start with a 7 a.m. Freedom Breakfast, held at the Winston-Salem Lake Y. Keynote speaker, Emery Rann, said that as the human relations director for Winston-Salem, he could relate to Martin Luther King's concern for human rights.

Rann encouraged the observers to look beyond this, the first statewide celebration of King's birthday, saying that

King's dream of human rights and equality should be embarked upon daily.

"Only if we make a statement about the spirit of Dr. King...and make that an everyday occasion, then we will truly be honoring the spirit of that fallen warrior," Rann said.

Rann received a warm welcome

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Racial harassment case heard by Reingold

By ROBIN BARKSDALE
Chronicle Staff Writer

A local white man charged with communicating threats, which his neighbors said were racially motivated, appeared in court last week to answer two criminal charges. He was given a fine and a reprimand. His Afro-American neighbors, the Eugene Campbells, say the case was not handled fairly.

"I feel that if it had been us, it (the punishment) would have been more severe," Arlene Campbell said. "I'm glad it seems like it's over but he should have gotten something more than a fine."

Charles McHone appeared in District Court last Friday and pleaded guilty to charges of malicious injury to property and to communicating threats against the Campbells, his neighbors. Judge William B. Reingold ordered McHone to pay costs and McHone also was reprimanded for communicating threats against his neighbors, but received no sentence on the charge. McHone pleaded guilty to the charge of malicious injury to personal property, which resulted from the Campbells' charge that he had thrown an object at their truck and broken out one of the windows.

Before ordering McHone to pay costs, Reingold explained to McHone that the matter was serious, then suggested that both

Campbell and McHone attempt to co-exist as neighbors. Reingold told them to avoid each other if necessary and to stay off each other's property. The Campbell's say that they have never been on McHone's property and that McHone's actions have been unprovoked.

Reingold then asked McHone if he had communicated threats against Campbell, which was alleged in the second criminal charge against McHone. McHone responded, "Yes, I guess I did." Reingold told McHone that "everything that I said in the first case applies double" in this case. McHone was then dismissed.

The charges against McHone stem from what the Campbells claim was a series of incidents, culminating a few days after Christmas when McHone broke out the window on their truck. But the Campbells said that they have lived in fear of McHone for nearly three years, and have been unable to receive any relief from law enforcement officers. They said that on one occasion McHone threw a metal object through their front door and has repeatedly shouted racial slurs and threats at them. But not until last week were the Campbells able to have their day in court because, despite the alleged threats McHone made, they had no legal proof that he was the culprit of the alleged actions.

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Democratic contenders not conceding black vote

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO -- Democratic presidential contenders aren't conceding the black vote to Jesse Jackson and several have won the support of prominent black political figures in Jackson's own backyard.

"It's an erroneous assumption to think the black community will vote en masse for Jesse Jackson," said Terry Stephan, a spokeswoman for Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill.

In Chicago's three predominantly black congressional districts, several well-known black political operatives are backing Simon and other Democratic contenders rather than Jackson, campaign officials say.

Eugene Barnes, a former Chicago Transit Authority chairman and former state legislator, is running for delegate on Simon's slate in Illinois. Another Simon delegate candidate is William Julius Wilson, chairman of the University of Chicago's sociology department and author of a book on the underclass.

Al Raby, a civil rights leader who worked with Jackson in the 1960s, is a director of candidate Bruce Babbitt's presidential campaign in Illinois. And former state Rep. Monica Faith

Raby's caliber would lend his name and efforts to Bruce Babbitt's campaign should send a strong message about the kind of human being Babbitt is."

But Jackson, a Chicago-based civil

"They (other campaigns) can waste as much money there as they want, but we will carry those districts," said Steve Cobble, Jackson's delegate chairman. "I'd be surprised if they have seriously targeted those districts for any delegate wins." In those districts, Jackson has been endorsed by Chicago Mayor Eugene Sawyer and has delegate slates that include Cook County Commissioner John H. Stroger Jr.; Alderman Tim Evans, who was the late Mayor Harold Washington's City Council floor leader; Alderman Danny Davis; West Side community activist Nancy Jefferson, and Jacqueline Vaughn, president of the Chicago Teachers Union.

Wilson, running as a Simon delegate, said he chose Illinois' other native son over Jackson because he was particularly impressed by Simon's economic policies.

But he said he expects criticism for not supporting Jackson.

"I think blacks running as delegates on other tickets, if they are liberal or progressive blacks, probably are experiencing some strain," Wilson said.

Jackson camp opens office

The Jesse Jackson Presidential '88 Campaign has opened an office in Winston-Salem, according to the campaign local director.

Earline Parmon, who has taken a leave of absence from LIFT to manage Jackson's campaign, announced that the office is located at 231 W. Fifth St. between Cherry Street and Trade Street. "The office site was selected so that more people could have easy access to the office," she said. The office hours are 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. Monday through Sunday.

Other members of the local campaign committee are: Jerry Gilmore, Dar-

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Stewart is a candidate on Gary Hart's delegate slate.

"We're not conceding the black community," said Babbitt campaign adviser Tom Coffey. "The fact that a man of Al

rights leader who ran for president in 1984, isn't worried about losing the predominantly black 1st, 2nd and 7th Congressional Districts in Chicago, his campaign officials say.

THE NATION'S NEWS

Compiled From AP Wire

Cosby: CBS was wrong

NEW YORK -- Entertainer Bill Cosby says sports analyst Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder didn't deserve to be fired by CBS for saying blacks make better athletes because of selective breeding before the Civil War.

Joe Louis' son pleads guilty

CINCINNATI -- The adopted son of former heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis pleaded guilty Wednesday to a charge of filing a false kidnapping report with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

NAACP: Get rid of flag

JACKSON, Miss. -- Rep. Aaron Henry of Clarksdale, state NAACP president, has introduced a bill to banish the Confederate battle banner from the state flag.

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Robinson seeks state office

By KEITH WILLIAMS
Special to the Chronicle

Vernon L. Robinson, a Republican who is the former chairman of the Triad Buy Freedom Campaign, is scheduled to announce his candidacy today for the North Carolina Senate.

Although rumors of Robinson's interest in the Senate seat held by Ted Kaplan (D-Forsyth) have been floating around the Afro-American community for a couple of months,



Robinson

Robinson said he will make the formal announcement at 10 a.m. today at the Business and Technology Center on South Marshall Street.

Robinson, 32, an assistant information systems professor at Winston-Salem State University, said he has already raised more than \$4,500 in campaign contributions and hopes to increase that war chest to \$40,000.

"That's prior to announcing my candidacy," said Robinson. "I think that says a lot for my campaign. If you don't have finances, then you aren't a real candidate."

Dr. Nathan Harris, a business law professor at Winston-Salem State University, heads a 31-person

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QUOTABLE: " 'Poppy' parents are the new menace in child rearing. They are the 'closet druggies,' parents who use drugs around their children."

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Bus contract talks at an impasse

By ROBIN BARKSDALE
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The general manager of the Winston-Salem Transit Authority said recently that he didn't think a strike would result from stalled contract talks with the company's bus drivers and maintenance workers, but members of the transport workers union are awaiting the outcome of federal mediation before ruling out any possibilities.

A new contract settlement has not been reached because James Ritchey, the authority's general manager, and union officials have continued to disagree over the issue of a drug screening program. The second extension on the workers' contract expired at midnight Tuesday, Jan. 18. The contract originally expired Nov. 30, 1987, but union officials said they extended the contract to continue to negotiate in "good faith" with the transit authority. Ritchey said he was confident that the union and the transit authority would settle their differences and that he did not expect their disagreement to deteriorate.



Contract negotiations between the bus company and the local Transport Workers Union #248 have been stalled over a drug screening issue (photo by Mike Cunningham).

would strike.

But the matter is currently headed for federal mediation and, until then, union officials said they would remain non-committal about a strike. James B. Dunlap, president of Transport Workers Union Local

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