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Long-Term Commitment

"Goals Program" Bypasses Ruling

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An Analysis

When the U.S. Supreme Court knocked down the minority set-aside programs for government contracts, the black leadership was left preaching gloom and doom. Bashing former President Ronald Reagan for turning back the clock on civil rights gains became the order of the day. But were these black leadership's cries also a cover-up for their failure to develop a political infrastructure that guaranteed socioeconomic parity regardless of who occupies the

White House?

My distress over black America losing access to governmental contracts was not eased until I recently discussed this set-aside issue with Gov. James Martin of North Carolina. Our discussion was a followup to an earlier one we had at the 1988 Republican Governors Association meeting.

In 1988, Martin left a positive impression on his accomplishments in opening opportunity to blacks versus his predecessor. I felt compelled to know whether Martin had softened

his resolve, so I refreshed his memory on what he had said at the Republican Governors Meeting. I said that you were helping blacks get state contracts at a six percent rate compared to your predecessor who had talked about 10 percent but had not delivered.

"He said he would get five (percent) and he got 0.015 percent," said Gov. Martin. "I started off with a two percent commitment for purchasing contracts and reached five percent. So we have moved our goal up to five percent, now six percent."

Gov. Martin's tone remained upbeat, yet I wondered how in spite of the Supreme Court's ruling against preferential programs.

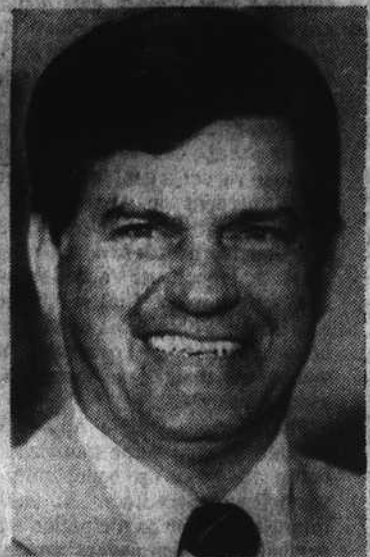
He read my concern. "We have also applied that same objective to encouraging minority businesses. This includes black and Indian, and it also includes businesses owned or managed by women or people who have a physical handicap to participate in real estate transactions and to participate in prison construction. We are already bound by the federal law on highway construction."

Martin had bypassed the Supreme Court ruling by redefining North Carolina's program within its guidelines. He hinted that the stake for minorities is a long-term commitment and they shall share in a multibillion-dollar bounty.

"In a bill that passed this year which establishes a \$9 billion program for highway construction over the next 13 years, many of those projects would not be subject to the federal set-aside," said Martin.

I could no longer pussyfoot around

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GOV. JAMES MARTIN

Rape And Murder

Larry March Pleads Guilty

Sentenced To Life In N.C. Prison

Larry A. March, 27, of 2308 Nelson St., Raleigh, was sentenced to life in prison after pleading guilty to raping and murdering a Raleigh nursing student on March 18.

The woman, 25-year-old Karen V. Winston, was seen visiting the Do Drop Inn tavern several hours before her death and was later found nude from the waist down on a path between Kennedy Street and Lord Anson Drive. Her face had been beaten beyond recognition and her throat cut with a piece of broken bottle.

March had been charged in a 1986 rape but the charges were dismissed when the woman refused to testify. Those charges were reinstated during March's latest trial.

Susan Edwards, assistant district attorney, said that the events of the 1986 attack had been similar to those of Ms. Winston's. March had met Ms. Winston through a mutual friend and then later saw her again March 18 at the tavern.

March's attorney, E. Richard Jones, Jr., said that his client was sorry for what he had done and that his family and friends were shocked to learn that March had killed Ms. Winston. However, his girlfriend said that his personality had changed when March began using drugs in 1986.

"All the people that had known him in his previous life testified to what a departure this was from his normal behavior," said Jones.

"The Parole Commission indicated to me that he would serve a minimum of 27 years, assuming all goes well

(See MURDER TRAIL, P. 2)



MAKING A PLEDGE—Shaw University's Trustees Board Chairman, Attorney Willie E. Gary and his wife, Dr. Gloria R. Gary, pledged \$1 million dollars to their alma mater during the homecoming celebration. With an initial gift of

\$100,000 presented to president Talbot D. Shaw at the alumni banquet, Attorney and Mrs. Gary's commitment is one of the largest ever given to the university by a single donor.

Teenagers Continue To Boycott, Citing "Racism" At Crabtree Mall

Raleigh teenagers protesting alleged racist attacks and attitudes of officials at Crabtree Valley Mall have pledged to continue their actions until the attitudes change.

Two Enloe High School students who were interviewed Tuesday said they will continue the boycott at the mall throughout the holidays.

The teens say that they are tired of blatant racism occurring at Crabtree aimed at African-American

teenagers. One teen said she was once attempting to sit down on a bench in the mall when a security guard approached her and told her she had to leave the mall if she was not shopping.

Another teen said he and a few friends were leaning against a rail in the mall when a security guard told him to get off the rail. Several white teenagers who were also hanging onto the rail were not harassed.

The teenagers said these examples point to the kind of harassment African-Americans are receiving at the mall, and they are certain that they are being singled out because of their race.

The boycott was organized earlier this month as an effort of the youth group of Concerned Citizens for Educational Equity. It was initiated after an article appeared in a local newspaper on Oct. 14 stating that managers of Crabtree wanted the

CAT bus service to the mall from Southeast Raleigh to stop. The reason given was that black teenagers steal, commit vandalism and harass other (white) patrons at the mall. Bus service is still in effect.

The boycott began officially on Nov. 1. However, the first picket line formed on Saturday, Nov. 18, when approximately 150 protesters carried signs, chanted, "Just Say No. Don't Go To Crabtree." The group continued the picket line last Friday and Saturday with approximately 50 people per day. The teenagers carried signs, chanted and passed out leaflets informing motorists about the boycott.

In a prepared statement, the group said, "The boycott is truly a success. This is the first time in a long while that the African-American community has come together in an organized

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PAYING TRIBUTE—The Garver Road YMCA board of directors, friends and family pay tribute to the late J.J. Sasser for years of dedicated community services and his contribution as president of Mechanics and Farmers Bank. In photo, left to right, are the Rev. Claude E. White, Sr., Dr. Wiley N. Davis, YMCA chairman, Ms. Vivian Sasser, and Jacob S. Allen II.



REV. ARTHUR J. CALLOWAY



FRANK ROBERTS

Local Minister Establishes Legal Defense Fund To Aid In Appeal Of Roberts' Firing

A local minister and former City Council member has established a fund to pay the legal expenses of Wake County teacher Frank Roberts in his appeal of his dismissal by the Wake County Board of Education. The fund will be operated through St. Ambrose Episcopal Church.

At a press conference, Father Arthur J. Calloway, rector of St. Ambrose, said that Roberts has been actively involved with advocacy efforts in the Raleigh-Wake County community for many years and that his advocacy has been most noticeable within the public school arena as a result of his commitment for justice and equality for all public school students and their parents, and, most especially, for teachers in the Wake County Public School System.

In reference to Roberts' June 8 suspension without pay from his teaching position at Sanderson High School, Rev. Calloway said, "It is obvious that Mr. Roberts and his family continue to encounter considerable economic loss and the cost of legal representation has been quite high during his various administrative hearings. The cost of legal counsel continues to be a financial responsibility that Mr. Roberts faces without the expected legal funding from his professional association, the North Carolina Association of Educators.

"Mr. Roberts' church family here at St. Ambrose, and his many community supporters, recognize this most stressful burden on Mr. Roberts and his family," Calloway said. "Therefore, a Frank Roberts Legal Defense Fund is being established to handle the outstanding legal costs for the previous hearings before the school

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NEWS BRIEFS

UNITED WAY TOPS GOAL

The United Way of Wake County surpassed its fundraising goal for 1989, raising \$3.77 million, or nearly \$1 million more than collected last year, organizers announced earlier this week when more than 600 volunteers, corporate supporters and representatives of the group's 45 member agencies gathered for a victory celebration at the North Raleigh Hilton. The campaign began Sept. 7.

TAX AMNESTY

For thousands of delinquent North Carolina taxpayers, Friday amounts to April 15 all over again.

State revenue officials are bracing for a final rush before Friday's midnight deadline for paying delinquent taxes under the state's tax amnesty program.

NCSU PROBE

The Poole Commission's lawyer is appealing an order by a Wake Superior Court judge to index records that the commission gathered during its probe of the men's basketball team at N.C. State University. Andrew A. Vanars, Jr., chief deputy state attorney general, said that the order would require too much detail about the documents, which he said included State Bureau of Investigation records protected from public disclosure. The order, signed by Judge

(See NEWS BRIEFS, P. 2)

Preventing AIDS Complex Problem That Calls For Attitude Changes

In a report released today by a privately financed commission on AIDS, it was stated that the public's understanding of AIDS remains in the form of myths and many misunderstandings.

The report warns that private and public education programs will have to become better prepared and coordinated to prevent the spread of acquired immune deficiency syndrome. The report was prepared by the

Citizens Commission on AIDS.

Parents also share in the responsibility of educating their children about the dangers of AIDS. A new consumer awareness program created to help parents talk to their children about AIDS was introduced recently by a major drug company in the United States.

The new program, called "Teach Your Children Well," is sponsored by the National PTA, which serves as an

advisory committee of the program, said Laura Abraham, manager of AIDS Educational Project of the National Parents and Teachers Association.

The National PTA urges all companies, large and small, to become involved in the process of educating the young about AIDS and HIV infections. The National PTA also encourages companies to offer brochures outlining the specific dangers of the disease.

Many people think that young people do not or cannot contract AIDS. However, AIDS can affect anyone, regardless of age or ethnic background. Those who engage in behavior with an infected person that can transmit HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

As of spring, more than 15,000 people aged 20-29 have been diagnosed with AIDS.

Because a person can be infected with the virus that causes AIDS for as long as 10 years or more before the symptoms appear, a significant number of these young people would have been infected when they were teenagers.

Surveys have found that the average age for a girl in the United States to have sexual intercourse for the first time is 16. The average age for a boy is 15.5.

It is also estimated that 2.5 million teens are infected with sexually transmitted diseases (venereal diseases) each year. The virus that causes AIDS is sexually transmitted. Similarly, 50 percent of all American high school seniors have used illegal

(See AIDS BATTLE, P. 3)

NCSU Paying Salute To '60s Civil Rights Activist



C. T. VIVIAN

North Carolina State University has extended invitations to its eighth annual University-Community Brotherhood Dinner Dec. 1 at McKimmon Center.

The 7 p.m. event will honor C.T. Vivian, one of the leading civil rights activists of this century, and the author of "Black Power and the American Myth."

The Brotherhood Dinner, hosted by Interim Chancellor and Mrs. Larry K. Monteith, annually honors an African-American who has made a contribution to Americans both as a scholar and as a humanitarian.

Vivian was a member of the executive staff of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference under the leadership of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He worked shoulder-to-shoulder with King during the 1961 protests in Albany, Ga.; the 1963 demonstrations in Birmingham, Ala.; and Washington, D.C.; and the

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