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THIS WEEK

In 1831 Lloyd Garrison began publishing
The Liberator, and
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England anti-Slavery Society with only 13

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Priest Expresses Fear

Blacks With Military Livelihood Could Pay With Lives

CHICAGO, Ill. (AP)-In a corner of the city where young men face the lure of gants and drugs and a life of struggle, the Rev. George Clements long has preached a strategy for survival: the military.

But the safe haven he steered so many to no longer is safe. The road to the good life could become the path to death. And the priest fears that his flock-and other blacks-could pay an unfair price in the Persian Gulf

been victims since slavery,' Clements said. "There was an enticement for these kids to join the service. They couldn't find jobs. They were just wandering. No one ever suspected they would be caught in a shooting war.

"I've always felt this quasi-despair in this community," he said. "You have despair from infant mortality, from the narcotic wars. Now there's a

"We are victims, just like we've who really had no idea what they in the United States," said Conwere getting into. Now they're in, there's no way of getting out.'

Clements is pastor of Holy Angels Church, one of the nation's largest black Roman Catholic parishes. Of its some 4,000 members, 103 have one or more loved ones in the gulf. Many enlisted for the security of a job, the promise of an education and a crack at a life they'd never get at home.

"The military has probably been much deeper one. These are people the most equal opportunity employer

gresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton of Washington, D.C.

"Many young blacks perceive that they will get a better shake in the armed forces than in their own hometown. That is a comment on American society, not on the military," she said.

"We ought to be troubled that such a large proportion of black youngsters... would rather risk war and all it implies than stay at home."

Although less than 13 percent of the U.S. population is black, blacks ac- on a more urgent, heartfel! tone. count for 21 percent of all U.S. military personnel in all branches. say, 'The Persian Gulf or the streets About a third of the Army forces int of Chicago... what chance does a poor person have?" said Carolyn Robinhe Persian Gulf are black and almost son, whose 20-year-old son Shomall half of U.S. servicewomen in the gulf

are black. Some black leaders nationwide call this a poor person's war and question whether minorities will bear a disproportionately large share of the

you're serving your country, you die with dignity," said the mother of

Franklin is in the Navy.

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"If you die in the Persian Gulf.

At Holy Angels, the question take

"When I get depressed and I cry,

\$5,000 Reward Offered **Bragg Street Murder Unsolved**

Police Seeking Suspect

The State of North Carolina is offering a \$5,000 reward for information in the Dec. 4 murder of a

Gov. Jim Martin approved the reward at the request of the Raleigh Police Deparetment.

The body of Daniel Tyrone Harvey was found the morning of Dec. 4 lying in the 500 block of East Bragg Street near Chavis Park. Police said he had been shot four times earlier that morning.

The reward is offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for Harvey's murder.

Anyone with information in the case is asked to call Raleigh Police a 890-3555 or the State Bureau of Investigations at 733-3171.

In other news: a member of Gov. James G. Martin's staff who also teaches at N. C. Central University in Durham was beaten by several men as he was leaving the campus Thursday night, police said.

Mark A. Messura, 28, of Raleigh was treated at Duke University Medical Center for cuts and bruises and later released.

Messura told police that he was

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Amphitheater, a \$13.5 million open-air performing arts 1-40 at the intersection of Rock Quarry Road and center featuring both reserved seats and festival lawn- Sunnybrook Road. Opening scheduled for July, 1991. seating. The facility will be centrally located in Raleigh's

THE CLEARING—Clearing has begun at Walnut Creek new Walnut Creek Park, just southeast of the Beltline near

Black Group See Norplant Device As Racist, Sterilization Attempt

Norplant, the newly approved im- blacks. walking to his car about 10:15 p.m. plantable contraceptive, will become after teaching a class when he was available in North Carolina within the attacked by three or four men on next week or two, but doctors fear the Lincoln Street They hit him with a cost may deter some interested women and an African group in Virginia says it is sterilization for

READING POETRY-Poet Gwendolyn Brooks, the first black writer to win the

Pulitizer Prize (1950), will read from her works at East Carolina University

Thursday, Feb. 14, at 8 p.m. in Jenkins Auditorium. She was also the first black

woman selected to serve as poetry consultant to the Library of Congress. The

reading is free and open to the public.

Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories, the Philadelphia company that makes the device, is charging doctors \$350 for the Norplant kit. The doctors plan to charge between \$50 and \$150 to implant the contraceptive, which can

last up to five years. The Raleigh Women's Health Organization will offer the device for \$500, including insertion and removal, as soon as the first shipment arrives. Doctors say the price is putting it out of reach for a lot of peo-

Wyeth-Ayerst officials are en-

couraging Medicaid and private insurance programs to cover the cost of Norplant. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved Norplant in December 1990, Norplant is made up of six matchstick-sized silicone cylinders that are implanted on the inside of a woman's upper arm. The tubes continuously release minute doses of lavonorgestrel, a synthetic hormone sometimes used in birth-

control pills. Nambers of the African-American Committee, a division of the

(See NORPLANT, P. 2)

Gantt: Neglected Issues Will Cause Damage To Country

ed on war in the Persian Gulf and the ed, 25 percent of the workforce fall administration's subsequent neglect of domestic issues will cause serious damage to the country, according to former U.S. Senate candidate Harvey B. Gantt of Charlotte.

We have some problems at home that just simply won't go away," said marketplace, he said, it must develo Gantt, who spoke at a fundraiser of the American Jewish Congress in Los Angeles recently. "And we simply can't ignore them, even at a time when the world finds itself in peril in the Persian Gulf."

While America is preoccupied with events occurring on the other side of the world, Gantt said the effect of important domestic issues, such as the Civil Rights Bill, will further divide the country

[The veto of the civil rights bill] will produce... more fear [and] more divisiveness [in] a country that clearly will not be able to null itself together on some very, very important issues," said Gantt, who last November came close to defeating one of the state's most conservative and powerful politicians.

An architect and businessman, Gantt became the first black mayor of Charlotte in 1983. Twenty years earlier, he had become the first black student to attend a previously allwhite school in South Carolina when under court order he was admitted to Clemson University.

In pointing out the country's intensifying social problems, Gantt noted that 37 million persons are without health insurance in America, which also sends more black young men to prison today than it does to college.

"Urban centers in low-income communities... are more and more becoming the scnee of an almost nihilistic form of human destruction, with drugs and crime and AIDS and violence eating away at any potential desire for people to succeed," he said.

The total American workforce was eight percent functionally illiterate 25 (See HARVEY GANTT, P. 2)

The attention of America has focus- years ago, said Gantt. Today, he add into that category and if the tren continues, more than half of the workforce will be illiterate by th year 2020.

If the country is to continue to conpete in the internationa



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an educational system that will make its citizens (economically) useful.

"Neglect and discrimination has already cost us substantially and w cost us even more in the future," sa Gantt. "You will pay now and pa later."

America is currently experiencia an increased amount of racism at intolerance which is becoming much more violent and much more visible said Gantt. And growing racism college campuses and in places suas Howard Beach, N.Y., suggest that the trend is also growing amou young people, he said.

Gantt said Americans should more concerned about the success politicians, such as David Duke an Jesse Helms, who appeal directly voters using blatant racism to evolthe emotions of undereducated anolder whites

In what Gantt called a "damn clo election," he said he came within tw and one-half percent of beating Helms, whom he plans to conte again in 1992.

Devastating Health Problem ls For A New Culture

BY DR. LOUIS W. SULLIVAN

To me as a physician, America's problems have human faces—bulletriddled assault victims, victims from alcohol-related accidents, unwed teen mothers, crack babies, battered wives, abused children, smokers racked with emphysema, drug overdoses, persons under the death sentence of AII S.

To me, as Secretary of Health and Human Services, these problems are magnified almost incomprehensibly. They represent tragic societal devastation and staggering financial

What is most distressing is the clear fact that so much disease and mortality in America is preventable: · Health care costs for smokingrelated problems last year came to \$52 billion. Smoking causes 400,000

premature deaths each year. • Nearly HALF of the 48,000 motor vehicle deaths and 40 percent of the drowning deaths are alcohol-related.

• More than a million U.S. citizens are infected with the HIV virus and more than 155,000 of them have rate, low birthweight babies and AIDS-with the number climbing dai-· Violence, homicide and suicide

•From one to three million Americans are regular users of cocaine. This has created a climate of

women contributes significantly to our nation's high infant mortality other newborn disorders.

related to drinking cost our society \$70 billion in 1989. · Poor diet is related to five of the

fear in our cities. Drug abuse by 10 leading causes of death in the

United States, including corons heart disease, some cancers, strok infant mortality and diabetes.

How did we get into such a mes The diagnosis, though harsh and painful, has to be faced. Much of disease and disability afflicting

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Symbolism Plays Role In Heritage, Accomplishments

With the celebration of Black History Month comes the remembering of the many significant accomplishments of black peoole. Perhaps the biggest accomplishment was the starting of the black history observance by Dr. Carter G. Woodson

Woodson was born in 1875, the son of two former slaves. Because his family was poor, he had to teach himself the fundamentals of reading, writing and arithmetic. With diligence and determination, he mastered these skills by age 17.

He hoped to further his education by entering high school, but was

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