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## Some Blacks Oppose Mayor's Drug March

### Others Believe Rally Will Bring Needed Attention To Problem Of Drug Abuse

By JALYNE STRONG  
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Fourteen-year-old Andre Wright isn't very happy with Mayor Sue Myrick's plan to lead an anti-drug march through his neighborhood Saturday.

"I think it stinks," he said. Andre's feelings have been echoed this week by African-Americans who say the procession will unfairly stereotype black neighborhoods as the center of illegal drug activity.

Myrick will begin RAAID (Rallying Americans Against Illegal Drugs) at 10 a.m. from Greenville Center, on Spring Street off Oaklawn Avenue.

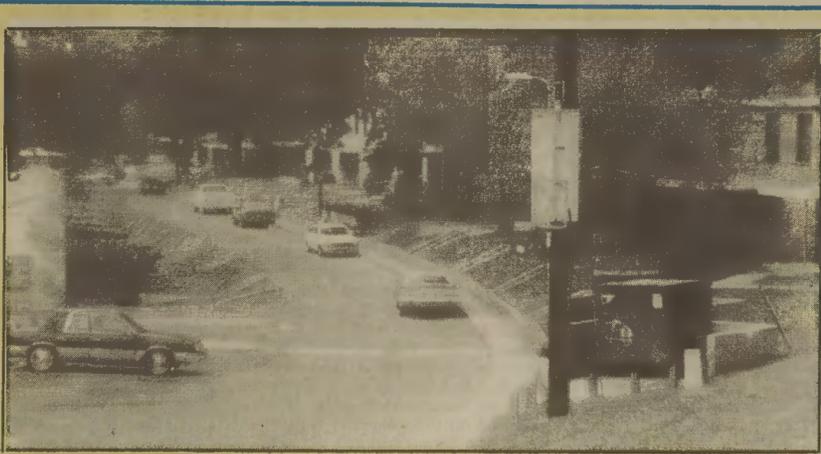
Andre's mother, Deborah Wright, wasn't as condemning. She believes the march is not a bad idea in general, but questions its purpose. "Having them just walking through here isn't going to do anything. What's behind it?" she asked.

Wright and her son live in a

public housing complex on North Alexander St. Their apartment faces Ninth St., one of the streets on the march route. "I'm going to be out there. But she (Myrick) should be marching up there," said Wright, pointing towards Seventh St. and Davidson, the heart of the Earle Village public housing complex. "That's where it's really bad."

The march will follow a route down Oaklawn through Statesville Road, Graham Street, and down Ninth Street to Seigle Avenue. The route skirts three predominantly black public housing developments (Fairview Homes, Earle Village and Piedmont Courts), avoiding the main streets that lead into the housing complexes.

Earlier this week several African-American pastors and politicians criticized Myrick's plans. City council member Charlie Dannelly said Tuesday,



The Fairview Homes public housing complex has received its share of attention in the Mayor's crusade against drugs.



Myrick

"Having them just walking through here isn't going to do anything. What's behind it?"

Deborah Wright, public housing resident

"Drug dealers have literally been driven out of the neighborhoods. It sends a strong message."

Mayor Sue Myrick

"It sends a message to the rest of Charlotte that drug abuse is a problem of the black community, particularly black projects." Rev. Leon Riddick, pastor of

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Rev. Phillip Davis, pastor of Nations Ford Baptist Church, and council member Ella Scarborough publicly voiced their opposition

to the march. Tuesday, several members of the African-

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## Where To Put The Waste?

### County Moves Recycling Center To Dalton Ave.

By HERB WHITE  
Post Staff Writer

Mecklenburg County won't put a recycling center on LaSalle Street, but one is planned to go into a black neighborhood.

Fairfield County Redemption, a Stratford, Conn.-based company, plans to operate a 33,150-foot facility at Dalton Avenue and North Graham Street in the Lockwood community.

The center, which will process 75 tons of newspaper and 25 tons of glass, aluminum and plastic bottles each day, is expected to begin operations Jan. 1, 1990.

Although contracts have yet to be signed, the final agreement calls for the county to pay at least \$120,000 to the company to operate the center its first year.

The recycled materials will be sold to various markets, said Keith Miers, president of FCR, who was in Charlotte this week to talk to local residents about the facility.

Dalton Avenue's selection will be a positive addition to the neighborhood, said Fred Remington, Mecklenburg's recycling coordinator.

Although neighborhood leaders and the Westside Coalition Against the Garbage Dump have a lawsuit in federal court to stop the LaSalle site, Remington said the proposed facility isn't a dump.

"No trash will enter this facility," he said. "You can't sell trash."

Leroy "Pop" Miller, head of the westside coalition, said the change in location still sends a negative signal to African-Americans.

Black neighborhoods have

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Hawkins

## Black Gains Are Eroding, Says SCLC

HIGH POINT (AP) --- The civil rights gains of recent years have been quietly dismantled in recent years, and much work is needed to turn North Carolina and the nation around, black leaders said last Thursday.

"There's a complete reversal of all the gains that have been made by blacks in the most subtle and most sophisticated way," said the Rev. Reginald A. Hawkins of Charlotte. "In North Carolina, we have Ku Klux Klan (members) who wear blue suits. They do not wear the hoods."

Members of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference voiced their concerns dur-

ing a news conference to open the group's three-day North Carolina conference.

"In North Carolina, there's so much to be done, because North Carolina, as the nation, has gone back prior to civil rights days. We must turn the total state and nation around," said the Rev. W.E. Banks of Thomasville, coordinator of the conference.

"The Supreme Court decision of the past couple of weeks, the reversal of affirmative action, is indicative of what's happening," Hawkins said.

Hawkins urged blacks to be vigilant against any further losses.

"We have to be on the alert ... that we don't see the gains that we have made taken away from us," he said.

"Some of us have become appeasers to the white community. We gain positions and immediately we become white. This weekend ... we will address the whole structure of this state and this nation as it pertains to finding new frontiers and going ahead and making sure that our leaders who made these gains will not be destroyed."

"And there is an attempt, in this state and across the nation, to destroy black leadership who were very active in the civil rights struggle and they are com-

ing forth with their leaders who they parade to us as civil rights leaders with no track record," he said.

Banks and Hawkins both said education and banking posed two areas where progress has not met their hopes.

The two said the ratio of black teachers and principals has not kept pace with the ratio of black students to the overall student population.

Both also pointed out the low numbers of blacks on bank boards of directors and what they considered insufficient investment by banks in the black community.

## Jackson Moves To 'Free' Washington

Special To The Post  
By Larry A. Still

(WASHINGTON, DC--NNPA) -- Although Jesse Jackson specifically outlined his reasons for moving to the nation's capital in an unusual closed door session with representatives of black-owned media only, the former (Democratic) presidential candidate's action's are still being challenged by apparently outraged reporters and politicians here. Reverend and Mrs. Jackson are moving into an uptown apartment pending renovation of a home purchased near Howard University. By moving into the District in August, he qualifies to run for mayor or congress in the 1990 elections.

Emphasizing that he is locating in the District of Columbia to help "free the citizens" by working to get complete Home Rule, Jackson declared "I have no plans to run for Mayor ... The debate (over whether he should seek to succeed Mayor Marion Barry) is paralyzing the city," Jackson told all-black journalists in a luncheon session where reporters from daily newspapers and radio-TV stations were barred from entering by D. C. police. "We don't have to be defensive about a closed meeting. I meet with all-white media organizations all the time," he said.

Speaking at the session ar-

ranged by Calvin Rolark, the Washington Informer newspaper publisher and WYCB-AM radio commentator, Jackson patiently explained that he is moving his home to D. C. and the National Rainbow Coalition headquarters "back to Washington" because the Capital is the center of activity in the nation and the world. "It is an effective location for me to operate in and meet people" he added.

The decision on whether he should run for mayor is premature and "who is going to be mayor is not the issue now" the Democratic party's major vote getter said in indicating he is keeping his options open. "We still have the baseball season this year, the National Football League playoffs (this winter) and the National Basketball Association season next year," the potential candidate quipped at one point in referring to the 1990 mayoral campaign beginning in about 13 months.

However, Jackson emphasized that "D. C. is under Congressional occupation ... We need to free the city from the plight of being occupied by officials who are not accountable to the people ... This is the only Capital among democracies in the world where its citizens do not have the right of self determination."



Jackson

Noting that Mayor Barry was originally elected on a "Free D. C." campaign, Jackson said he will aid the city's home rule drive to get more elected representatives and senators in the United States Congress. Rep. Walter E. Fauntroy (D. C. Delegate), the city's only member of Congress without a full vote, accompanied Jackson to the media session, but the mayor was not present.

Barry and Jackson reportedly met later after the District of Columbia city council passed legislation viewed as restricting the new resident's ability to raise campaign funds by limiting the amount of speaker's fees for public officials. When barred reporters persisted in asking Jackson about his campaign plans after the meeting, he replied that their questions were "irrelevant."

## Klansmen Must Attend Race Relations Course

BY PAUL NEWBERRY  
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) --- Ku Klux Klansmen who clashed with black marchers in 1979 must attend a course on race relations taught by civil rights leaders as part of a settlement of a civil lawsuit.

The settlement was to be filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Huntsville, but had not reached the court by mid-morning, a clerk said. In addition to mandating the civil rights course, it requires Roger Handley, former grand dragon of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and nine other Alabama Klansmen to pay \$11,500 in damages to the marchers.

"Our goal has always been to try and change the hearts and minds of those whose racial beliefs lead to violence against us," said the Rev. Joseph Lowery, president of the Atlanta-based Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Klanwatch, a group operated by the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, filed the civil lawsuit in 1980 on behalf of the SCLC, which had organized the 1979 march in Decatur.

"It is an historic moment when the president of the group founded by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., an ardent practitioner of nonvi-

olence, stands before the grand dragon of the Alabama Ku Klux Klan and expresses Dr. King's message of love," Lowery said in a statement released Monday by Klanwatch.

The settlement also requires several Klansmen to perform community service and refrain from harassing blacks or joining any Klan or white supremacist group for periods of up to five years.

"Probably the most unique aspect of this case is that seven of the defendants have to attend a race relations course," said Pat Clark, director of Klanwatch. "We must find a way to change attitudes and give people an opportunity to assess their wrongdoings."

She said details of the two-hour course, which probably will be taught in Birmingham next spring, have yet to be worked out.

The suit was filed in 1980 after Klanwatch investigators uncov-

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