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THIS WEEK

In 1915, Scott Joplin per-formed his three-act opera, Treemonisha, in Harlem before an invited audience. There was no scenery or sets-all he had was a piano. The audience was bored (See THIS WEEK, P. 12)

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Congressman Mitchell Says...

'ill Stop The War But Us!'

With a portrait of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. peering over his right shoulder, former U.S. Rep. Par-ren J. Mitchell denounced the military buildup in the Persian Gulf recently and called on like-minded Americans to march on Washington.

"This is wrong, this is illegitimate, this is indecent," said Mitchell, referring to the 480,000 American troops stationed in Saudi Arabia. "But no one will stop the war but us."

"Us," for Mitchell, was the self-described "coalition of conscience"

in West Baltimore recently to announce the Jan. 19 national march on the White House. Organizers, who include representatives of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, the Maryland Welfare

Rights Organization, Morgan State University's student government and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, gathered at Union Baptist Church to announce support for the anti-war in-(See PERSIAN GULF, P. 2)

Tough **Issues** Ahead

Daniel T. Blue, Jr., is poised to become the first African-American to hold the North Carolina Speaker of the House and the only third African-American politician in the nation to have held such a position.

Harvey Gantt made an impressive bid for a job almost everyone said he could not win.

Lt. Richard Holden of the North Carolina Highway Patrol on Dec. 20, 1990 became the first African-American promoted to the rank of captain in the history of the state troopers.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson made historical overtures fighting racism on the homefront and searching for peaceful solutions in the Middle East Minister Louis Farrakhan told African-Americans to stand up and

respect each other. 1990 passed as a most impressive

year to remember. Blue is almost certain to come to top political power this year when the N. C. General Assembly convenes January 30. His speakership promises to be one of accommodation and openness mixed with a return to Democratic Party organization and influence in the House. The House faces the toughest issues in years - a declining economy, shrinking tax revenues, legislative and congressional redistricting, and hard choices about It (application) was accepted an

Gantt, the former Charlotte mayor,

A Year To Remember:

Politics, Economy,

Impressive Strides

did not beat incumbent Republican Jesse Helms for the U.S. Senate, but he did become the first African-American politician in North Carolina to win a statewide runoff.

Helms won the November election with 53 percent of the vote to 47 percent for Gantt, but in losing, Gantt won the attention and admiration of many. The race was a clash of differences: Helms the white conservative, and Gantt, the black liberal.

Moreover, Gantt's political future appears to be on solid footing. A two election losing streak to Helms and Mayor Sue Myrick in 1987 notwithstanding, political observers see gantt running for another statewide office, possibly governor or U. S. Senate in 1992.

Farrakhan brought his tough message to North Carolina and captured audiences in Charlotte and Greensboro. Railing against black on-black crime, abortion and racism the charismatic leader challenge African-Americans to love eac other. Farrakhan said: "If Jest would show up among black people we would not accept Him because reality all of our lives white following have given us an image of Jesus their image."

Holden a Wake County resident has been described by N. C. Highwa Patrol Troop C Commander Car Spainhour as "very professional Holden, raised in Wendell by stron willed, supportive parents has be with the patrol since September 19. "I put in my application when the was only one other black on the for-

Threat To Security CHURCH SAYS FIGHT RACISM

Vetoed Civil Rights

BY GWEN MCKINNEY

NNPA News Service
WASHINGTON, D.C.—Racism in America is increasingly becoming one of the greatest threats to the national security, declares the United Church of Christ which plans to mark the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by issuing a pastoral letter The Bush administration's recent

pronouncement against minority scholarshis, the president's veto of the Civil Rights Act, increasing poverty among blacks and the tide of overt acts against African-Americans and other minorities point to a backward slide in race relations.

"Despite significant progress, our church, society and world are polarized today because of the pervasive and destructive sin of racism," states the draft document which will be releasat its annual meeting in January.

"We emphatically reject the notion that racism, particularly in the form of institutionalized discrimination, is a problem that no longer requires our utmost attention," the draft document continues.

Rev. Charles Shelby Rooks, a signatory of the letter and a prominent UCC official, insists that the church action comes at a time when America must be confronted with a moral challenge on racism.

"It is ironic that the sons and daughters of people of color are being asked to bear a disproportionate brunt of sacrifice should war break out," maintains Rev. Benjamin F. Chavis, executive director of the UCC Commission for Racial Justice. "Our (See AGAINST RACISM, P. 2)



ALL SMILES - These youngsters are all smiles for the camera during the holiday season while sharing tender moments with relatives and friends only children can

know. Perhaps they are smiling over their resolutions in seeking new ways to have fun with a full slate of possibilities for the New Year. (Photo By Apple 1-Hour

"Parade Of Stars" Telethon For ed by the 1.7 million-member church UNCF Faises Funds For Students

The late Frederick D. Patterson, and universities that it represents. founder of the United Negro College a concerted effort to maintain the economic strength of historically black colleges would ensure that deserving students would always have a place to earn a college educa-

"By strengthening the resources of historically black colleges," Patterson said, "we can continue to keep costs down so that students who need institutions of quality, at a price they can afford, will go to them.

The United Negro College Fund was born of that vision in 1944, and since that time the College Fund has generated millions of dollars for the 41 private, historically black colleges

Money raised by UNCF, through Fund, had a vision: He believed that such special events as the "Lou scholarships and financial aid to the operation of North Carolina's steed patrol school." Rawls Parade of Stars" telethon on (See UNCF TELETHON, P. 2)

Saturday, Dec. 29, helps member

External Intervention Urged Racial Woes Rising In South Africa

Genocidal Situation

BY DANIEL MAROLEN

The genocidal racial situation in South Africa is deteriorating fast, and demands immediate external intervention to avoid an Armageddon. This deterioration became more obvious when, a few days ago, Archbishop Tutu flew over the continental USA without touching down on the east coast where he usually stops. Instead, he stopped in Montana on his way to a conference in Honduras. Obviously, Tutu avoided the east coast to escape being asked harassing and controversial questions about the distressing situation of the escalating black-on-black faction conflicts in which scores of blacks have died in the past few days.

But while Tutu flew over America to Honduras, mass media reports flooded America and the world with news that Nelson Mandela was enraged at the escalating genocide, and demanded that the de lilerk regime should forthwith halt the senseless manslaughter in Natal Province and areas around Johannesburg. Mandela also urged the government to maintain law and order, or ... But de Klerk considers it Mandela's duty to end the tribal fights.

The ruling Afrikaner clique is responsible for the critical racial unrest in South Africa. First, de Klerk's own Nationalist Party continues to keep apartheid alive, although he promised to end it and usher in a non-racial democratic system in its place. But, since Mandela's release from prison 10 months ago, apartheid is still in place. Meanwhile, apartheid is taking a heavy toll on black lives ... True, it is apartheid that is killing black people, not ANC or Inkatha. In addition, de

Klerk conducts his negotiations towards a non-racial constitution only with Nelson Mandela and ANC, but not with the rest of the black population who constitute the majority of South Africans. Naturally, this angers leaders like Mangosuthu Buthelezi who cannot tolerate this snub. Hence the escalating conflicts between followers of ANC and In-

There are also instances of occasions when the regime's police take sides with either the ANC or Inkatha as it suits them. At other times the

police deliberately neglect to intervene between two warring factions, but leave them to hack one another to death.

On the other hand, Eugene Terblanche's extremely racist murder squads are planning civil war in the country. They also instigate irresponsible black youths to attack rival black groups in the names of ANC or Inkatha. But the leaders of ANC and Inkatha know nothing about these faction fights. Already, Terblanche's murder squads have assassinated a number of anti-apartheid leaders.

unprecedented reign of terror in it country, especially among the blacks.

The rightwing Afrikaner, Dr. A dries Treurnicht, is another politijingo who poses a threat to the adof democracy in South Africa. In currently the leader of the Opposit in the South African Parliament. Conservative Party is gain membership from de Klerk's NP threatens to topple de Klerk fra



IMPROVING SKILLS - Liliana Archuletta works hard to improve her comprehension skills in English. Archuletta is from South America and is seen in the phote with instructor Trina Smith. She has raised her grade equivalency by three levels after returning to school in Houston and entering a program for high school drop outs.



SANTA TO S.E. RALEIGH—Residents from throughout the city recently flocked to the Martin Luther King Memorial Gardens located on Rock Quarry Road to greet

Santa Claus. Youngsters delighted at taking their turns talking to the Grand Ole Man Of Christmas. (Photo by J. D.