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Politically Motivated Tactics

RWCA Says Funds Properly Disbursed

BY TRACEY HALL
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Raleigh's most influential African-American political organization recently fell prey to tongue-lashing accusations alleging the organization violated election laws by filing an inaccurate report, and that it did not pay campaign workers for their efforts.

The Raleigh-Wake Citizens Association is being questioned by the State Bureau of Investigation for allegedly giving the Board of Elections false information relating to the

political action committee's 1988 campaign expenses, not paying campaign workers and inaccurate record-keeping.

Defending the organization against these allegations is RWCA president Ed Worth and immediate past chairman of the political action committee, Bruce E. Lightner, who contend that some people who participated in past campaigns were confused about which election they were or were not compensated for.

Lightner said in an interview with

The CAROLINIAN that the RWCA board discussed "a meeting with the Board of Elections submitting an

soon.

The RWCA has a good reputation for strong leadership, community in-

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amended report stating who was paid or who were volunteers, and that this report would be given to investigators

volvement and endorsing political candidates who have the best interests for the area at large and African-

Americans in particular.

These allegations to many in the African-American community and in Southeast Raleigh especially, are at best petty and a cheap shot at some leaders. One political officeholder said this sort of thing was going on across the country where individuals and groups are attempting to discredit black leaders and organizations that support them.

A local publication stated last week that on Sept. 22, the RWCA gave the Board of Elections an inaccurate

report of its political action committee's 1988 campaign expenses. The report listed 40 people who were supposed to have received a total of \$1,580 for working the polls and helping get out the vote on Election Day 1988.

The inaccurate report was filed after state election officials met with RWCA leaders and required the organization to give a detailed accounting of how a \$2,000 check written to an RWCA member for

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Majority Say No To Making Drugs Legal

Profit Sky High For Traffickers And Black Market

The Bush administration's war on drugs has renewed the debate from some quarters about the advisability of legalizing drugs.

The Bush administration recently rejected the idea of legalizing drugs in the United States, after public opinion polls showed a huge majority of Americans to be opposed to the idea.

Among some of the people who are considered to be the administration's strongest allies. Leading conservatives as well as veterans of the war on drugs feel that legalizing drugs would be adding fuel to an already out-of-control fire.

In one recent poll conducted by the National Opinion Research Center in April, 1,537 adults were asked whether they thought marijuana should be legalized. By a margin of 5 to 1, they said no.

As bad a problem as crack has become, however, said Arnold S. Trebach, a professor of criminal justice at American University who is president of the Drug Policy Foundation, "Keeping any drug within the control of an absolute criminal prohibition makes the situation worse."

Advocates of legalization are united by two predictions: that drugs

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Gorbachev: An Image Breaker And Missionary

BY DR. ALBERT JABS
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President Mikhail S. Gorbachev is the first leader from Russia to ever go to Rome and speak to the Pope; then he will go to Malta. About 2,000 years ago Paul, the apostle, went to Malta, threw a snake in the fire, and went on to the imperial city of that day, Rome, where he eventually died.

Gorbachev probably read the chapter that Paul wrote to the Romans because the Russian leader talks and acts as if he discerns relationships between church and state; he seems to be right on this.

Gorbachev has gone on record as recognizing the value of the individual conscience. Furthermore, he seems to recognize the role of moral

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INSIDE AFRICA

BY DANIEL MAROLEN
NNPA News Service

PRESIDENT DE KLERK'S COMEDY OF DECEPTIONS

South African President F.W. de Klerk's policies do not depict a man determined to end apartheid. Rather, they display and betray a president bent on perpetuating the much-abhorred racial scourge of apartheid, while continuing to make believe that he was bringing about change. De Klerk looks more to be determined to keep his fellow Afrikaner group dominant in state power over all other racial groups, and to appease them and quell them down with so-called "concessions" and "reforms" which are nothing but deceptions meant to buy time for the Afrikaners to remain longer in power.

De Klerk's announcement last week of permitting Africans to swim on beaches previously set aside for "whites only" and other facilities is one of his deceptive tactics to maintain Afrikaner monopoly of power in South Africa for as long as possible. This should not be permitted to delay the democratization of the racist state, which is long overdue.

Although last week's convincing victory of SWAPO in the Namibian elections makes that organization the most deserving one to rule the newly liberated state, President de Klerk's government backs its own brainchild—the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance—which it now uses to obstruct SWAPO, the country's liberators. The Democratic Turnhalle Alliance was well walloped by SWAPO in the recent elections, but South Africa is determined to use TDA as a thorn in SWAPO's side and Namibia's own national aspirations.

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Motivated By Bigotry

Hate Crimes, Violence On Rise

Strong Laws Needed For Protection

Stronger laws to protect minorities against hate-group attacks may be implemented with the outcome resulting in long-term imprisonment to offenders, according to Klanwatch, a Montgomery, Ala.-based group developed to monitor hate violence in America.

The 10-year-old organization reported recently that anti-Semitic incidents rose to a five-year high in 1988. Not only are these crimes

Teenagers make up the age group inflicting most violent crimes against minorities and these crimes are becoming more frequent and vicious.

becoming more frequent, but they are also becoming much more violent.

Pat Clark, Klanwatch director, says, "Very few states have enacted the kind of comprehensive legislation needed to combat this rise in hate violence." Four states have no applicable laws, and less than half provide for criminal action against intimidation and harassment motivated by bigotry.

Only 13 states require police to keep track of hate crimes. Yet, only five include mandatory police training in

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TRIBUTE TO DR. SANSON—The Garner Road YMCA Board of Directors, friends and family of the late Dr. J. J. Sanson recall his contributions to the community. Dr. Sanson was a former president of Mechanics and Farmers Bank. Pictured are (l. to r.) Rev. J. Z. Alexander, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Vivian Sanson, Mrs. Martha Wheeler, Mrs. Alice Solomon, Mrs. Sarah Kate Sanson, and Ms. Julia Taylor.

Legislature To Meet In Special Session On Hazardous Waste Bill

The 170 members of the 1989 General Assembly have been called into special session by Gov. Martin to approve an interstate agreement for the management of hazardous waste.

The 1989 law authorizing the governor to negotiate such an interstate agreement also required that the General Assembly ratify it.

The extra session will begin at noon Thursday, Dec. 7, and continue until

the legislators are finished with their deliberations. Past special sessions have lasted anywhere from one to six legislative days.

Committee meetings are scheduled to begin Wednesday, Dec. 6.

The state's constitution empowers the General Assembly to meet in regular session every two years. A special or extra session is separate and distinct from regular sessions.

Legislative officers remain the same but either house may adopt new rules. Bill numbers begin at 1 (i.e., HB1, SB1), and legislators deal only with bills introduced during the special session. Any bill left pending from the regular session which adjourned in August would have to be introduced again to be considered during the special session.

Next Thursday's session is the 12th such special session to be held in the past 50 years. The last one convened in 1986. A special session may be called by proclamation of the governor "on extraordinary occasions, by and with" the advice of the Council of State.

In addition, special sessions may also be convened by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate upon receipt of written requests from three-fifths of all the members of the Senate and of the House.

Of the 12 extra sessions called over the past 50 years, 11 were called by the governor and one by the members

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Social, Economic Justice

NAACP Celebrates Union Solidarity

BY LARRY A. STILL
Capital News Service

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The continuing solidarity of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People with all the workers' unions of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations was reaffirmed last week in a cheerful, back-slapping, emotional ceremony at the AFL-CIO's historic biennial conven-

tion in Washington when the unions honored Poland's Solidarity leader, Lech Walesa, and NAACP Executive Director Benjamin L. Hooks.

Walesa addressed the labor organization's opening convention session after the union sponsored the Polish hero's visit to the United States and Hooks, a Baptist minister and former criminal court judge, spoke at the convention's closing plenary session as the members

cheered repeatedly. The NAACP leader was presented the first honorary membership in the Newspaper Guild by Charles Dale, TNG president, and introduced to the official assembly by Lane Kirkland, AFL-CIO president.

In presenting Hooks with the coveted Guild card because "He's been a producer of his own weekly television series" and another TV program, Dale said, "And if this isn't

enough, we're quite prepared to stretch a point" because "it is a tribute to Dr. Hooks that he wants to be blood and bone of the labor movement."

Earlier, Dale declared, "Brothers and sisters, I don't have to tell this audience what Benjamin Hooks has done to merit the admiration and affection of the civil rights movement, the labor movement, and of every American who is colorblind when it comes to judging a person's worth." Kirkland hailed Hooks as "one of the nation's premier activists in the cause of civil and human rights. For most of this century, his organization has been in the vanguard of a movement which brought this nation a long way toward the goals of social and economic justice for all and full racial equality at every level of our society."

"We have not reached these goals," he continued, "and the most recent Supreme Court decisions on civil rights have given us a cold, hard lesson that nothing is permanent and that the clock can be turned back if we don't fight to keep what we've got. Through our solidarity with the civil rights movement and particularly through our participation in the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, the AFL-CIO is working to correct those court decisions in the legislative arena."

Hooks also presented an NAACP plaque to Kirkland in memory of solidarity and "the historic alliance for freedom and justice by such [labor and NAACP] leaders as George Meany, Walter Reuther, Sidney Hillman, L.W. Abel, A. Philip Randolph, Walter White, Roy Wilkins, and Clarence Mitchell, Jr."

Hooks also paid tribute to current

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CELEBRATING SOLIDARITY—Society presidents of four college-based national organizations gather in Washington, D.C., to prepare for Second Biennial Black Women's Political Action Forum, which they are co-sponsoring. Left to right are executives Katie White, Sigma Gamma Rho; Dr. Yvonne Kennedy, Delta Sigma Theta; Janet Jones Ballard, Alpha Kappa Alpha; and Eunice Thomas, Zeta Phi Beta. (Photo by Sharon Farmer).

A&T Ranking First In U.S. Producing Black Engineers

GREENSBORO—A&T State University, which will celebrate 100 years of existence in 1991, has been cited as the largest producer of black engineers in the nation.

In a report recently released by an official of the National Science Foundation, A&T was credited with the graduation of 112 black engineers in 1988-89, 20 more than its closest competitor.

In announcing the report, Dr. Edward B. Fort, A&T chancellor, said, "This good news is significant for this historically great university. This kind of record can be achieved because of the world-class nature of our professors, the quality of our laboratories and equipment, and the outstanding students which are attracted each year to the university."

Two years ago, A&T was listed as ranking seventh in the report. The National Science Foundation report shows that A&T has more than doubled its number of engineering graduates in the last three years, jumping from 55 in 1985-86 to 112 in 1988-89.

Facilities of the A&T School of Engineering include the \$3.5 million Dr. Ronald McNair Building, named in honor of the late black astronaut, who graduated from A&T. The school was recently named to share a \$2.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation with the university's School of Technology to establish a high-technology communications and integrated circuit laboratory.

A&T offers majors in architectural, chemical, civil, electrical, industrial, and mechanical engineering. Dr. Harold Martin is dean of the School of Engineering.

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