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Jackson, Robinson Urge IBM To Halt South Africa Sales

Jesse Jackson and Randall Robinson have endorsed the stockholder resolution submitted by 61 IBM employees and 25 religious organizations calling for an end to IBM sales to South Africa. Robinson is executive director of TransAfrica.

The endorsement signed by Jackson says, "I urge IBM to end sales to South Africa now. I endorse the stockholder resolution cosponsored by religious organizations and IBM employees."

James Leas, resolution author and an engineer at IBM's Manassas plant, said, "We are delighted. IBM must take the increasing support, growing employee participation, and heightened media interest into account. I am confident that, with sustained work, we will help IBM stop sales to South Africa."

Ten times as many employees are cosponsoring the resolution this year as sponsored a similar resolution last year. The employees work in 10 states at 19 IBM locations.

"We like working at IBM," Leas said. "But selling computers to South Africa is wrong." The company has acknowledged that IBM's computers are sold almost exclusively to whites in South Africa. "IBM may have good intentions, but the fact that our computers add to the power of whites in the racist society makes IBM complicit with apartheid rule," Leas said. "The sales hurt IBM's reputation and embarrass IBM employees, stockholders, and customers," he added.

At the stockholder meeting last April, IBM Chairman John Akers noted that sales in South Africa were less than one-half of one percent of worldwide revenue, and that IBM's business there "has not prospered," Leas said. "From a business point of view, IBM must ask itself: does it pay to risk our reputation throughout the rest of the world for a poor business in South Africa?"

IBM spokesman Fred McNeese claims that there are "strict controls" on the sale of IBM products in South Africa. They cannot be sold to apartheid-enforcing agencies, not to military or police units. However, more than 900 private companies in South Africa supply the military. IBM acknowledges that those companies are free to buy IBM products even if those products are used to serve military

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Wake High Schools Show Marks Responding To Drug Message

Drugs on the streets, drugs in schools. The administration views them as a threat to national security and the FBI says it is the biggest challenge facing the nation.

Drug Action of Wake County, Inc., in releasing the 1988 results of the sixth annual survey of alcohol and drug use among adolescents in grades 9-12, a cooperative project between the agency and the Wake County Public School System, said there were positive signs of improvement and some students were responding to the message of the dangers of

alcohol and drug abuse. Thousands have joined the "Just Say No" fight, which was outlined in former President Ronald Reagan's national strategy for the prevention of drug abuse and trafficking. Parent groups, private-sector initiatives and public task forces have answered the

As many as 400 students had used cocaine during the 30 days before being questioned, and up to 900 students were estimated to have had problems with marijuana use in the year before being surveyed.

Drug Action of Wake County, Inc., is continuing to raise the awareness of young people about the dangers of

drug use and could cite cutting the demand for drugs among school-age citizens as a cornerstone for prevention.

The agency said the 1988 results show a downward trend of drug use among teenagers in Wake County, particularly. The survey is compiled from a random sampling of 615 teenagers in grades 9-12, and details information about these adolescents' drug and drinking behavior.

The latest data reveal the lowest frequency of drunkenness yet in the

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Drug Suspects Charged

DMV, SBI Stakeout Truckers

Commissioner of Motor Vehicles William S. Hiatta last week announced that more than 15 people have been charged with possessing and selling illegal drugs to commercial truck drivers at rest areas and truck stops along North Carolina's interstate highways.

A Division of Motor Vehicles inspector and an SBI agent posing as out-of-state truck drivers conducted the undercover operation that led to the charges.

The federally funded operation, code-named "Project Deacon," is part of a national effort to improve traffic safety by removing drug-impaired truckers from the highways. North Carolina's part of the investigation began Nov. 14, 1988 and ended Jan. 26 with random truck searches at four DMV weigh stations.

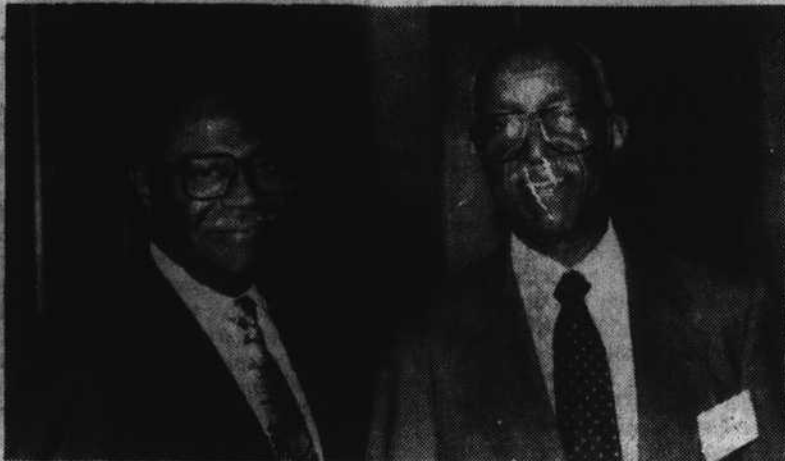
Trained dogs supervised by State Highway Patrol troopers, SBI agents and local authorities were used to conduct the searches at weigh stations in Hillsborough, Asheville, Mount Airy and Lumberton.

Hiatta declined to identify any individuals charged during the undercover operation pending further arrests during the next two days. Most of those charged, he said, were suspected drug dealers who frequented the truck stops.

Other undercover operations, he said, are anticipated in the future as part of a continuing truck-oriented drug enforcement program across the state.

"We have seriously crippled, at least temporarily, the sale of drugs to

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BLACKS AND THE CONSTITUTION—Dr. John Hope Franklin, an expert on the U. S. Constitution and Eddie N. Williams, president of the Joint Center for Political Studies will be featured in "Afro-Americans And The Evolution Of A Living Constitution," a radio series for more than 200 stations nationwide commemorating Black History Month.

Price Decries Lending Discrimination Policy

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Fourth District Rep. David Price last Wednesday called for congressional hearings investigating charges of racial discrimination on the part of some lenders.

"If we are to continue to promote home ownership as a national goal, we must make sure that no one is denied this opportunity simply because of their race," Price told his colleagues on the House floor.

Recent newspaper reports analyzing the lending information collected by the Federal Home Loan Bank Board found that savings and loan institutions rejected black applicants for home loans twice as often as whites in the past five years.

"I am very disturbed by these

reports," Price said. That these disparities are not solely the result of different incomes is suggested by the finding that high-income blacks were rejected more often than low-income whites in 85 of the largest U.S. metropolitan areas, he said.

"It is critical that Congress look into this situation," Price said, calling on Rep. Henry Gonzalez, D-Texas, chairman of the House Banking Committee, to schedule hearings to examine the issue more closely. Price is a member of the Banking Committee.

"In the next few days, I plan to reintroduce legislation which will help make home ownership more available for many Americans,"

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Tensions Rising Between Blacks And Immigrants

BY CHESTER A. HIGGINS, SR.
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WASHINGTON, D.C.—Rising tensions between blacks and Korean immigrants who are doing more and more business in black communities across the country, was the subject of discussion between black media representatives and Korean businessmen and their representatives recently.

The discussion took place at the biweekly meeting of the Media Networking Forum, chaired by William Reed, business editor of the weekly newspaper, the Capitol Spotlight.

The Korean businessmen for the most part were on the defensive. They said, "It is difficult for people of different cultures to deal with one another" equitably. But black media representatives and some black businessmen present insisted that "If you do business in a community you should reinvest it and treat its citizens with courtesy and respect."

Many blacks complain that Korean immigrants shortly after arrival in this country are able to secure loans denied to aspiring black en-

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Back-A-Child Campaign Tops \$20,000 Goal

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports

The 1988-89 final Back-A-Child campaign activity was held on Jan. 24 at noon at the Garner Road YMCA.

Kenneth Wilkins, chairman of the campaign for this year, said he was truly fortunate and honored by the cross-section of media that was represented, saying that the media worked together for the success of the campaign rather than competing.

Chairman and executive officer for the Y, Norman E. Day, said, "This was a very good year, and by exceeding the goal of \$20,000, the extra money will be used to extend scholarships and assist with summer day care programs." Day also pointed out that Wilkins had been a tremendous asset, along with staff members Sarah Glover, public relations director, and Larry Jones, assistant director of the Y, in conjunction with other members of the campaign.

Wilkins gave an accounting of the total monies received to date, which stood at \$22,200, and said additional monies were still coming in. "I was

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AFRICA IS DEVELOPING

BY KEVIN M. CLEMENTS

Thousands dying monthly in the Sudan, millions starving in the Sahel, 100 more people arrested in apartheid South Africa. Death, starvation and oppression. These are the all-too-common messages which seem to consistently confront us as far as what we hear about Africa. Has Africa then made any advances since the eradication of colonialism? Despite all the negative press, Africa has come a long way and has a great future ahead.

It must be stressed that Africa is much larger than Ethiopia, the Sudan and South Africa. Africa is a continent made up of 53 countries. We must not be blinded by the focus of

the media which is usually on the above-mentioned three. In the case of the first two countries there exist either prolonged drought, or war, or both. Tragically, mass starvation is the result.

To contrast this, I once lived in an African country where I often thought twice when deciding to visit people in the area. I had to decide if I really wanted to struggle with carrying all the food that they would surely bestow upon me as I left their company. I would be on foot, you see, and sometimes as far as a mile from home. By the way, most of these people had incomes of less than \$200 a year but they had good land and a good source of water. I never ate so

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Pooled Resources Muslims Repurchase National Center

What is one of the best-kept historic secrets in black communities throughout America? Without a doubt, it is the awareness that the Nation of Islam has repurchased its national center located in Chicago, Ill.

After seven months of rigorous work and fundraising, the members of the Nation of Islam under the leadership of Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan pooled their resources to repurchase the property for \$2.175 million.

This money was raised by the membership, who made personal

donations of \$1,000 and sold products of the nation, including subscriptions to the Final Call newspaper, Clean 'N' Fresh personal care products, audio and videotapes of lectures. Friends and supporters of the group also made personal contributions.

The national center, which is a former Greek Orthodox church, was completed in 1952 and was to become one of the eight finest religious houses in the United States. In 1972, the Hon. Elijah Muhammad purchased the mosque and school for \$4 million. The structure was owned by the

American Muslim Mission from 1975 until the "cash only" repurchase agreement was completed by the Nation of Islam on June 30, 1988.

Farrakhan, the national representative of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad, describes the transaction as "one where both Muslim communities have and will benefit."

On Oct. 7, 1988, which marked the 91st anniversary of the birth of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad, the Nation of Islam returned to the grounds of the national center for three days of activities. The celebration, called

Saviours' Day, was enjoyed by more than 12,000 persons each day under one of the largest tents ever constructed in the city of Chicago.

When Muhammad purchased the mosque and school, he desired it to become the national center for the nation of Islam. The purpose of the center was to re-educate and re-train black men and women in America and throughout the world.

Farrakhan said, "Black men and women need to be re-trained and re-educated because they have not been taught to build a substantial and successful future for their children nor improve the quality of life for the advancement of self. The National Center will motivate our people to create and provide jobs for themselves and others so that they may become independent economically and intellectually."

The national center is planned to provide black men and women with an independent institution that will ensure their children a quality education rooted in mathematics, science and knowledge of self. During the day, the school will serve children in grades preschool through 12. In the evening, it will provide adult education courses with an emphasis on the upgrading of job skills, literacy, parenting, political and cultural workshops. Soon the national center will offer college-level courses on the university level.

The national center will be dedicated on Feb. 26. There will be eight days of activities Feb. 19-26, where men, women and children from all denominations are invited to

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HAVING FUN—That's just what these kids and teachers of most precious resources, our kids. All were enjoying this Tenth Day Care Center are doing. The teachers, left, Ms. Josephine Wilkins, and Ms. Doris Curtis are guarding our



WHAT-A-BAY—This young mother, Ms. Sandra Wright, and her beautiful children, Santa, 2-years-old and son, Joshua, 1-year-old; are all enjoying this spring-like weather in January. The threesome was strolling on East Hargett Street in downtown Raleigh in the block that was once referred to as "The Colored Business Section." (Photo by Mayne Tamlinson, Jr.)