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Are Calls By Muhammad Ali The Real Thing Or Work Of An Impostor?

BY BARRY COOPER
In one of the most bizarre stories of the year, it appears that a slick and well-educated impostor who can perfectly imitate the voice of Muhammad Ali has been making hundreds of phone calls around the country, posing as Ali.
That's only one version of the story. The other is that Ali himself has been making the calls, and though his speech has been slurred by Parkinson's disease, he has spoken more forcefully and more articulately on the phone than he has in public in years.
Only Ali knows who is making the calls—he or an impostor. The story of the "Ali Voice" has taken on national attention, with newspapers and television stations giving the story major play.
The "Ali Voice" has made many of his calls to officials in government circles, including high-ranking U.S. senators. The calls were made to push political projects or give momentum to potential business deals that would benefit Ali.
Ali has done an about-face on the issue. He admitted to telling the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, in an exclusive interview, that he did not make the calls, but later recanted at a news conference in Washington, D.C.
"I made the calls," Ali said at the news conference. Meanwhile, the Journal-Constitution is standing by its series of stories on the "Ali Voice." The stories were

written by respected columnist Dave Kindred, who has followed Ali's career for some 20 years and interviewed him some 100 times.
According to the Journal-Constitution, the "Ali Voice" pushed these projects:
"The 'Ali Voice' wanted an



MUHAMMAD ALI

Dopebusters Halt Nation Of Islam Activities After Members Charged

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
ROCKY MOUNT—The abuse of drugs is nearly as ancient as mankind—and as contemporary as persistence. "Dopebusters" are also persistent and in a swift move last week closed down operations in Rocky Mount.

"The teachings of the Nation of Islam do not tolerate the use, sale or involvement with illegal drugs by any of its members."
Minister Abdul Alim Muhammad

Street and said this was decisive action.
Muhammad, leader of Washington, D.C.-based "Dopebusters," came to Rocky Mount to "bust" those members of the Nation of Islam who have been arrested and charged with the possession and sale of drugs.
Farrakhan has made it clear that the group will not tolerate "drug business" among its members. Farrakhan said, "The drug business is a superpower in its own right, second in value only to the gross national product of the Soviet Union. The appetite for drugs in this country is symp-

Minister Abdul Alim Muhammad, national spokesman for Minister Louis Farrakhan, held an emergency session in Rocky Mount on Grace Street and said this was decisive action.
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MINISTER FARRAKHAN

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Indian Reservation Jacobs Finds Sanctuary

Treaties Protect Rights

Timothy Jacobs was arrested on fugitive charges after crashing his vehicle into a parked school bus in New York two weeks ago. Several days before, state indictments in North Carolina were handed down. Jacobs is currently free on \$25,000 bond in the custody of leaders of the Onondaga Indian nation and has said he will fight extradition.



\$9 MILLION PROJECT—Initial project for the Williams Greer Group, real estate housing development organization, in partnership with the Westminster Housing Project, in the Westminster Park Plaza, a secure 130-unit family complex. The principals are Thad Williams and Marvin Greer. The firm is located in Los Angeles, Calif.

New York Gov. Mario Cuomo has not responded to North Carolina's request for extradition of Jacobs for his role in the forced takeover of the Robesonian newspaper. Jacobs' cohort, Eddie Hatcher, is also thought to be on the Onondaga reservation in New York. Both are scheduled for arraignment in Robeson County Superior Court on Jan. 17.
Lawyers say there is an amount of danger involved in the extradition of Jacobs, but N.C. Gov. James Martin has said he will push for extradition.
John C. Hunter, legal counsel for Gov. Martin, said he expected New York officials to send Jacobs back to North Carolina for trial. Hunter said several recent Supreme Court cases left little legal ground for a state to refuse extradition. He said it would be very unusual for a state not to comply.
Jacobs and Hatcher said they had seized the Robesonian newspaper and held up to 20 people at gunpoint for hours to highlight what they said was corruption and racial prejudice among law enforcement officials in the county. The lid apparently blew off the barrel with the slaying of Indian activist and judicial candidate Julian Pierce in March of 1988. In the

GOP Eyes Black Voters As Strategy For Ranks

A new task force will develop a strategy to bring more blacks into the North Carolina Republican Party, chairman Jack Hawke said Dec. 20, acknowledging that many minorities view the GOP as "an all-white society."
Hawke said the task force will promote the party among blacks and other racial minorities with the message that their staunch loyalty to the Democratic Party is diluting their strength.
"As long as the black voter stays in

one party and is taken for granted by the Democratic Party" and shows no inclination to split his ticket, "he will never achieve true active participation in the political process of this state," Hawke said.
"When the black voters show that they can swing elections, then they will become a powerful force," he said.
The GOP, meanwhile, will remain outnumbered in North Carolina if it continues "to automatically lose 20 percent of the voting public," Hawk said at a news conference.
State Rep. Mickey Michaux, D-Durham, chairman of the Black Legislative Caucus, said he did not expect the GOP effort to have much success.
"They might get a few people... but I don't think they're going to make any widespread gains," Michaux said. "Minorities, while sometimes being ignored by the Democratic Party, still have an opportunity to lay claim to the Democratic Party and work within the ranks. In the Republican Party, they'd be shut out completely."
The task force chairman is David

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Summit Traces Black, Jewish Relationships

ATLANTA, Ga.—Wilbert Tatum's first crisis in black-Jewish relations came before the height of the civil rights movement, when he was a young black man on a bus ride from Chicago to Cleveland.
"A young, beautiful Jewish woman sat next to me—I'm from the South, remember—and she fell asleep and put her head on my shoulder. And I about died," said Tatum, now from New York.
His story drew loud laughter last week from about 70 blacks and Jews at a conference tracing their relationship from those early, uncomfortable days through close cooperation for civil rights to a relationship that again appears to be at arm's length.
The ground rules for the two-day conference, which concluded last Tuesday at the Carter Presidential Center, prevented serious discussion of the issues which have recently divided African-Americans and Jews. But participants frequently mentioned affirmative action, the Middle East and the "Black Power" movement which forced Jews out of some civil rights groups in the 1960s.
"I think in retrospect it was based more on 'not in my back yard' than any other sentiments," Tatum said.
There were numerous calls for reconciliation including one from

former President Jimmy Carter, who made a brief appearance at the conference.
Carter called African-American/Jewish cooperation in the civil rights movement "an extraordinary demonstration of common purpose."
"I saw even while I was in the White House some beginnings of fragmentation in that partnership and I think your effort to bring it back together and derive the great benefits that can flow from it is indeed a noble effort," Carter said.
Conference participants' suggestions for closer relations included a push for Jewish membership in the NAACP, more education of young people about the history of civil rights and ethnic groups, and involvement of groups such as Hispanics and the disabled in future African-American/Jewish cooperative efforts.
"When blacks and Jews are at each other's throats, even if someone pitted us there, I think social justice is an impossible dream in America," said Al Vorspan, vice president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.
There were emotional moments as the groups remembered their common martyrs.
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Noble Celebrations Dr. King's Truth Is Marching On

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
Nearly 21 years after his tragic death stunned the nation, former aides of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., along with millions who adhere to the doctrine of peace and justice, continue to carry on his crusade.
People around the globe are advancing the dreams that Dr. King stood for in the courts of politics, religion and education. The spirit of the movement that Dr. King started years ago—the marches, sit-ins and demonstrations—is not in vain as countless individuals gather to celebrate a holiday in his name.
Various activities are planned around the world in celebration of his memory, indelibly etched in the hearts of seekers of truth and justice and those who recall the spirit of the movement that changed a nation, a people and left its imprint on all mankind.
In honor of the 1989 Dr. Martin Luther King holiday, the Raleigh-Wake Martin Luther King Committee is sponsoring various events, beginning Jan. 16 at 8 a.m. with an interdenominational prayer breakfast at Broughton High School cafeteria.
The guest speaker for the breakfast will be Rep. David E. Price of the Fourth District. Admission to the breakfast is by invitation. Broughton High School is located at 723 St. Mary's St.
A memorial march is scheduled for 11 a.m. with participants assembling at the corners of Wilmington Street and New Bern Avenue. The Martin Luther King Memorial March is open to the public.
Dr. Vernon C. King, from the Mar-

tin Luther King Center in Atlanta, Ga., will speak at the Martin Luther King Ecumenical Observance at the Raleigh Civic Center on the Fayetteville Street Mall in downtown Raleigh at noon.
At 7 p.m., there will be an evening musical celebration at the Raleigh Civic and Convention Center. The program is open to the public and for additional information, call 755-0804.
Also, Bernice King, the youngest daughter of Dr. King, will speak at

7:30 p.m. Jan. 19 in Memorial Hall on the UNC campus. The lecture is part of the eighth annual Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday celebration at the university and is open to the public free of charge.
Said to have an "incredible oratorical gift" similar to her father's, Ms. King is currently working toward a law degree and a master's degree in the theology at Emory University in Atlanta. She decided, when she was in the sixth

grade, that she would become a lawyer. Then, in her late teens, she felt a call to the ministry.
Ms. King was only five years old when her father was assassinated and, although she hardly knew him, she has grown up with the pressures that result from being the child of a legend. She takes seriously his legacy of public service and is determined to make her own contribution to society.
Her ultimate goal is a seat on the



TRUTH MARCHES ON—The reverends Andrew Young, center, and Walter Fauntroy, right, pictured with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., today carry on King's crusade for justice with countless other seekers of peace and freedom.

INSIDE AFRICA Johannesburg

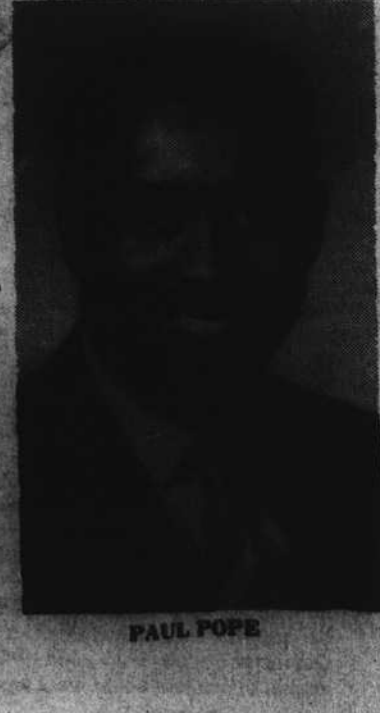
JOHANNESBURG, South Africa—Nowhere has the government counterattack against black militancy been more intense than in once-embattled townships ringing Johannesburg.
Bannings, detentions and deployment of army troops have enabled the government to regain control of what some activists viewed two years ago as the first "liberated territory" in South Africa.
Monitoring groups estimate one-third of 30,000 activists detained with out charge since mid-1986 were from the Eastern Cape region around Port Elizabeth. More so than in other areas, prominent detainees remain in custody. About 55 local leaders are in their third year of detention.
The crackdown has been so effective that even underground opposition activity is minimal, township residents say. But a spirit of resistance remains, despite a government campaign to win good will by upgrading services.
Less than 10 percent of eligible voters here disregarded a call by anti-apartheid groups to boycott
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Parade of Stars Raises Millions In Extravaganza

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Preliminary totals for the ninth annual "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars" telethon show that \$9.8 million was raised in cash and pledges, exclusive of corporate sponsorship, for the United Negro College Fund when the program aired in more than 70 cities Saturday, Dec. 17. The final tally is expected to surpass last year's \$10.2 million. Pledge lines remain open at 1-800-331-2244.
The biggest holiday special on television, UNCF's seven-hour "Parade of Stars" had the support of more than 50 stars. Harry Belafonte, Bryant Gumbel, Blair Underwood and Oprah Winfrey are among the celebrities who joined host Lou Rawls for the annual fundraising extravaganza. Here's what they said about the UNCF's important work:
HARRY BELAFONTE
The opportunity to serve the United Negro College Fund is something that I think all of us eagerly respond to and want to do. In order to excel in
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Pope Is Named Station Manager For WJZZ-TV

Paul R. Pope, Jr. has been named station manager of WJZZ-TV, Charlotte. Pope was formerly operations/weekend station manager at WRAL-TV, Raleigh.
As station manager, Pope will be in charge of the daily operations of the station, as well as the planning process.
A native of Raleigh, Pope joined WRAL-TV in June of 1967. He has a wide range of television experience including videotape supervisor, engineering operations supervisor and production supervisor. He is a 1975 graduate of North Carolina Central University in Durham, with a B.A. degree in fine art.
He has served as advisor to WRAL-TV's Explorer Post 5, Boy Scouts of America, and was recently honored with an annual award named after him. He was appointed by Gov. James Hunt as chairman of the N.C. Department of Correction Community Advisory Board at Polk Youth
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PAUL POPE