

# Rights Issues Said Non-Partisan

## Ms. King's Appearance At GOP Convention Questioned



CORETTA SCOTT KING

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports  
ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—The executive director of Georgia's Democratic Party said voters shouldn't read too much into Coretta Scott King's appearance with Barbara Bush at the Republican National Convention on Tuesday. "She has to work with both parties," said Bobby Kahn. And Gov. Joe Frank Harris, titular head of the state party and a booster of Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis, "has never considered that Ms. King's concerns for civil rights were partisan in nature," said press secretary Barbara Morgan.

Ms. King, widow of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., sat with Ms. Bush in the vice president's box at the convention in New Orleans for the keynote address by New Jersey Gov. Thomas Kean. She told reporters she attended the GOP gathering "to keep Dr. King's dream alive." Last month, Ms. King was a participant in the Democratic National Convention in Atlanta, where she praised the Rev. Jesse Jackson for broadening the party but also said that many of her late husband's dreams remain unfulfilled.

"Something is still wrong when 32 million Americans are living in poverty in the richest nation on the face of the earth... when nearly 13 million of them are children," she said. Appealing to Democrats not to abandon black voters, she also said it would be a tragic mistake to "attract the haves to any party at the expense of the have-nots." In New Orleans, she told USA Today, "I am here to see how the Republican Party approaches these issues. It is important that both groups be inclusive of all ethnic groups and racial minorities. Maybe I can be a force for opening up dialogue and communications to build a bipartisan coalition." "There has been some lack of communication between the Reagan White House and the civil rights com-

munity, but I haven't seen this with Bush," she added. Ms. King also said she was not endorsing either Dukakis or Bush. "I don't think the issue of civil rights has been addressed to my satisfaction in the last eight years. We have an opportunity to address that during whichever administration comes in," she said. Kahn, however, said, "I have every reason to believe that when she gets involved in the campaign in her private capacity, she will be supporting Democratic candidates." For now, he said, "she has to work with both parties" in her capacity as president of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change. Later, Ms. King submitted a testimony to the Committee on Family and Community Services of the

Republican Platform Committee. She testified to the GOP platform hearings as a part of the center's commitment to build a bipartisan consensus for social and economic reforms. Though unable to attend the hearings, her testimony was read by Lloyd Davis, King Center staff vice president for government and international affairs. Here are excerpts from the testimony: "In less than three weeks we will observe the 25th anniversary of the great March on Washington, when Martin Luther King, Jr. shared his dream for the country he loved. This dream, for which he gave his life, was really the American dream of justice, freedom, equal opportunity and brotherhood for all of our people. "In the 25 years that have passed (See NON-PARTISAN, P. 2)

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### May Seek Sanctuary

## Brawley Rejects Jury

### Subpoena Seen As Option

NEW YORK, N.Y. (AP)—Advisers to Tawana Brawley are considering several options regarding a grand jury's apparent decision to subpoena her, but none of the alternatives call for allowing her testimony, a Brawley family spokesman says. "There's no way in heaven, earth or hell we will let Tawana Brawley participate in the coverup of what happened to her," the Rev. Al Sharpton said. Among the options being considered to preclude the teenager's testimony is to have Ms. Brawley seek sanctuary in a church as her mother did, Sharpton said. Another is to have her remain out of state, and a third option would call for her to surrender "in a very dramatic way, with 1,000 supporters at [state Attorney General] Bob Abrams' office," Sharpton said. If that course were followed, Sharpton said, Ms. Brawley would not testify after surrendering.



NEW PLANS — Two forms of power appear on stage at the same time: one form being that of politics and the other athletic, as state representative Dan Blue welcomes Willie Stargell and the Black Athlete Hall of Fame to Raleigh and the State of North Carolina. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

Sharpton and other Brawley advisers said, however, that to their knowledge no subpoena had been issued. Tim Gilles, a spokesman for Abrams, declined to comment and would neither confirm nor deny that a subpoena had been voted on by the grand jury. The New York Times reported last week that the grand jury voted to subpoena Ms. Brawley. In so doing, the Times reported, jurors rejected the wishes of Abrams, the special prosecutor in charge of investigating the 16-year-old black teenager's allegation that she was kidnapped and raped by a group of white men. The Brawley advisers have demanded that Abrams be replaced as special prosecutor. Gov. Mario Cuomo said in an interview on Albany's WAMC radio that he didn't know what action, if any, the grand jury had taken. "I don't know what the grand jury has done," he said. "I don't know what position the attorney general took before the grand jury, so it's all speculation as far as I'm concerned and I'd rather not participate in it." Cuomo, asked if Ms. Brawley would get immunity if she testifies, said, "If she committed a crime and her testimony is evidence of that crime and connected with that crime, she will be immunized, yes." "But," he noted, "nobody's assuring" (See TAWANA BRAWLEY, P. 2)

## Major Growth Pattern Continues For College

Saint Augustine's College President Prezell R. Robinson told new and returning faculty, staff and administration that the college was in the middle of a major growth pattern in his state of the college address recently. Robinson was talking about the close to \$3 million construction and renovation work going on at the Raleigh college, as faculty returned to begin the 1988-89 school year. He was talking about the completed renovation of the Reserve Officers Training Corps building, the major overhaul to the Penick Hall of Science, the new outdoor track and field facility, renovations to the college's historic chapel, the improvements on two existing dormitories, and maintenance on several other existing buildings. Plans are also under way to complete the final phase of the Fine Arts Center to house the college's academic program, and television facility. "The alarm bell has sounded for young blacks in the field of natural

sciences," said Robinson. "We can't wait for them [the students] to come to Saint Augustine's. We have to reach out to these young people in the high schools, to not only encourage them, but offer support as well," he added. That support began last year in the form of a new program, working with W.G. Enloe High School. High-school students from Enloe spent several weeks of intensive study in (See COLLEGE, P. 2)

## Dukakis Makes Vows To Banish Racism And Bigotry In America

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—Democratic nominee Michael S. Dukakis Thursday urged black voters to join him in resolving that "every form of bigotry and racism and religious intolerance will be banished from this land." Dukakis promised civil rights activists a broad social agenda that would reverse what he called the "indifference" and "blind eye" of the Reagan administration. Some black leaders had criticized Dukakis for not using a recent appearance in Mississippi to outline his views on minority concerns. On Thursday, he cited a long list of problems demanding solutions, including a lack of affordable housing, job training, prenatal care, quality schools and anti-drug programs.

Touring the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., Dukakis declared his support for the multibillion-dollar space station program. He also promised to revive the National Space Council, a cabinet-level agency that oversaw the U.S. space program before it was abolished by President Nixon. Campaigning in Davenport, Iowa, Dukakis' wife told reporters the United States could afford a national day care program if "fantasy" programs like President Reagan's "Star Wars" defense plans were cut. Kitty Dukakis said the question was whether to pay for "exotic weapons programs that have little chance of working or do we provide the best for our children whether it's in day care or education?"

Ms. Dukakis said her husband would create a national day care partnership program "representing labor and industry, business and education, family and government." "He will establish a new office of child care which will have the job of assuring that quality, affordable, acceptable child care will be available for all who need it," she said. Asked how Dukakis will pay for the program, Ms. Dukakis said, "I think you have to make tough choices, and Michael has talked about that; whether we have a fantasy called 'Star Wars' or we provide decent, affordable day care." Ms. Dukakis also said the record of Quayle was suspect. "I think women of this country are

going to vote on the issues, on records, character... Mr. Quayle, as senator, voted against Head Start, voted against the Farm Credit Bill and the drought relief bill. "In terms of family issues, when you are against the Equal Rights Amendment and against money for Head Start, then you have problems," she said. On Thursday, Lloyd Bentsen pressed his vice presidential and Senate campaigns among conservative oil-country businessmen in Longview, Texas, and ducked questions about

Quayle's service in the National Guard during the Vietnam War. "I'm not going to question that," said Bentsen, a World War II bomber pilot. "I'm a strong supporter of the National Guard and always have been. One of my own sons served in the National Guard." Bentsen passed up the chance to criticize Quayle over the reports that George Bush's vice presidential running mate sought to enter the Indiana National Guard in 1969 and avoid being drafted for active duty in Vietnam. (See BAN RACISM, P. 2)

## Elections '88

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One of the important items in the negotiation between Rev. Jesse L. Jackson and Michael Dukakis at the recent Democratic convention, rarely mentioned in the press, was the legislative package. Dukakis reportedly agreed to support several pieces of legislation which are currently before the Congress in one form or another. The package includes: the Drellums Bill imposing new sanctions on South Africa; the Conyers Bill for same-day, on-site voter registration; the ABC Child Care Bill; statehood for the District of Columbia; and a monitoring system for economic set-asides.

The Jackson campaign undertook that at a moment in American politics when the media, the party leadership and the political leadership were all mobilizing their resources to contest for the White House, there is an opportunity to direct their attention to immediate needs. In the Congress there is the opportunity to make some impact because both houses are controlled by Democrats. Thus, immediate assistance by Dukakis, the titular leader of the party by virtue of winning the nomination, is crucial to the passage of these issues right now.

In addition, because the Democratic Party platform frames issues so generally and Dukakis' policy prescriptions are similarly vague, his support for this legislative package provides him with an opportunity to be more specific about what he would do as president. The party platform is not the only (and some would argue, not the most important) arena where a presidential candidate can make important commitments to issues. But Dukakis has missed opportunities at both the NAACP and the National Urban League annual conferences to really "turn on" his audiences with substance rather than rhetoric. To their credit, both audiences responded politely—but with coolness.

Now it turns out that the Drellums Bill proposing tough new sanctions against South Africa is in danger of not being passed in this session of Congress. The South Africa bill does not have a greater impact upon black America than the child care or voter registration measures, but the symbolic impact is important for many reasons. If the Democratic leadership allows this bill to die, this action will cast a giant shadow of doubt on all the other supposed "commitments" made by Dukakis. And if this signal is sent, the current coolness toward Dukakis among many African-Americans could turn into electoral rigor mortis.

## U. S. Attorney Is Tough Prosecutor Crime Pursued With Bulldog Persistence

BY CHESTER A. HIGGINS, SR.  
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WASHINGTON, D.C.—A tough U.S. attorney with a bulldog's persistence in pursuing crime and criminals and who just happens to be black is expected to be quickly confirmed by the Senate and become the nation's chief prosecuting attorney, the fifth highest position in the Department of Justice. He is Edward S.G. Dennis, Jr., a 43-year-old who since 1983 has been a racket-busting U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. During that period he sent a prominent Philadelphia councilman and his aide to jail, as well as the powerful chief of the city's entrenched mob and a number of cops—over 30 persons in all indicted or convicted—in a case that is still ongoing and now involves the entire police narcotics unit. Dennis will need every bit of his professional toughness as he comes into a Justice Department recently racked with ongoing investigations of charges against Edwin Meese, III, the country's chief law enforcement officer, and a poisonous environment of low morale, one that most blacks and many whites view as racist, especially in W. Bradford Reynolds' Civil Rights Division. So despite Dennis' brave assertion to a Senate committee considering his nomination that he found no at-

mosphere of "malaise" at the department where he is serving in the interim period until confirmation, a Senate oversight committee a few doors down the hall in the Dirksen Senate Office Building was being told

precisely the opposite. Arnold I. Burns, deputy attorney general, and William F. Weld, assistant attorney general for the Criminal Division, whose position Dennis seeks to fill, told the Senate

Judiciary Committee there was indeed a "malaise" hanging over the Justice Department. Both men dramatically resigned earlier this year after informing President (See BLACK LAWYERS, P. 2)



ADDRESSING NEEDS—Both parties, Democrat and Republican, are attempting to court various segments of their national grassroots organization concerned with housing and constituents, addressing their needs and concerns while economic concerns for the poor and elderly. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

## Felicia Pines Aids NC Export Efforts

Editor's Note: Following is the first of several profiles of blacks who work in the James G. Martin administration. Felicia R. Pine has worked as an international trade specialist with the North Carolina Department of Commerce since November 1985, assisting the exporting efforts of companies in the state. Ms. Pine provides technical assistance and identifies foreign buyers and markets. Before joining Gov. Martin's administration, Ms. Pine was an owner of a construction cleaning company in Charlotte. She has worked as a manager (See MS. FELICIA PINE, P. 2)



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