



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Local Leaders Charge

Disproportionate Number Of Blacks To Gulf

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
The last active-duty task for ex-Air Force Sgt. Mike Bowen was to bring home body bags of Marines killed in the Beirut bombing in October 1983. Today he is mobilizing anti-war actions in Philadelphia.

desert in Saudi Arabia. One man, a recent recruit of the organization, revealed that two brothers, two brothers-in-law and sisters have been shipped to the Gulf.
Pat Bryant, formerly of Raleigh, recently led caravans through 37 communities in the Gulf Coast and Black Belt South, forming human barricades at gas pumps, with the battle cry, "No blood for oil!" Also in the Louisiana area with Bryant is

Mayso Tomlinson from Raleigh.
Earlier this week, area ministers and supporters met in front of the Legislative Building in downtown Raleigh where the Rev. Leon White, who is a leader of the United Church of Christ Commission for Racial Justice, announced a national mobilization and prayed for peace. He called on blacks across the nation to gather once a week to pray for a peaceful end to the crisis.

White's "National African-Americans Pray for Justice and Peace Movement" joins a growing tide of opposition to the Persian Gulf war is building, fueled by the disproportionate deployment of black people on the front lines and the ever-increasing hardships at home.
Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., executive director of the UCC's Commission for Racial Justice, said the time has come for the call that all

U.S. armed forces be withdrawn from the Persian Gulf region to prevent a devastating war.
"At first, the troops were initially sent to defend Saudi Arabia and to enforce United Nations sanctions against Iraq. U.S. foreign policy must be more even-handed and consistent and less contradictory. The United States refusal to enforce previous United Nations resolutions concerning the Israeli occupation of the West

Bank and other Palestinian territories only serves to fuel further conflict," Chavis said.
"Therefore we join with the National Council of Churches in the USA and demand that all U.S. troops return to the United States except those designated by the United Nations to be in the UN peacekeeping force," Chavis said.
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MLK Committee Brings BLACK SANTA TO S. E. RALEIGH

Gardens Scene Of Santa Visit

Santa is coming to Raleigh with special gifts to give to children who otherwise might not receive many toys this year.
The jolly elf has agreed to make this special visit to Southeast Raleigh a day earlier and to disperse gifts at the Martin Luther King Memorial Gardens. Claus said he would receive kids on Dec. 23 from 4-8 p.m., prior to departing for the long trek to other children around the globe.
The special visit was arranged after he learned that the King Committee was planning an "Old-Fashioned Christmas Caroling Program" at the gardens. In addition to Santa, the Martin Luther King All-Children's Choir will sing along with the King Committee's Caroling Choir composed of committee members and their families.



NEW MOVEMENT—Area ministers and supporters are seen standing near Christmas Tree USA in the lobby of the N.C. State Legislative Building prior to Rev. Leon White's announcement of a national mobilization protesting American troops in the Persian Gulf known as the "National African-Americans Pray for Justice and Peace Movement." In photo: the Rev. J. H. Jones, Rev. David Foy, Ms. Nancy Tice, Rev. Rebecca Johnson and Rev. Herman Lee. Not pictured: Rev. Lonnie Young. (Photo by James Giles)

Dr. Paul Vandergrift, organizer and director of the committee's choir, stated, "The King Gardens has become one of Wake County's premier attractions. Continuing to enhance this positive image as a viable community showplace is important."
While the activities are taking place, the committee will serve hot apple cider and Christmas cookies and be warmed by two old-fashioned outdoor bonfires. The Christmas program's coordinator, Ms. Bette Hargrove, said, "Christmas is such a special time of the year. We want to share this spirit with the total community. The caroling, fellowship and Santa's presence will make this the type of neighborhood gathering that we've been missing. We encourage

A Christmas Story Best Theme Told

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Once upon a time in a faraway but very close kingdom lived a Father who was both mother and father to his 144,000 children. Of course any father with so many children had to own a very, very large home-kingdom and be very, very wise and extremely rich and, of course, most creative. Of his many, many wonderful qualities, the most loving one is his spirit of permissiveness. He had learned that the more choices he permitted his children to have, the more able his children were to make the best choices. The less he whipped and controlled his children the more they yearned to be like him.
The children were good children because they had been created through a wonderful and wise father but as all children do they liked to play, imagine and pretend to be somebody else. Some were more creative than others but all in some way had the same qualities of the father, of course in different proportions.

learn that to you without love—you'll learn that what I have is and I can turn nothing off because you demand it, nor can I refuse to give you what you want because since you came from me all I have is yours."
And so the twin and all who eventually followed him went off to play, create and imagine—all, that is, but the other twin. That twin stayed with the father and his elder acquaintances called the 24 Archangels.
Sure enough, the further the children went out to play, the more freedom they had and the less they heard the whisperings of their father's love. Before they knew it, their creations were getting out of hand. They had created wars and sickness and confusions among the many fun things they had also created—so much so that sometimes they couldn't tell which was which. Money was fun and so was war and sometimes sickness created much for them to laugh at, discover and change.
Soon there came a time when the Archangels went to the father and said, "Sir, don't you think the children's games have gotten out of hand? Aren't you afraid you will lose them altogether? Can't you just stop this madness and call them all back?"
The father simply replied, "I hear you, Archangels, but a promise is a promise. There is only one way I can stop them and that is to destroy them. How can I destroy my own creation? The mother in me just won't let me do that, she's too wise."
The twin that had stayed with the father and the Archangels and a few of his followers who had stayed closer to the kingdom, listened intently. He had from time to time gone out to play with his brothers and sisters but had never stayed too long. Just long enough to remind them of the Father and his love. As he listened he created
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First Black Patrol Captain To N.C. Highway Patrol

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On Thursday, Lt. Richard Holden of the North Carolina Highway Patrol in Wake County, becomes the first black to be promoted to the rank of captain in the history of the State Troopers.
Troop C Commander, Captain Spainhour, who has been with the Highway Patrol 24 years, says of Holden, "He's very professional, and he gets along well with people. I think he'll serve North Carolina well."
Holden, a Wake County resident, born and raised in Wendell, by strong-willed, supportive parents who knew the value of strict discipline. He went to James E. Sheppard High School. After high school, while pursuing studies to be a teacher in industrial technology at North Carolina A&T in Greensboro, he met Capt. Charlie Johnson who was instrumental in changing his goals from being a teacher to being a member of the Highway Patrol. "He was such a nice fellow; I just really found my interest in law enforcement just talking to him," Holden said.
"He talked very positively to me about the opportunities in the Highway Patrol. After talking to him,

I decided to go with the Highway Patrol. I felt they were the utopia, the top of law enforcement. After making my talk with him I just knew this was what I wanted to do."
"I put in my application when there was only one other black on the force, Charlie Johnson from Winston-Salem. I put in my application, it was accepted and in September 1989, I started patrol school, which lasted until December 1989 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and thereafter I was assigned to my first duty station in Fayetteville."
At 43, Holden has been married for 21 years on Dec. 27 and has two youngsters. He threw in the date of Dec. 27 for good measure.
While the family recognizes the potential for danger, Holden says, "My wife has been very supportive of me. She said if this is the career I want to follow, she would encourage

and support my efforts. She's been the person behind the scenes that has really given me a lot of support in many instances. She is a school teacher and kind of keeps me straight on a lot of things."
Holden reflected on handling concerns in our neighborhoods by saying, "I think most of it is community contact, and being a part of the community that you live in will be a factor that will have a positive image with small kids and teenagers."
Holden, who is 6'2" and weighs 215 pounds, says that physical requirements have changed over the years.
"Years ago there were a lot more restrictions concerning physical build than there are now. There is no longer any height requirement in law enforcement, and your weight has to be in proportion to your height."
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CAPT. RICHARD HOLDEN

N.Y. Courtroom Erupts As Teens Are Convicted In "Jogger" Case

NEW YORK, N.Y. (AP)—Courtroom spectators screamed threats at the judge, prosecutor and jurors when two more defendants were convicted in the attack on a jogger who was gang-raped and beaten nearly to death in Central Park.
Kevin Richardson, 16, last Tuesday became the first of five people convicted in the April 1989 attack to be found guilty of attempted murder. He also was convicted of rape, sodomy, robbery, assault and riot.
Kharey Wise, 18, was cleared of the more serious charges but found guilty of assault, sexual abuse and riot. One juror said physical evidence, like that against Richardson, was lacking in Wise's case.
The verdicts came after 12 days of deliberations in the case, which rested chiefly on videotaped statements the defendants made to police. The defense had argued that the teenagers were intimidated and

told what to say by police.
Family members and other supporters erupted when the verdicts against Richardson were read, jumping to their feet, yelling threats and waving fists.
Some yelled, "white justice," or "white racist" and accused the judge and prosecutor of railroad justice and Richardson, who are black. The victim is white.
Richardson's mother, Grace Cuffey, fainted in the pandemonium, and the court was cleared so emergency workers could administer oxygen.
As Wise was led from the courtroom in handcuffs, he turned to Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Lederer and said, "You, bitch, you're going to pay for this."
Lederer, who won convictions against three other defendants in an earlier trial stemming from the attack, was escorted from the court by police.

Local Woman CONVICTED IN DEATHS

U.S. District Judge W. Earl Britt ordered a mandatory life sentence without parole to a 20-year-old Raleigh woman who helped sell heroin to three persons who died using the drug, and also left four others sickened.
Sonia Camille Taylor had pleaded guilty in September to conspiracy and aiding and abetting heroin distribution. In such cases, federal laws require a life term, because Ms. Taylor had a criminal record for drug dealing and because she was con-

victed of distributing drugs that caused deaths and serious injuries.
Ms. Taylor's attorney, Ed Walker, argued that the sentencing law was unconstitutional, and that due process should require that the deaths or injuries be "reasonably foreseeable" from her actions before she is subjected to life in prison.
Her attorney later stated that he would talk to Ms. Taylor about appealing the sentence on that basis, in hopes that Ms. Taylor might return to the court in the future and seek a reduction of the sentence as an investigation is still ongoing.
In other news:
Raleigh Police and CrimeStoppers of Raleigh are looking for the subject or subjects who assaulted a city resident in the vicinity of his home Nov. 11.
Tom Gill, 50, of 219-A Lord Anson Drive, left his residence at approximately 11 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, to buy cigarettes. When he returned approximately 45 minutes later, he had been beaten severely, causing serious head injuries.
Gill collapsed on the floor of his home. Family members did not recognize the seriousness of his injuries until the next morning, when he was rushed to the neuro-surgical unit of Wake Medical Center and admitted in critical condition. Gill is presently undergoing therapy for the loss of movement on the left side of his body, believed to be the result of head injuries he received in the assault.
Gill is described as a dark-skinned black male, 5'8 1/2" tall, weighing 160 pounds, with black hair, which is graying at the hairline. The victim is
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NEWS BRIEFS

PUBLIC HEARING ON HOUSING

The City of Raleigh is inviting the public to make comments and suggestions on the expenditure and implementation of the \$20 million housing bond which was passed on Nov. 6. The hearing will be held on Jan. 2 at 7 p.m. in the council chamber of the municipal building, located at 222 W. Hargett St. Written comments also may be submitted to the city's Community Development Department. They should be directed to Julian Prosser, director, Community Development, City of Raleigh, P.O. Box 590, Raleigh 27602.

A VITAL LINK

West Africa Promotions, a vital link to Accra, Freetown, Lagos, Abidjan and Lome, in association with Global Impact Media, plan a summer tour to Africa for writers, scholars, educators, entrepreneurs and others. GIM is a new literary agency in the area with links in New York, Houston, Paris, Ghana and the Ivory Coast. West Africa Promotions is located at 2165 Kingstree Court in Raleigh, or 231-6944.

COMEDY PARTY

Twiggy Sanders of the Harlem Globetrotters and Charlie Goodnight's Comedy Club present the second annual Christmas Com-

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