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Curtailing Federal Funds Policies Denounced To End Scholarships

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Louis Stokes (D-Ohio) lambasted a recent policy announcement by the Department of Education that would have denied federal funds to colleges and universities that offer scholarships designated for minority students. Stokes condemned "the Willie Horton goes to college mentality of the Bush administration." He stated, "This decision dovetails the

anti-civil rights position of the administration, demonstrated by the president's recent veto of the 1990 Civil Rights Act. The rationale behind this new policy is as flawed as that used by the president in vetoing the Civil Rights Act. Bush called it a quota bill, in spite of the act's express prohibition against the use of quotas." Stokes was reacting to the deter-

mination by the Department of Education's Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Michael L. Williams, that scholarships awarded solely on the basis of race are discriminatory, and therefore illegal. The department notified schools that except in narrow circumstances, the award of minority scholarships violates the law and the schools will risk losing federal funds. The department's policy was ap-

parently based upon interpretations of recent Supreme Court decisions that racial preferences are illegal. While it is not yet known how many scholarships will be affected, the new policy will have a chilling effect on efforts to increase minority enrollments in colleges and universities. According to 1988 data from the U.S. Census Bureau, the percentage of minorities who are entering

college has declined. For blacks, the percentage of high school graduates entering college decreased from 33.5 percent in 1976 to 28 percent in 1988. For Hispanics, 35.8 percent of graduates entered college in 1976 and only 30.9 percent in 1988. The department decision, Stokes said, will prevent colleges and universities from establishing scholarships specifically designated for minorities in order to prevent financial need as a barrier. The policy does not apply to federally funded scholarships and scholarships awarded by private entities, nor to grants awarded solely on the basis of financial need. The new

policy also does not apply to schools which are under a court decree to increase minority enrollment. Stokes commented, "It certainly follows that efforts to increase minority enrollment should be initiated even in the absence of such decrees." Rep. Stokes believes that the department's action underscores the administration's assumption that programs targeted for minorities are no longer needed. Stokes commented, "In spite of what education officials might believe, we are not at the point where ours is a color-blind society.

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INMATES RECEIVE ARTS DEGREES

Innovative Study Tool For Prison

Twenty-six inmate residents at Central Prison in Raleigh earned their associate of arts degrees under Shaw University's Center for Alternative Programs of Education program on Dec. 13.

This was the fourth commencement conducted by Shaw University and sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Correction at the maximum-security facility. Qualified residents pursue a regular college program taught by Shaw instructors in classrooms at the prison. Most of the students major in business management. Although a few pursue degrees in religion, liberal studies, computer studies and criminal justice.

Presiding over the ceremony was Shaw's president, Dr. Talbert O. Shaw. Warden Gary Dixon introduced the commencement speaker, former N.C. State University Chancellor John T. Caldwell. In his brief address to the graduates, Dr. Caldwell compared educational achievement to economic investment. "Your investment in higher education is money in the bank which will earn you substantial interest in your future," he said. "The difference is that no one can ever take your investment away from you. Your education is literally economic power that you have rightfully earned, and I urge you to invest it wisely in your future."

Caldwell also praised the Shaw program for helping inmates to improve themselves. "Shaw's CAPE program was the first of its kind in North Carolina and one of the first in the

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SALUTING FAMILIES—Raleigh Nursery School's Board Members, Staff and Guest, light candles in salute to families everywhere, especially those who have military sons/daughters in the Middle East this Christmas. The singing of Silent Night led by Clara Pulley, staff, and Kim Stancil, volunteer, gave this part of the program a distinct

reverence. Participants included those shown above: Valerie Lindsey-staff, Anita Daniels-United Way staff (guest), Yvonne Sanders-Board President, Nanch Cozart-staff and Dinner Chairperson, Brenda H. Sanders-School Director, Raymond Hawkins-Child Care Food Program, and facing the head table Andre Tiller-Board Member.

UNCF Telethon Plans Challenging Gala In Campaign For Education

Kenneth Wilkins hopes all of Raleigh will come out to celebrate during the 11th annual "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars," a telethon to benefit the United Negro College Fund. Set for Dec. 29, the Raleigh telethon gala will be held at the North Carolina Association of Educators building from 7 p.m. to midnight.

"We are expecting a lot of people to come out and join us," said Wilkins, chairman of the Wake County UNCF campaign. "In addition to raising a lot of money for UNCF, we are going to have a good holiday event for them

to enjoy." Guests will be treated to wide-screen viewing of the telethon on WTVB-TV 11, refreshments and live music by the Reggie Jefferies Group.

"This year is particularly challenging for us," Wilkins said. "In light of current uncertainty concerning aid to minority students, our work becomes even more important."

"I am encouraged, however, that the level of support we have already seen in this campaign has been greatly improved over the past. I believe the reason is that more individuals, more businesses, more organizations are beginning to understand the role of UNCF." This year's goal for the

Wake campaign is \$138,500.

This year launches the second decade of the only national telethon to benefit education. The UNCF supports 41 private, historically black colleges and universities, including St. Augustine's College and Shaw University in Raleigh.

The telethon culminates months of fundraising for the Wake campaign. "We have had several good fundraisers but we are still a long way from our goal," Wilkins said. "We have five hours on air to tell our story to the thousands of viewers who will be watching on television. They will

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INSIDE AFRICA DEVELOPING NATIONS

Tick-Tock, Tick-Tock Tick Mandela's Clock

BY DANIEL MAROLEN

Is political change just around the corner in South Africa? You bet! Time moves ever forward toward success or overcoming. Time and tide wait for no man, says an old adage. How true... But there's a time limit to everything. And Nelson Mandela will not live forever. Who will? None? But 72-year-old Mandela wants to liberate South Africa during his lifespan.

Now, 10 months have come and gone since President de Klerk dragged Nelson Mandela out of Verster Jail on Feb. 11, 10 months ago.

All the world watched lanky, gray-ing and handsome Nelson Mandela emerge from his 27.5 years' incarceration, buoyant and defiant. The world roared its tumultuous welcome and approval of his program to intensify the fight against apartheid. That thunderous roar of approval resounded from Africa to Sweden, Great Britain, Canada, the United States, India, Japan, Australia, ad infinitum.

Yes, 10 months ago the world was gripped by the euphoria of Mandela's release. That event signaled the end of South Africa's orgy of apartheid, and heralded the demise of white domination. It also signaled the advent of non-racial democracy in a land which has never tasted it for a third of a millennium of white-black contact.

But "tick-tock, tick tock," ticked Mandela's clock after his release. The world rejoiced, hoping democracy which was sweeping violently around the world had at last

come to South Africa. President de Klerk who had promised mankind the moon, dilly-dallied, vacillated, played Russian Roulette with Mandela. De Klerk didn't live up to his promise to negotiate with the black leaders toward ending the scourge of apartheid and ushering in a free society.

The clock continued to tick and tick. But still, de Klerk wavered, changed his mind, nibbled at apartheid's labyrinthine past sins and atrocities, but didn't end apartheid. Meanwhile the blacks grew impatient.

Time did not stand still. And apartheid's sins brought in their train tribal faction fights, Afrikaner-perpetrated black-on-black conflicts, versus township dwellers chasing and hacking each other to death in the ghetto alleys. A reign of terror gripped the world's richest gold and diamond mining country.

"Tick-tock, tick-tock," continued Mandela's clock. But still, no negotiations, indaba and end to the senseless inhuman massacres. De Klerk turned to Mandela and egged him to stop the faction fights (as though Mandela was the head of state). Now, Mandela feels betrayed, perplexed and disillusioned. He feels that it is de Klerk's duty to maintain law and order. But de Klerk tries to switch the blame for disorder on the blacks. But Mandela cautions him, "Torpedo apartheid, not its victims."

Mandela is frustrated beyond com-

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PEACE MOVEMENT PLANNED—Rev. Leon White, leader of the United Church of Christ Commission for Racial Justice announced in Raleigh last week plans for a national mobilization protesting U.S. military action in the Persian Gulf. White said the "National African-Americans Pray for Justice and Peace Movement" joins a growing tide of opposition to the potential Persian Gulf war and the disproportionate deployment of blacks on the front lines.

The Gift Of Saving Bonds A Toyless Christmas For Children

BY ERNIE JOHNSTON, JR.

A friend of mine had told me some time ago that she had stopped giving toys to children in her family and instead gave them savings bonds.

This person said that she had stopped giving toys because she felt it was a waste of money and that the young people she had given to wouldn't get as much out of them as they would the bonds, clothing or something else educational.

When I heard what she was doing, it sounded like a good idea. Not only was it practical but it was something that would last a long time as opposed to toys that often break after a few days.

Even after I heard what this particular person was doing, I learned that many other people were thinking the same way—not so much giving bonds but being selective in terms of what they gave children for Christmas.

It all came back to me the other week when I went shopping for a toy to contribute to a children's Christmas toy drive.

Since I haven't been in the situation to shop for kids in quite a few years, it was all new to me. For instance the kinds of toys have changed and there

is a huge selection of various items—only to confuse you when you think of kids who ask for everything during Christmas time

And television does a lot to add to that confusion because of the commercials enticing kids to buy the

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MOST PROMISING CORPORATE WOMEN—Although 1989's U.S. labor figures report that black women occupied only 2.9 percent of management positions proves that the females who are successful are among the country's brightest executives. Among the most promising

are Sharon Smallwood, Karen Gibbs, vice president, Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc.; Dr. Reatha C. King, president, executive director of the General Mills Foundation and president, General Mills.