

Sen. Simon Keeping Blacks Chained; Nixes Deal To Free Nelson Mandela

BY CHESTER A. HIGGINS, SR.

Washington, D. C.—A secret South African proposal to release long-imprisoned Black leader Nelson Mandela if the U. S. Senate will drop efforts to pass a sanctions bill, was flatly turned down by Sen. Paul Simon (D., Ill.).

Returning from a 10-day fact finding trip to South Africa, Senator Simon told NNPA the proposal was made during an hour-and-forty-five minute meeting behind closed doors with South African Foreign Minister Rieffers (Pik) Botha. Simon said he responded that "I want Mandela released, but that is not enough. All South Africa must be freed." He emphasized that talks with Botha, scheduled for only one hour, but extended, were "frank discussions."

Indeed, Simon, who is chairman of the African Subcommittee of the powerful Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said the fact-finding mission only strengthened his belief that tough sanctions are the only option—either than, or do nothing, in which case bloody violence will erupt. Most Black adults want peaceful change. Young Blacks, however, would opt for violence. When I say sanctions, I don't mean simply U.S.-imposed sanctions. I mean global sanctions. Many countries are considering sanctions, including those in the British empire. The White South African government is becoming more and more isolated and it feels it."

Simon has set a Foreign Relations Committee vote on new South African Sanctions legislation on his return to Capitol Hill, Sept. 8. Simon talked with NNPA in Washington, D. C., from his car enroute to his home.

Ministerial Leaders Go To Angola

BY REV. JOHN MENDEZ

Special To The CAROLINIAN

During the weeks of Aug. 9-22, a group of religious leaders, male and female, visited the People's Republic of Angola. The purpose of this pilgrimage was to participate in fact-finding, investigating the atrocities and terrorist acts against Angola by the racist apartheid regime of South Africa and its surrogate, the U.S.-backed UNITA rebels. We also went to Angola to critically theologize on the situation of death as it exists in this young sovereign nation. Furthermore, we went to Angola to strengthen the relationship between the churches in America and the indigenous church there. Our theological reflection will cover several areas once completed. I'll mention them briefly.

First, in the area of suffering, we have been emotionally and theologically traumatized by the suffering of the Angolan people due to this war of aggression. We were touched, saddened and outraged as we witnessed children, men and women maimed by land mines, thousands of orphans whose parents were killed by the war, thousands of

Makanda, Illinois, from Chicago's O'Hare Airport. He had just arrived on flight from New York where he had appeared on one of the NBC's Today Show and CBS's This Morning.

One focus of Simon's trip was press censorship in that terrorist/racist country. Simon, a former journalist, noted that Mandela's picture was cut

out of Newsweek editions appearing one week in that country. South African Whites, he said, don't know what is happening. That nation's press attacked Simon. Some newspapers ran "Simple Simon" headlines.

He said a lack of communication between the races contributes greatly to ongoing tensions and

misunderstandings. The polarized society is reflected in Black despair and hopelessness and White fear, he said. If South Africa is to avoid increased world sanctions, it must send a signal that it is prepared to sincerely negotiate with the real Black leaders (not the "Uncle Toms") on the future of that country (See SEN. SIMON, P. 2)

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Wanted For Murder Shooting Suspect Held

Arrested By FBI As Fugitive

The FBI has arrested a man in Philadelphia who was captured in 1984 when he allegedly shot a woman after chasing her into a convenience store.

Ralph Ray McClain, 51, was arrested last week by the FBI on a fugitive warrant and according to Raleigh police will be extradited for the murder of Jo Ann Conyers.

Raleigh police charged McClain on July 5, 1984 for the murder of Ms. Conyers, his former girlfriend.

Ms. Conyers, 38, was shot twice by a man who chased her into Zack's Grocery Mart at 1617 New Bern Ave. on July 4, 1984.

Witnesses said Ms. Conyers was running from a man with a shotgun who shot her as she entered the store. Ms. Conyers died two hours later in an operating room at Wake Medical Center.

Police said McClain was not going to waive extradition and would be back in Raleigh within 10 days.

In related events: The House of Representatives approved last week an amendment to an omnibus anti-drug bill that would allow federal juries to impose the death sentence on people convicted of committing murder during a drug-related crime.

The amendment, which now goes to the Senate, would permit the execution of a person who is convicted of a drug felony and murder.

Oponents of anti-drug bill say the provisions turn the war on drugs into an attack on the Constitution. The amendments would deny such government benefits as housing loans and college grants to convicted users and allow the use of illegally seized evidence.

Debate on the comprehensive legislation is set to resume (See SHOOTING, P. 2)



ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE—Listening attentively are Alphamen LeRoy Lowery, III (top), area coordinator for the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity's participation in the 25th anniversary observance of the March on Washington, and Elmer D. Gaethers (bottom left). They were among the throng of Alphas who stayed to the bitter end in the 90-degree weather in the Nation's Capital.

NAACP Plans National Drive For Memberships

The Raleigh-Apex Branch of the NAACP will join hundreds of other branches of the nation's oldest, largest and most effective civil rights organization in an unprecedented National Membership Radiothon on Saturday, Sept. 24, according to Portia Brandon, president.

Locally, the radiothon will be heard over WLE-AM 57 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Serving as host will be Ms. Margaret Rose Murray.

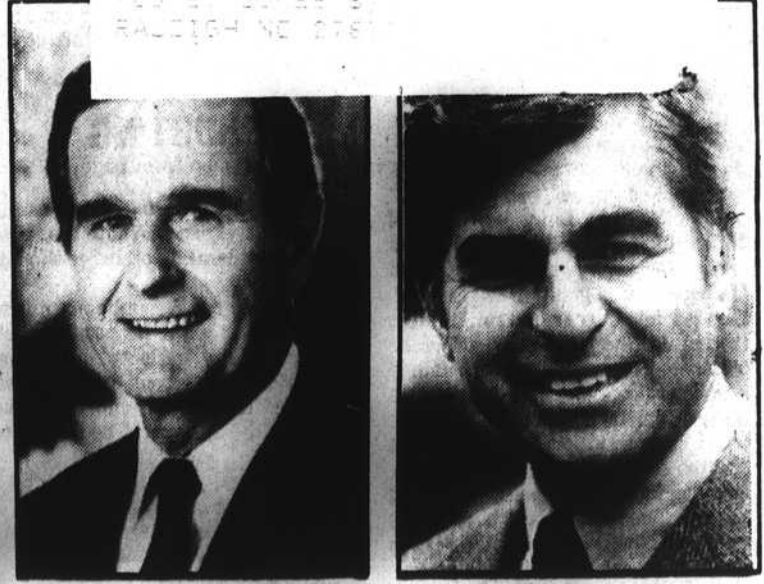
"This will be an exciting program full of entertainment and information of value to our community. For many people, it will answer the question of what the NAACP is doing today and address the major problems of our times. I think they will be very pleased and will want to become involved in our important work," Ms. Brandon said.

The comments reflect the theme of the Radiothon, "Don't Stand on the Sidelines, Come Home to the NAACP." Its goal is to increase membership in the NAACP and listeners will be encouraged to call in to WLE at 833-3874 to make (See NAACP DRIVE, P. 2)

Tyson's Alleged Suicide Attempt Rejected As Case Of Pure Fiction

NEW YORK, N.Y. (AP)—Mike Tyson, who is reported to have threatened suicide before smashing his car into a tree, may have been trying to attract more attention from a wife who is ignoring him, a source close to the heavyweight champion said last week.

While everyone close to Tyson re-



GEORGE BUSH

MICHAEL S. DUKAKIS

Shaw Students Ask Bush, Dukakis To Pay Visit To Campus

AN OPEN LETTER

Gentlemen:

The students in the social science classes at Shaw University want candor and clear stands on the issues. This is the primary reason why they want you to come and therefore they extend an invitation to each of you to visit the classes and discuss the important issues.

Gov. Dukakis and Vice President Bush, by coming to our campus, a historically predominantly black institution, you will demonstrate your vital concern for the lives and welfare of all Americans, irrespective of race, gender, or creed. We will give you a generous welcome but you can expect tough questions like the following:

1. What will you do to lead public opinion to restore our air, land and water quality for our future?
2. What will you do, really do, not just in promises but in performance, in strengthening families here in Raleigh and other cities?
3. While both of you are discussing the Pledge of Allegiance, what will you do to create an alliance for better jobs, safer cities, and less drugs?
4. What will you do for students like us in making a better future for America?
5. When you come to Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem for your Sept. 25 debate, should you not stop at Shaw University to give a

(See SHAW STUDENTS, P. 2)

Election Year 1988

Representatives of George Bush and Michael Dukakis have announced that the presidential candidates would probably meet Sept 25 in Winston-Salem for their first debate.

The candidates also probably will meet Oct. 13 or 14 at a site to be selected for a second debate. In addition, vice presidential candidates Lloyd Bentsen and Dan Quayle will meet during the week of Oct. 3, according to the schedule reached by campaign officials.

Both sides said each debate should be general rather than devoted to a single subject. Political observers said Dukakis, lagging behind in the polls after enjoying a double-digit lead, should lock in debates now and try to regain some momentum.

The debate is scheduled for the university in Winston-Salem, yet the school has not received official word that the debate was final because the campaigns had not directly contacted the Commission on Presidential Debates as of Sept. 9.

The debate will probably be held in the 2,300-seat Wait Chapel. Among the needed preparations are 1,000 extra phone lines, additional air conditioning for the chapel, and traffic routing plans. Organizers have spent \$50,000 on debate preparations.

Bush and Dukakis differ slightly on a Palestinian state, but both sides

said each debate should be general rather than devoted to a single subject, casting aside Dukakis' demands that the first debate be about foreign policy.

Both Bush and Dukakis have pledged to strengthen the United States' strategic partnership with Israel but differ over the prospective establishment of a Palestinian state.

Bush ruled out such a state, which he said would threaten Israel and Jordan, and Dukakis says he would never recognize a "unilateral" declaration of a Palestinian state or government in exile. Dukakis also said, "We will not sell weapons that would threaten the security of Israel to any nation," citing U.S. arms sales to moderate Arab states.

Bush says his campaign denounces anti-Semitism and "there is no room in this country for racism or anti-Semitism."

This statement came on the heels of reports that several members of his campaign advisory committee had been linked to anti-Semitic activities or even held Nazi offices during World War II.

Meanwhile, a class at Shaw University has written an open letter to Bush and Dukakis, inviting both to visit the campus while in the area (See letter on Page 4).

WE'RE MOVING TO TUESDAY

The Carolinian's Monday Edition is moving to Tuesday to better serve both our readers and our advertising patrons. Subscribers should receive our first of the week edition in their Tuesday mail, and our readers who prefer to buy the Single Copy will find it on their favorite newsstands Tuesday mornings. We're sure you will see the difference in the coming weeks with our move to Tuesdays, and we will always strive to bring you, our readers, the whole story from a Black Perspective!

Descendants Of N. C. Slaves Meet To Celebrate Roots At Plantation

CRESWELL (AP)—Walking where their ancestors toiled and played, nearly 2,000 descendants of slaves sought their roots and celebrated black history and culture last week on the grounds of a restored antebellum plantation.

From as far away as New York and Seattle, they converged on Somerset Place, once a thriving rice and lumber plantation on the banks of Lake Phelps, about 50 miles from the Atlantic. It was the second homecoming for people who descended from the labor force of Josiah Collins, III's estate.

The two-story, 14-room Collins mansion and several out buildings have been restored and are a state historic site. The slave quarters gradually disappeared as the plantation fell into disrepair after the Civil War.

"I'd heard about this, but to actually be here—it's just mind-blowing," said Judy Smith, 33, the great-great-



ALEX HALEY

granddaughter of slaves Joe and Ellen Collins.

Ms. Smith, of nearby Plymouth, said she was glad her mother persuaded her to attend.

"I've met family I never knew I had. It's a great feeling to know I belong," she said.

The reunion was the brainchild of Dorothy Spruill Redford, a Creswell resident whose decade-long quest for her roots led her to discovery of records that told the story of the Collins plantation and the slaves who built it.

At her invitation, 2,000 descendants of the original 21 slave families attended the emotional first reunion Aug. 30, 1986. Ms. Redford recounts the event and search for her family history in "Somerset Homecoming: Recovering a Lost Heritage," a book that goes on sale this month.

The theme of the get-together was "The American Black Contribution." (See SLAVE REUNION, P. 2)



DANGERS OF DRUGS—Actor Michael Warren, former star of "Hill Street Blues," talks about the dangers of drug abuse with elementary school students in his role as the national chairman of Kentucky Fried Chicken's new partnership with D.A.R.E. AMERICA. Drug Abuse Resistance Education is the country's most successful anti-drug education program, and

Kentucky Fried Chicken is committed to helping D.A.R.E. give America's kids a drug-free future. Kentucky Fried Chicken has established a national toll-free hotline, 1-800-TALK-KFC-DARE, and is conducting a major nationwide fundraising campaign through participating restaurants.