

Illegal Drugs May Cause Loss Of Assistance

In a major step to prevent illegal drug activity from destroying low-income neighborhoods, public housing communities and the families who live in HUD-assisted housing across the country, Secretary Jack Kemp announced a new regulation that would direct public housing authorities to terminate subsidized rental assistance in cases of felony or criminal activity, drug trafficking and use.

"I want to take action against drug criminals on behalf of public housing residents I have met, as recently as this Tuesday in Liberty Square in Miami," Secretary Kemp said, "because drugs are destroying the fabric of their neighborhoods."

"I am determined that federal taxpayers will not be required to subsidize the rent of drug dealers and users or violent criminals. The only housing subsidies for felons should be provided by local jails, and state and federal prisons."

Under the regulation, PHAs would deny or terminate rental subsidies under both the Section 8 certificate program and the Housing Voucher program where existing assisted tenants or new applicants are involved in the felonious manufacture, sale, distribution or use of illegal drugs, or any other felonious violent criminal activity.

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New Book Tells Family History Spaulding Story

GREENSBORO (AP)—When John A. Spaulding picked up a load of copies of the book on his family's history he had co-authored it was the culmination of 13 years of work.

"Man, I felt like crying," said the 76-year-old self-described history buff, who said he will deliver the books to 203 relatives who paid him in advance and who kept pestering him to finish it.

Last Friday, Spaulding drove to Deal Printing Co. in Greensboro, where he paid to have the book published and picked up the first load of the book, "A Story of the Descendants of Benjamin Spaulding (1773-1962), With Genealogy," co-written by the late Louis D. Mitchell, a professor of English literature.

"Long, long time," Spaulding said last Wednesday when asked about the amount of time spent on the project. "I sure did work hard."

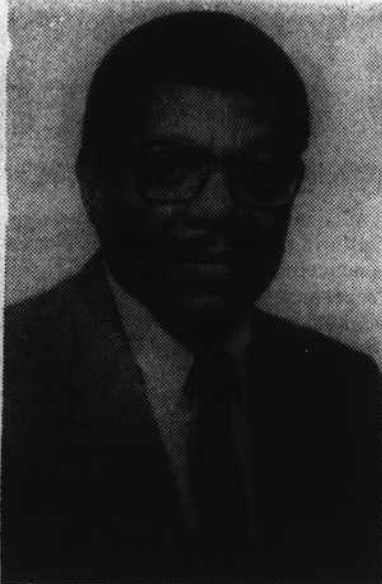
Why 13 years? "I would work and stop, work and stop. I'd work a week or two and then forget it," he said. But with such a big family, Spaulding said, there was no problem generating renewed energy. "What helped was the information and the inspiration I received from interviewing... 86 relatives," he said.

Spaulding got help from a scholarly cousin. It took thousands of miles of traveling, \$15,000 of Spaulding's own money and many lonely days in the library of his Greensboro home.

Spaulding, who said he plans to market the book, won't have much trouble finding an audience immediately. He estimates there are more than 86,000 descendants of Benjamin and Edith Spaulding, founders of one of America's most successful black families.

Benjamin Spaulding was a freed black man who acquired more than 5,000 acres of land in Columbus County in eastern North Carolina before the Civil War. His children and grandchildren increased it to 85,000 acres, and descendants since then have upped it to the present 100,000 acres that spill over into neighboring Bladen County.

The family founded stores, blacksmith shops, sawmills, a school and churches on their property. One member, the fiery Methodist (See FAMILY HISTORY, P. 18)



DR. JULIUS NIMMONS

Dr. Nimmons Share Views On African Trip

Following his second trip to Africa this year, Dr. Julius F. Nimmons, Jr., president of Jarvis Christian College, took a few minutes away from his schedule to reflect on his recent travels to the continent and to tell what they mean to the overall education process and to Jarvis as the college expands into international involvement.

This second mission to Africa was sponsored, as was the first, by the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, of which 117 historically black colleges and universities are members. A total delegation of 11 people traveled to Zambia, Kenya and Zimbabwe on this mission. There were five institutions represented, along with representatives from NAFEO and the liaison person with the corresponding U.S. agency.

Nimmons, who is a graduate of Shaw University, was also former Raleigh-Wake NAACP chapter president and an educator at Saint Augustine's College.

"We were part of a team that went to Zambia, Kenya and Zimbabwe," said Nimmons. "We went there for the purpose of exploring linkages and interfacing with universities within these countries as well as fulfilling the agreement between NAFEO and the United States Agency for International Development, with respect to research and development projects and educationally related projects in those three countries."

On several levels, the group held dialogues with U.S. government officials and USAID, the U.S. Information Service and with ministry officials in various segments of the governments of the countries that were visited. For instance, group members talked with the minister of scholarships who was also a member of the cabinet of the president of Zimbabwe.

They also talked with the university vice chancellors in Zambia.

Aging Of America Raises Serious Questions About Long-Term Care

The aging of America raises serious questions about who will pay for long-term care of our senior citizens. Some of those questions—and possible solutions to them—will be examined in "Can't Afford to Grow Old," a one-hour documentary hosted by veteran news correspondent Walter Cronkite, premiering Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 10 p.m. on PBS.

"Can't Afford to Grow Old" observes that Medicare, the government health insurance program for the elderly, generally does not pay for long-term care. Although the 1988 Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act expanded some health benefits for the elderly, it does not help the elderly with the "catastrophic" costs of long-term care. Many disabled seniors can get government help only by "spending down" their assets to the poverty level in order to qualify

Congressional Caucus Holds Forum On Youths

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—A special tribute for late crusading Congressman Mickey Leland (D-Texas) and awards to representatives Augustus Hawkins (D-Calif.), William Gray (D-Pa.) and Democratic National Committee chairman Ron Brown highlight the 19th annual Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Legislative Weekend here, Sept. 13-17. Top awards were also listed for Planned Parenthood Federation president Fay Wattleton and Georgetown University basketball coach John Thompson.

The crisis facing poor children and underprivileged youth throughout the world is also set to be explored during the four-day series of public forums and legislative workshops in the halls of Congress and major hotels throughout the nation's capital. Scheduled participants ranged from representatives of some 200 organizations and speakers such as Martin Luther King, III, "Youth Motivator" Tyrone Crider, movie star Lou Gossett, Jr., basketball star Magic Johnson and jazz great Dizzie Gillespie.

Mandela Release Considered

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP)—The president will consider releasing African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela after the Sept. 6 parliamentary elections, the justice minister was quoted as saying last Thursday.

Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee also said the government does not expect Mandela, 71, to renounce violence, a requirement that former President P.W. Botha had insisted on until last year.

"We are not wedded to the demand that he should distance himself from violence before he is released," Coetsee said in an interview with Die Volksblad newspaper, which supports the National Party government.

"We will judge the matter objectively, not just on the grounds of rejecting violence," Coetsee said. "I think the matter will undoubtedly get [Acting President] F.W. de Klerk's attention after Sept. 6."

De Klerk is expected to be chosen president for a full five-year term following the election. He became acting president after Botha's resignation Aug. 14.

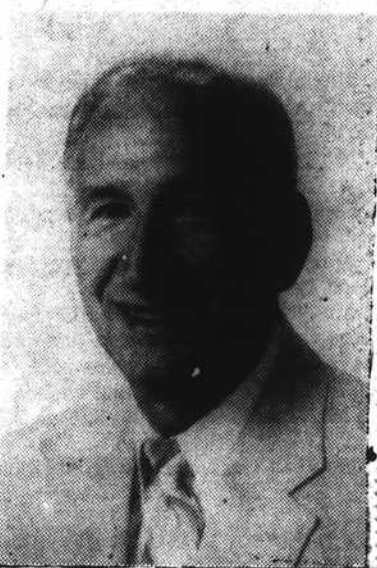
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Less than a month after the fatal pilgrimage of Leland and 16 colleagues on a mercy mission to Ethiopia to aid African famine refugees, more than 15,000 African-American leaders flocked to Washington to discuss drug abuse, teen pregnancy, unemployment, illiteracy, health care, athletics, the black elderly, black families, black male survival, rural economic development, urban destruction, black reparations, black artists and jazz.

Dr. Johnetta B. Cole, president of Spelman College in Atlanta, is the keynote speaker with Rep. Julian C. Dixon (D-Calif.), CBC Foundation president, in charge. Rep. Ronald V. Dellums (D-Calif.) is CBC chairman and Kweisi Mfume (D-Baltimore) serves as weekend chairman. Between the scores of workshops and forums, sessions also include luncheons, receptions, fashion shows and private parties. The theme is "A Global Crisis: Our Children at Risk."

The legislative weekend program begins with a "Youth Seminar on Leadership in the Year 2000," featuring children of former civil rights

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JOB CORPS—New members recently joined Kirtell Job Corps Center as a change in personnel actions by Management and Training Corporation. Ms. Peggy Fitts of Raleigh, left, joins the center as the substance abuse counselor; Ms. Dorothy Richardson joined Kirtell as the buyer. She is a resident of Durham. Louis HBarris, bottom left, a resident of Oxford was recently promoted to manager of security and Fred Howard, right, holds a master's degree in educational counseling. Howard is from Raleigh and a retired Air Force senior non-commissioned officer.

Veterans' Ceremony To Address POW-MIA Issues

On Sept. 16, the North Carolina Vietnam Veterans, Inc., a Raleigh-based veterans organization, will conduct a ceremony which will address the accounting of the North Carolinians and other Americans still believed held as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action as a result of the Vietnam War. The ceremony will be held at noon in Raleigh at the site of the North Carolina Vietnam Veterans Memorial on Union (Capitol) Square.

The ceremony participants will include an honor guard comprised of members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 7383 in Cary. Col. Ron E.

Creasman, deputy chief of staff for operations for the North Carolina National Guard, will represent Gov. James G. Martin. In keeping with presidential action, Gov. Martin also proclaimed Sept. 10-15 as POW/MIA recognition week in North Carolina.

Col. Creasman is a Vietnam veteran and will read the governor's proclamation during the ceremony. A former Vietnam POW, Col. Scotty Morgan (USAF, Retired), will be the keynote speaker.

Col. Morgan was the second longest-held Air Force officer during (See POW-MIA, P. 18)



DENYING DRUG USE—Marion Barry said that he would ask federal prosecutors to release his grand jury testimony in which he denied using drugs with a convicted narcotics dealer. Barry's move comes after news reports that the drug dealer, former city employee Charles Lewis, allegedly told prosecutors that he and Barry used crack cocaine in Washington last December and in the Virgin Islands in early 1988.

Think Safety



BY CHESTER A. HIGGINS, SR.
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The Government Activities and Transportation Subcommittee, chaired by Rep. Cardiss Collins (D-Ill.), will conduct hearings on the FAA and the bombing last December of Pan Am Flight 103, in which 270 lives were lost. The hearings, announced by Rep. John Conyers, chairman of the Government Operations Committee (D-Mich.), are scheduled for Sept. 25-26 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

According to Collins, the subcommittee hearings will focus on the overall issue of aviation security, as well as the facts and circumstances surrounding the Pan Am bombing. In addition, the subcommittee will examine the development and use of explosive detection equipment at airports. Collins explained, "The subcommittee is interested in taking a critical look at the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 in the larger context of the FAA's and industry's approach to airline security. We want to examine the vulnerabilities of the U.S. aviation security system, which may have allowed the Pan Am bombing to occur."

"Further," Collins said, "we intend to review the use of explosive detection devices in improving our ability to deter terrorist activity." Collins stated that she plans to submit comments on an FAA proposed rule that requires U.S. air carriers to screen checked baggage with an explosives detection system.

The subcommittee, according to Collins, has invested substantial time and effort in this investigation because of the clear need to develop a better, more comprehensive approach to aviation security. She said, "Given the severity and sophistication associated with the bombing of Pan Am 103 and other recent attacks against civil aviation, it is imperative that the FAA, in concert with the industry, develop a complete systems approach to aviation security."

Other members of the subcommittee are Major R. Owens (D-N.Y.), Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.), Gerald D. Kleczka (D-Wis.), Tom Lantos (D-Calif.), Howard C. Nielson (R-Utah), and C. Christopher Cox (R-Calif.). Rep. John Conyers, Jr. (D-Mich.) and Frank Horton (R-N.Y.) are ex-officio members of the subcommittee.

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WORLD PAGEANT—The Grand Lodge of I.B.P.O.E.W. presented contestants from every corner of the nation in the 1989 Miss Ekl of the World pageant held recently in Baltimore, Md. Sponsored by Coca-Cola USA, the twenty-two year-old pageant displays beauty, talent, and intelligence and awards scholarships and prizes. Pictured with the 1989 winners are (left to right) Carlos James; the Honorable Jean C. Smith, Grand Daughter Ruler; L'Dina Robinson, Grand Directress of Beauty and Talent; Samora Johns, Miss Ekl of the World; the Honorable Donald P. Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler; Calvin Drew, Grand Commissioner of Beauty and Talent; and April Wilson, Miss National Black USA and Coca-Cola USA spokesperson.

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