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DR. MARTIN L. KING, JR.

Visit To Disneyworld

Community Plans King Telethon

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
American Airlines has awarded the Martin Luther King Celebration Committee a round-trip ticket for two to Florida's Disney World. The King Committee will randomly award the courtesy tickets valued at \$1,168 to the lucky contributor who is present at Saturday's "Fun in the Park" Telethon. The drawing will be held at 7 p.m.

Raleigh's Pullen Park will be the scene when the King Committee teams up with Triangle entertainers, public officials, television and radio

personalities and community leaders to present a telethon to raise funds for the Martin Luther King Statue and Memorial Gardens to be built in Southeast Raleigh. Construction is slated to begin in mid-August.

The Raleigh King Committee, widely known for its innovative community activities, is organizing its most ambitious event to date. NBC's television station WPTF-TV 28 will host the telethon, centered around people of all races and creeds enjoying an afternoon in the park. Also, three area radio stations, WPTF-AM,

WQDR-FM and WAUG-AM, will be on hand to provide a wide range of listeners to enjoy the sounds and

challenge participants, adults and youth, to endure grueling park-related activities while area com-

An old-fashioned community picnic will be held and ongoing entertainment will be provided by the Martin Luther King All-Children's Choir, Capitol City Five, Smith Temple Gospel Choir, the Embers, Rocky River Cowboys, Mickey Wells Steel Reggae Band, Apple Chill Cloggers, Ronald McDonald, Paul Montgomery Jazz Quintet, Elmer Gibson Trio and Krazelogy, MC Andre and DJ Kaos.

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goings-on of the various events. The King Telethon will feature various "mini-thons" which

panies and organizations donate funds based on how long the participants ride.

Jackson Hopes To Make Progress In Releasing Hostages

Predicts Being Top Vote-Getter

The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson left Raleigh last week on a fact-finding trip to France and Egypt with hopes of making progress in the release of American hostages in Lebanon.

Jackson, at a news conference at Raleigh-Durham International Airport, said he was encouraged by recent comments from Lebanese factional leaders that they now regard having taken American hostages as a mistake.

During the stopover, Jackson talked about the recent Supreme Court rulings and President Bush's meeting with civil rights leaders.

Jackson said he would have liked to discuss with Bush recent U.S. Supreme Court rulings that cut back the rights of minorities and workers. Jackson said, "It is significant that today we have a ceremony with the president and not a meeting with him."

He also voiced support for a higher minimum wage, a national law allowing voters to register to vote on the same day as election and stepped-up efforts to combat drug smuggling.

Recently, Rev. Jackson, who twice sought the Democratic presidential nomination, suggested he would be the party's top vote-getter in 1992.

Jackson, in an interview last Sunday with the Boston Herald, also said Democratic leaders who think the party would be better off if he ran for mayor of Washington than for president are cowards.

Jackson said he has not decided on his political future but indicated he could run for mayor of Washington



REV. JESSE L. JACKSON

next year and for president two years later, saying, "What's good for Washington is good for America."

Asked whether any Democrat has his vote-getting potential in the 1992 presidential race, Jackson responded, "Name him."

"We continue not only to run but to grow," he said. "The question becomes, 'What other Democrat right now that we know can get seven million votes?' It's obvious I can get more than seven million."

"Someone said we must take a hard look at Washington because we're No. 1 in the polls," Jackson said. "Well, we're also No. 1 in the national Democratic polls. So we have political choices to make."

"The fact is, there must be a real appreciation of what we did in '88,

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Strange Subplots

Defendant Linked To Slayings

Bodyguard Granted Immunity

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (AP)—A former guard for soft-core pornography baron Larry Flynt linked a defendant in the "Cotton Club" murder case to a second murder last Tuesday in testimony at a preliminary hearing.

Robert L. Deremer, who was once part of the Hustler magazine publisher's private security force, said a fellow bodyguard, William Molony Mentzer, had him drive past the scene of a murder and said, "I had to shoot two people here tonight."

The prosecution says the place where Deremer drove was an apartment where June Mincher, a transvestite prostitute, had been murdered on May 3, 1984. A man who was with her, Christian Pierce, was shot once but survived.

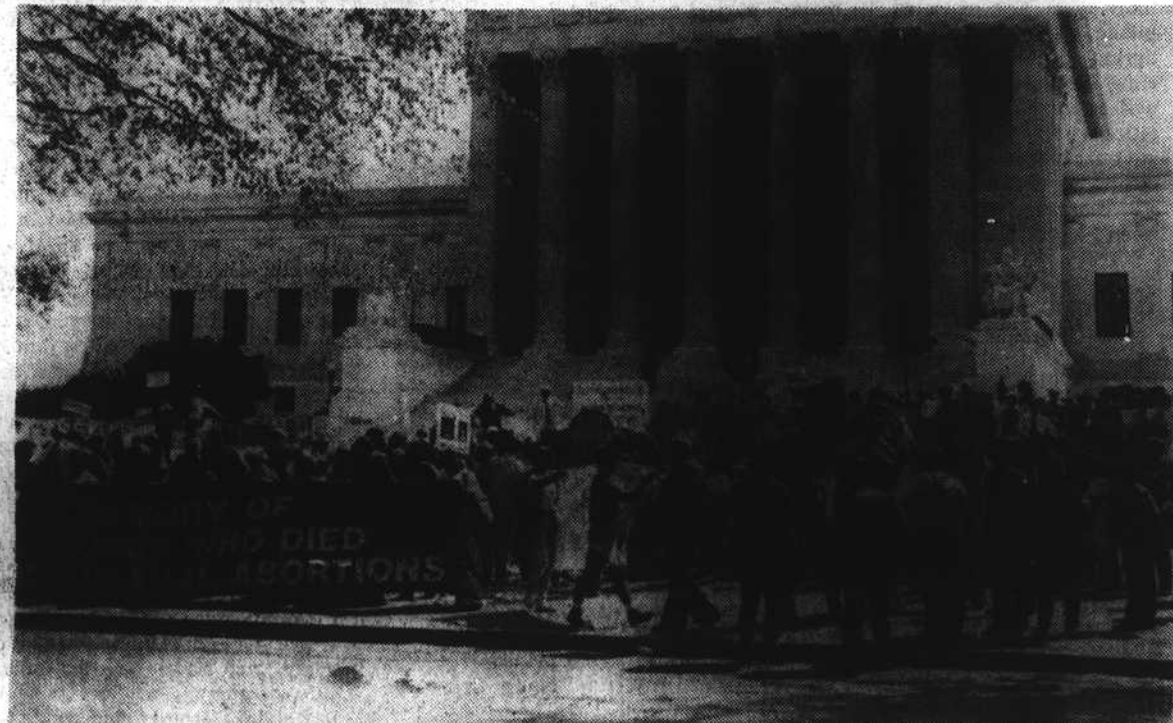
Deremer has been granted immunity from prosecution in the "Cotton Club" case.

Mentzer, who also is charged with the 1983 murder of theatrical producer Roy Radin, is charged in the Mincher killing along with Robert Ulmer Lowe, who was en route to Los Angeles Tuesday after waiving extradition from Maryland. He was scheduled to be arraigned in the Mincher and Radin murders Wednesday.

The Mincher case is one of several strange subplots in the complex "Cotton Club" case, so named because Radin was negotiating with movie mogul Robert Evans to produce a film about the legendary Harlem nightclub when he was murdered.

The preliminary hearing, which

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ABORTION ISSUE—These demonstrators on the steps of the Supreme Court Building as well as others throughout the country were awaiting the Supreme Court's decision on abortion and the 1973 Roe vs. Wade

ruling. On July 3, the court stopped short of overturning Roe vs. Wade, but left the door open for state legislatures to regulate abortion and hinted at a further decision in the future. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

Drug Awareness Project Combines Community Activities And Youths

The Southeast Raleigh Optimist Club, Nay-Kel Educational Center, Inc. and the Garner Road YMCA presented their first Drug Awareness Symposium on June 24.

The Wake County Sheriff's Department, along with Drug Action of Wake County, provided speakers who addressed some 40 youngsters ranging in age from 7-17 on the realities of drug abuse. Ten adults were also present.

Teaching the young takes more than just standing before them, said participants. "Creativity and rewards are quite helpful," said Optimist President Andre Tiller. Disseminating information to youth

questions during the symposium. The Optimist Club of Southeast Raleigh has an agenda of youth-related activities throughout the calendar year. One particular project

"We look at the child who has improved his academics, or attitude, for the better, a youngster who has made an about-face regarding the positive aspects of the future..."

Andre Tiller
Optimist Club president

about drugs and abuses can really become mundane if the information cannot connect, he said. Movie passes and gift certificates were presented to youth who correctly answered

which Tiller recalls as a success is Youth Appreciation Week, held each November to acknowledge and honor (See DRUG, P. 2)

State Department Shows Too Few Women, Minorities Among Ranks

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP)—The State Department has too few minorities and women in its overseas corps, and most of them are assigned to less prestigious jobs such as handling passports and paperwork, according to a congressional report released last week.

"Minorities and women are underrepresented in the State Department's Foreign Service work

force when matched against comparable civilian labor force representation," said the report released by the General Accounting Office. "Minorities and women are still significantly underrepresented at senior levels of the Foreign Service."

The report follows court-ordered actions by the State Department, including suspension of its entrance examination and the notification to

about 600 female officers they may be entitled to new jobs. The actions in April were the result of a 13-year lawsuit.

Although it doesn't mention the lawsuit, the report echoes its complaints.

As of September 1987, 6,166 of the State Department's 9,439 Foreign

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NEWS BRIEFS

CHICKENS CONTAMINATED

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Agriculture Department says at least one of every three chickens headed for consumer tables is contaminated by salmonella bacteria, tiny organisms that can cause food poisoning. Some consumer advocates say the contamination rate is one in two birds.

There's no way for the shopper to tell by looking at labels or the overall appearance of chickens as they are presented at food counters. Officials recommend keeping hands clean with soap and water in food preparation; cooking poultry and all raw meat thoroughly; and keeping preparation areas free of raw meat, poultry and their juices.

FOOD LION PROFITS UP

Food Lion, Inc., in Salisbury reported second-quarter net income of \$32 million, or 10 cents per share, up from \$27 million, or nine cents per share, in the same period a year earlier.

Revenues for the quarter ended June 17 were \$1.07 billion, up 23 percent or \$267.4 million. Food Lion operates 596 supermarkets in the Southeast.

TAX DRUG DEALERS

The state Senate voted 41-1 Thursday to make drug dealers pay taxes on the illegal drugs they sell or face another felony count when caught.

"The way they eradicated (See NEWS BRIEFS, P. 2)



LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE—Rep. Sidney Locks (D-Lumberton), left, along with K. Lumumba of Durham, discuss the role of government and social services during

the black caucus' legislative program and conference held at the Crabtree Marriott recently. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)