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Efforts At Peace Fail

U. S. Forces A... War In The Persian Gulf!

Last-minute peace initiatives crumbled Tuesday as the White House said it was reaching a point of decision for war with officials weighing exactly when to give the order to fight if Iraq failed to withdraw from Kuwait.

The Jan. 15 deadline was a day for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait, not a deadline for UN action which leaves the choice for peace remaining with Saddam Hussein.

The intention of President George Bush and the Pentagon generals

under the banner of the United Nations to launch an all-out war provoked many African-Americans across the country and incited antiwar activists to demonstrate including the Coalition to Stop U.S. Intervention in the Middle East, which is calling for a national march on the White House Jan. 19.

Before the midnight deadline Jan. 15, demonstrators in Raleigh waved banners and made passionate appeals on the Fayetteville Street Mall for Iraq to pull out of Kuwait.

"Send George Bush—Send Dan Quayle—Send Neil Bush when he gets out of jail," one group chanted, drawing whistles and applause from other anti-war protesters.

Gordon Dillahunt, representing a group called Black Workers for Justice, noted that the UN deadline coincided with the birthday of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. On the day people should have been reflecting on the life and work of the slain civil rights leader, he said, they instead were dwelling on the specter of war.

Dillahunt compared the contradiction in the timing of the UN deadline and Dr. King's birthday with what he called "the tragic juxtaposition" of U.S. foreign and domestic policy.

"We support the warriors, not the war, and the best way is to make sure they come home safe and sound and not in body bags," Dillahunt shouted. The march at NCCU in Durham wound through campus and ended at the school's spirit bell, suspended on a 20-foot stand, which students ring to celebrate such events as basketball

victories.

This time, however, the mood was somber. Several dozen students each rang the bell twice—once to honor Dr. King on his birthday, and again to honor U.S. troops in the Middle East.

Last Saturday the Coalition for Peace in the Middle East sponsored a rally in support of a peaceful solution to the Persian Gulf crisis in Chapel Hill. The rally included an educational forum and a march down Franklin Street.

The coalition includes a group of

citizens concerned about the Bush administration's "refusal for open negotiations." The coalition questions the need of the United States to act as the "world's policeman" and opposes the use of force to resolve the conflict.

The Coalition to Stop U.S. Intervention in the Middle East is demanding the immediate withdrawal of all U.S. troops and that the money being spent on Operation Desert Shield be

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Korean Family Witnesses

JEWELRY STORE OPERATOR SLAIN

Suspects In Custody, One Missing

District Judge Rusty Sherrill has ordered Donnell Brown, 25, of King Charles Road, and William L. Wiggins, Jr. 18, of Rosemond Avenue, Raleigh, held without bond. They were arrested by Raleigh police on a warrant charging them with armed robbery and first-degree murder.

Informed sources say the two are alleged to have participated in the robbery and shooting death of Say Duck Chung, a Raleigh jewelry store owner.

One of the assailants is said to have attempted to leave the jewelry shop in the Raleigh Boulevard Shopping Center at 1100 Raleigh Blvd. without paying for a gold-chain necklace, which Chung attempted to remove when he was fatally shot.

Local attorneys Kyle Hall and Richard Gusler will represent Brown and Wiggins, respectively. The two defendants are scheduled to be arraigned in the Wake Courthouse in Raleigh on Feb. 5 at 9 p.m.

A third suspect remains at large. Sgt. Gardner of the Raleigh Police Department is the investigating officer handling the case.

While a lot of publicity has been generated concerning news reports about black violence against blacks, black violence against Koreans in the Raleigh area is thought to be somewhat unusual.

County authorities say they have no

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AGING CITIZENS—At Wintershaven, senior or golden age citizens, are comfortable and close to loved ones. "We are family and look after each other," states Wintershaven resident Glenora Thomas. "We have good facilities, the Love and Peace Club, and we do charity work and take

Riley Hill Community Stunned, Drug Dealings Suspected In Store

U.S. Attorney Margaret Person Currin announced this week the seizure by the United States Marshals Service of the Riley Hill Grocery Store located at 6300 Riley Hill Road, Wendell. This seizure was accomplished pursuant to a Verified Complaint for Forfeiture in Rem filed on Jan. 1 and an order issued by U.S. District Judge F.T. Dupree, Jr., directing the issuance of a seizure warrant for the property. The owner of Riley Hill Grocery Store, Bobby Ray Williams, is also the subject of a state indictment for felony "Maintaining a Dwelling" (which was resorted to by persons using controlled substances).

This seizure is unique in North Carolina in that it is the first attempt by federal authorities in this state to seize a business property that is being consistently used for illegal drug activity, and where the property owners have refused to take any legitimate steps to prevent the use of the property in this manner. Seizures under this particular legal theory have been successful in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere.

The indictment was obtained by Wake County District Attorney Colon Willoughby, and is being handled for his office by Assistant District Attorney Evelyn W. Hill.

The Complaint for Forfeiture in Rem was supported by an affidavit

prepared by Det. David E. McGee of the Wake County Sheriff's Department. That affidavit outlines how the property of Riley Hill Grocery Store has been used for the sale and distribution of illegal narcotic drugs, including cocaine. The affidavit outlines repeated community complaints about this use of the property as a meeting place for the distribution of illegal drugs, and the affidavit includes photographs of items found in the parking lot of the grocery store, such as syringes, needles, and glasses filled with blood-tainted water which had been used to clean syringes after use. The affidavit also documents repeated efforts by law enforcement officers to gain the cooperation of the property owner of Riley Hill Grocery Store in taking appropriate steps to deter the illegal drug activity.

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The seizure was accomplished by the U.S. Marshals Service with the assistance of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Wake County Sheriff's Department, and numerous other state and local law enforcement agencies. The forfeiture action is being handled for the U.S. attorney by Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas P. Swain.

Consumers Wonder About Headlight & Wiper Link

BY DANIEL A. YOUNG, SR.
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A recent survey found that only 35-40 percent of North Carolina motorists are complying with the "wiper-headlight" law which went into effect Oct. 1, 1990.

"Generally speaking," says Lt. Danieley of Troop C of the North Carolina Highway Patrol, "we rely on the news media statewide to get that information out concerning new laws that have been enacted by the North Carolina Legislature."

"We expect a 35 to 40 percent compliance with the state's new headlight/wiper law," says Capt. T.H. Spainhour of the Highway Patrol.

Spainhour is in charge of Troop C which works in the Wake County/Triangle area. "We will only be allowed to issue warning tickets through June 30," he said.

quired if wipers are only used intermittently because of mist.

The intent of the law, which has counterparts in other states across the nation, is to make vehicles more visible during inclement weather.

The trooper said, however, that the State Patrol seldom cites drivers for driving without their headlights on.

"It's a judgment call; we have had the headlight law for motorcycle for 20 years. The results show that a motorcycle is much more visible with the headlights on," Spainhour said. "The same thing with any other vehicle. The headlights just attract attention to it."

"A lot of times in weather like we have been having recently, a vehicle will blend in with the weather, the wind, the rain, the clouds, it just makes it difficult to see; and I think by having the headlight law, certainly it would be a safety factor for anybody using their headlights in this type of weather."

"It's not going to be the easiest law to enforce," says Spainhour. (See HEADLIGHTS, P. 2)

NEWS BRIEFS

KING CULTURAL FEST

"Let Freedom Ring," Saturday, Jan. 26, at 12:30 p.m. in the McKimmon Center, North Carolina State University. The event, which commemorates the birthday of the late Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., features workshops and seminars in literature, drama, relationships, leadership and education. Admission is free. A banquet concludes the festival at 5 p.m. Banquet tickets are \$6.25 for adults and \$3.25 for children. For information contact Dr. Iya-Ilu Moses at 737-7322.

FREE TAX HELP

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) provides free tax help in the community. Volunteers help people with basic tax returns (1040EZ, 1040A and the basic 1040). Bring your W-2 earning statements and tax forms. You can contact the YMCA for a listing and dates of VITA sites.

COURT RULES ON BUSING

The Supreme Court ruled in a 5-3 decision that federal judges should end their supervision of previously segregated public schools if court-ordered desegregation had eliminated "the vestiges of past discrimination." The decision likely will make it easier for hundreds of school districts to end forced busing and escape the court-

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Who Cares For Elderly?

Crisis In Medical Care Looms

As measured by virtually all statistical measures of income, opportunity, education, access to health care, and personal security, it is clear that the typical minority American does not begin to enjoy anything close to parity with the life experiences of the average white American.

The general picture is deeply disturbing: the statistics chart a wide gulf between the races. For example, life expectancy figures for whites and blacks are heading in opposite directions. After narrowing for decades, the gap in life expectancy between blacks and whites has grown for the last three years in a row, according to the most recent data from the National Center for Health Statistics, increasing between 1984 and 1987 from 5.6 years to 6.2 years.

In 1986, poverty rates for all black individuals, from infancy through old age, were nearly three times the rate for whites (31 percent and 11 percent, respectively). Poverty rates for other minority groups are also extraordinarily high. American Indians living on reservations experience the highest rates of poverty in the United States, followed by Puerto Ricans. The median wealth (assets minus liabilities) of black households is nine percent of the white household median.

Coupled with this, the elderly today find themselves in a medical care crisis. According to Carol Goodstein in the official publication of the National Association for

the Advancement of Colored People, Crisis, industrialization and employment patterns have taken us far away from each other. We're not close to Grandma anymore.

In America, the griot, or keeper of the community's and family's oral history, has no place; the elderly don't receive the attention they deserve. The focus is on the problem of youth—the demise of the black male, substance abuse, black-on-black crime—the elderly have gotten the short shrift—but the ghost of the neglect may be creeping in through the back door.

America is aging. In 1988 there were 30.4 million people 65 years or older; 2.5 million were black. By 2000, one-quarter of all Americans will be seniors. The black elderly form the fastest-growing segment of the black population.

Medical technology is keeping people alive longer, but the quality of their lives is suffering; this is the crisis in medical care. The crisis is exorbitant medical costs; a large number of uninsured Americans; insufficiently funded programs and bureaucracy surrounding those that do exist.

The black family is no longer an extended family; assimilation has taken its toll. With increased mobility and two-income families, many blacks no longer live in

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