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Bush Promises To Support Rights; Calls For Launching New 'Mission' Savage Blows By The Court

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—It looked like Old Home Week as veteran civil rights leaders gathered to sip tea and lemonade, nibble on tiny cookies and cakes, and warmly embrace each other in a White House that for eight long years had been closed to them. Clapping each other on the back, or vigorously shaking hands, were: NAACP Executive Director Benjamin L. Hooks; National Urban League President John Jacob; former Congress of Racial Equality Executive Director James Farmer, an eye covered by a black patch; Ms. Rosa Parks, who started the modern black revolution when she refused to

give up her Montgomery, Ala. bus seat to a white man; Jesse L. Jackson, former PUSH president and president of the National Rainbow

Jewel S. Lafontant, nominee for U.S. coordinator of refugee affairs and ambassador-at-large while serving this position; Vernon Jordan, former

Defense Fund, Inc.; William Lucas assorted Cabinet officials and prominent members of Congress, as well as scores of others.

The occasion was the 25th anniversary observance of the enactment of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, a law that many present through their courageous and unrelenting leadership had helped forge into being. And they were happy even as an underlying concern bordering on alarm laced their repartee. Their concern arose over the savage blows being hammered at the very foundation of the civil rights laws by a reactionary majority of the U.S. Supreme Court in recent decisions.

Before repairing to the East Room to hear President Bush formally (See GEORGE BUSH, P. 2)

"The Supreme Court is engaged in an assault on affirmative action and the President needs to engender the same indignation about the burning of our cities...as he does about the burning of our flag..." Rev. Joseph Lowery

Coalition; Rev. Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Martin Luther King, III; Hosea Williams; president of the National Urban League; Richard G. Hatcher, former mayor, Gary, Ind.; Julius Chambers, counsel/director, NAACP Legal

Abusing Population

AIDS Infecting N.C. Inmates

Prisoners From AIDS Epicenters

(AP)—Last year, about 19,500 people entered North Carolina's prison system. Many carried the AIDS virus with them.

Many of them were sent to prison because they were convicted of crimes committed to fund drug habits—habits that included intravenous drug use, a practice that made them susceptible to contracting the virus which causes AIDS.

"As the epidemic makes incursions into the intravenous drug abusing population, we will see more infected inmates come into the system," said Parker Eales, director of nursing for the state Department of Correction.

Eales said prison officials surveyed the 116 inmates last year who tested positive for human immunodeficiency virus, the virus which causes AIDS. Almost all of the inmates were male, and 86 percent were black, Eales said.

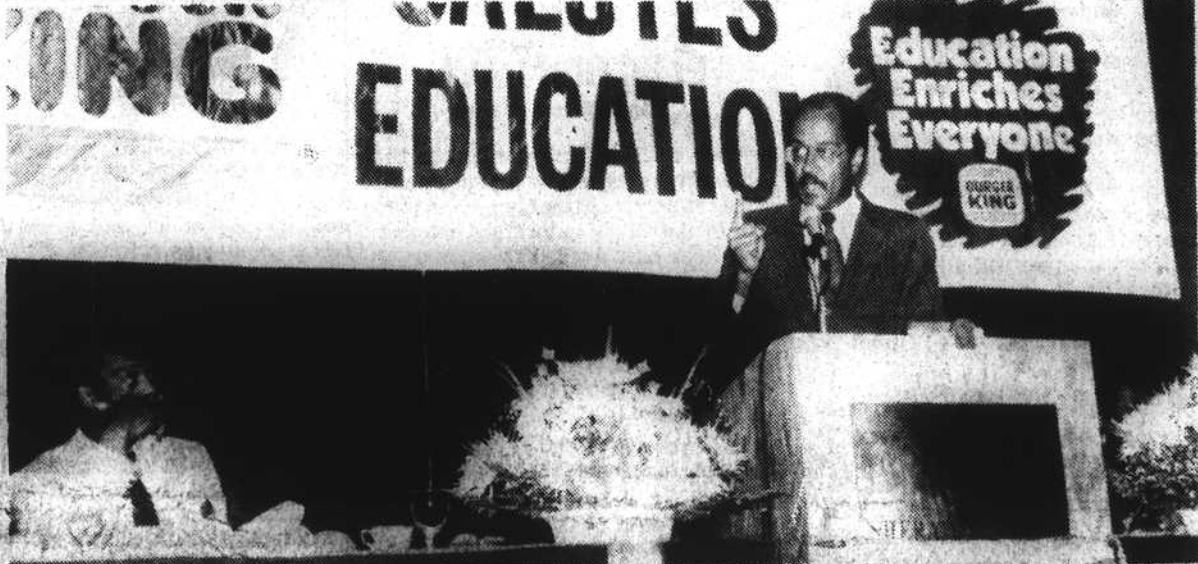
Many inmates had visited cities and regions where the acquired immune deficiency syndrome is striking in epidemic proportions.

"Almost half of these prisoners have come from epicenters of this epidemic where they engaged in high-risk behavior," said Eales.

Eighteen inmates have died in North Carolina prisons from AIDS. About 400 have tested positive for HIV. Some of those who have tested positive for the virus have since left the prison system.

Ivan Planchel, 28, a Haitian who came to the United States in 1981, is a typical AIDS-infected North Carolina prisoner.

Planchel was stopped on Interstate 95 in Harnett County on June 10, 1987 after a state Highway Patrol rooper ran a check on his license tag and found it did not match the vehicle. (See AIDS VIRUS, P. 2)



TALKING ABOUT EDUCATION—Congressman Bill Gray, D-PA addresses the attendees of the 18th Annual Operation PUSH Convention Education Luncheon which was sponsored by Burger King Corporation and UniWorld

Group. The convention and luncheon took place at the Sheraton O'Hare near Chicago recently. Rev. Jesse Jackson, Founder, Operation PUSH, (seated, left) looks on. Congressman Gray was the keynote speaker for the luncheon.

Legislature Giving Tax Evaders Second Chance In Amnesty Period

Tax evaders, phone home—all is forgiven. Or it will be, if you pay your back taxes plus interest.

But this is a one-time offer and good only for the three months between Sept. 1 and Dec. 1 of this year.

In an effort to collect millions in back taxes and encourage the payment of future taxes, the General Assembly has created a one-time amnesty period for individuals and businesses who failed to report or pay back North Carolina taxes.

Penalties and criminal prosecution are waived for taxpayers who participate by filing returns and paying taxes and the appropriate interest.

The amnesty applies to North Carolina inheritance, license, franchise, income, sales and use, gift, intangibles, motor fuels and inspection

taxes. Experts estimate North Carolina's tax amnesty program could collect at least \$25 million in past taxes. Thirty-one states have completed an amnesty program—some of them collecting more than eight times as much money as originally estimated. Another two states, including Virginia, have similar amnesty programs in the works.

To discourage future tax evasion, the Legislature substantially increased tax avoidance penalties. The

strictest penalties go to those who willfully evade paying tax: from a \$1,000 fine/six-month imprisonment misdemeanor to a \$25,000 fine/five-year imprisonment felony. The stiffer penalties go into effect the day after the amnesty period ends.

In addition, legislators appropriated \$10 million over the next two years for more auditors, tax collectors and other personnel in the Department of Revenue in an effort (See TAX AMNESTY, P. 2)

Lawmakers Take Action On Elections

The General Assembly has reduced from 50 to 40 the percentage of the vote that must be exceeded by the top vote-getter to win nomination in a party primary.

The action changes a 74-year-old election law on how political party candidates are chosen. The 1915 law allowed North Carolina voters to choose for the first time their parties' nominees for state offices and required winning candidates to get a majority—or anything more than 50 percent of the vote. The second

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Under the 1989 law, the top vote-getter in a single-seat race would be nominated without a second primary if he or she polled a "substantial plurality"—defined as anything more than 40 percent of the vote. Under this new law, the second highest vote-getter may call for a second primary only if the top vote-getter fails to poll a substantial plurality. Second primary elections would be abolished when the leading vote-getter has won better than 40 percent of the vote.

If more than one candidate polled at least 40 percent of the vote, the top vote-getter in a single-seat race would win without a second primary. (See ELECTION LAW, P. 2)

NEWS BRIEFS

FIRE VICTIM

A Raleigh woman died this week of injuries she suffered in an East Raleigh house fire, authorities said. Nettie MacArthur, 46, was found Monday afternoon inside her house at 802 E. Martin St. by Raleigh fire and rescue officials.

She was rushed to Wake Medical Center in critical condition with burns that covered most of her body. She was later flown to a burn unit at N.C. Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill, where she died about 2:20 a.m. Tuesday.

The fire started at 3:10 p.m., apparently after a pot was left unattended on a hot stove in the kitchen of the one-story house. The fire had spread to the attic by the time firefighters arrived to put it out shortly after 3:30 p.m.

REDISTRICTING PLANS

More than 50 people came to a public hearing Tuesday to support or lambast a proposed plan to redraw the boundaries for Raleigh's five City Council districts.

Black and white residents, including former politicians and representatives from the gay community, stood before the City Council to express their opinions. The proposal would shift seven precincts to equalize the population in the city's districts.

At the hearing, some spoke in favor of the plan. But others said the city should never have compromised with the Republicans, even though U.S. District Judge James C. Fox had asked the council to do so.

(See NEWS BRIEFS, P. 2)

Raleigh Housing Authority Pilot Program Receives \$35,000 Grant

The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation announced the award of \$35,000 to the Inter-Project Council, Inc., to support the development of a demonstration after-school program in the Heritage Park public housing community. The pilot program will test the effective-

ness of the community to help youth with academics and to prevent school dropouts.

Ms. Jessie Copeland, chairperson of the Inter-Project Council, said that the program will be fully implemented by August and will serve as a model for other Raleigh Housing Authority communities.

The Inter-Project Council is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation composed of RHA residents. The presidents from each resident council serve as the Board of Directors of the Inter-Project Council, which is the policy-making body of the council.

The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation was established in 1936 as a memorial to the youngest son of the founder of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. In that year, the brother and two sisters of Z. Smith Reynolds requested that their inheritance from his estate go to the establishment of a trust to benefit North Carolinians.

The foundation has made grants totaling more than \$150 million to recipients in all 100 North Carolina counties. In recent years the foundation has focused its attention on improving the criminal justice system in North Carolina, on strengthening

public elementary and secondary education, on preserving the environment and on women's and minority issues.

In related events: The Housing Authority of the City of Raleigh has started a mentoring program for low-income single parents to help participants meet their career aspirations.

Project Self-Sufficiency encourages the private and public sectors to help low-income single parents become economically self-sufficient. The Women's Center of Wake County, assisting the housing authority, has selected 15 volunteers who will each work with a program participant for a year.

The mentors, serving as resources and role models, will help to foster each participant's sense of personal identity and self-worth.

During the past three years, the program has helped many low-income single parents to complete high school and postsecondary training. Ninety-five percent of the program participants have secured better housing accommodations and

(See HOUSING GRANT, P. 2)

Area Teens Win Titles In Pageant

Lajon E.A. Evans, Miss Black Teenage World of Wake County, captivated the judges and audience at the 16th annual Miss and Mr. Black Teenage World of North Carolina pageant held at Meredith College recently.

Warren Arrington, Wake County director for the Touch-A-Teen Foundation, shouted with great excitement, "We won again!" as the emcee announced the winner.

The competition was with male and female contestants, and Mr. Black Teenage World of Harnett County, Derone Martin McNeil, walked away with the Mr. Black Teenage World of North Carolina title.

Ms. Carolyn McDougal, county director for Harnett County, was also filled with great joy. She said, "I had a hard time getting him to enter, but it has really paid off."

The pageant was presented in Oriental style. The theme was "An Eloquent Oriental Night," and featured teens portraying Oriental culture. Oriental fans and parasols were on display in the lobby with a live "mannequin" to set the mood.

Contestants were introduced in Oriental attire and style. The pageant was videotaped, and (See TEENAGE WORLD, P. 2)



PAGEANT WINNERS—Lajon Evans of Raleigh and Derone M. McNeil of Dunn were pageant winners in the Miss and Mr. Black Teenage World of North Carolina Pageant at Meredith College recently.



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