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**Grave Problem Worsening**

## Scholars Seek U.S. Policy For Black Men

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A team of distinguished black scholars played a significant role in the work and objectives of the 21st Century Commission on African-American Males' national conference hosted in the nation's capital by honorary co-chairs, Virginia Gov. L. Douglas Wilder and Sen. Terry Sanford (D-N.C.).

As the grave problems of black men appeared to be worsening in the nation, the commission was established to focus national attention on the urgency of the matter to develop "action strategies and policy initiatives" among public and private organizations. The conference was scheduled May 22-24. A unique, important component of the commission's efforts centers around the input and direction of a

coordinated team of approximately 20 black experts who will examine the issues and make recommendations in five key areas: economics, workforce preparation, education, health care and social problems.

Members of the commission serving as co-hosts for the national conference are New York Mayor David Dinkins; Arthur Fletcher, chairman of the U.S. Commission on

Civil Rights; Dorothy Height, president, National Council of Negro Women; John Jacob, president, National Urban League; and Rep. Edolphus Towns (D-N.Y.), Congressional Black Caucus chairman.

Scheduled as conference speakers were senators Bill Bradley (D-N.J.) and Donald Riegle, Jr. (R-Pa.) and representatives Louis Stokes (D-

Ohio), Major Owens (D-N.Y.), John Conyers (D-Mich.) and John Lewis (D-Ga.) Academy Award winning actor Louis Gossett, Jr. was selected as guest speaker at the closing conference dinner honoring "outstanding black men" with the Winan Singers slated to provide entertainment.

Serving as "resident scholar" for the commission is Dr. Douglas

Glasgow, author of "The Black Underclass" and former dean of the Howard University School of Social Worker and a former vice president of the National Urban League. Glasgow points out that for years white scholars have made major contributions to the national/congressional legislative

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BRIG. GEN CLARA ADAMS-ENDER

**Gen. Ender, Chief Nurse, Taking Honors**

Brig. Gen. Clara L. Adams-Ender, chief, U.S. Army Nurse Corps, will be awarded the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at Pace University's annual commencement for its New York City campus Saturday, June 1, at 1:30 p.m. at Radio City Music Hall.

Gen. Adams-Ender will join honorary degree recipients Dr. Mary Schmidt Campbell, cultural commissioner for New York City; Keith Burns, filmmaker; and Edward William Stack, president of the Clark Estates and the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, at the exercises, where 1,780 students are candidates for academic degrees.

Dr. Patricia O'Donnell Ewer, president, Pace University, will preside at her first commencement since assuming the office last July.

Gen. Adams-Ender, the fourth oldest of 10 children born on a  
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## Fair Tax Budget Urged

**Raise Taxes On Wealthy, Not The Poor**

Eleven North Carolina public interest groups have urged the General Assembly to look beyond cutting state programs and raising the sales tax to address the budget crisis. By making the tax structure fair, they stated, the General Assembly could raise more than \$900 million. Members of grassroots, church, education and peace groups were joined by several legislators who came to speak in favor of fair taxes at a news conference convened last week by North Carolina Fair Share at the Legislative Building in Raleigh.

"North Carolina's budget debate should also be about how the working people of the state are already shouldering more than their fair share of taxes," said Sarah Damberg of N.C. Fair Share.

According to Collins Kilburn of the North Carolina Council of Churches, "The strong, the able, and the well-to-do" should bear the burden of meeting the state's budget crunch and not "teachers... Medicaid recipients, the mentally ill, the homeless, children in poor families... and others who need state assistance and protection."

Linda Shaw of the North Carolina Low Income Housing Coalition stated that many North Carolina residents are paying more than half of their income in housing costs, and added that it would be unfair to raise the sales tax because poor families spend a higher proportion of their budget on food and therefore pay a higher percentage of their income in sales taxes. He added that he didn't think "the sales tax is on the track" in the Legislature.

Janis Ramquist of the League of Women Voters pointed out that  
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THE GRADUATES—Cheryl Satterfield completes an assignment in an industrial pharmaceutical technology at Wake Technical Community College. Ms. Satterfield is scheduled to graduate from the two-year, associate degree

program in August. The May 30 edition of The CAROLINIAN will recognize graduates and education in a Special Section!

### Momentum For World's First Air Cargo Industrial Complex in N.C. Building

Momentum for the world's first air cargo industrial complex in North Carolina garnered strength last week after Gov. James G. Martin received word that the airport was feasible.

According to a preliminary report prepared by Transportation Management Group, Inc. it would be "fatal" if state officials hesitate supporting a project needed for the country's future role in world trade.

Although the report urged caution in taking "irreversible" steps, it urged Martin to proceed with the

proposal.

"This report outlines strong economic reasons for building this airport," Martin said. "Although preliminary, indications are that the airport could create up to 55,000 jobs and bring in \$2.8 billion annually to the state's economy. With that kind of potential, we should continue studying the feasibility of the air cargo complex."

Martin received the preliminary findings 10 weeks after he authorized an 11-month study to see if the concept for the revolutionary airport

was practical.

The complex would combine an  
(See AIR CARGO, P. 2)

### N.C. Task Force Plans Ceremony Saluting Troops

During a special ceremony held on March 28 of this year, Gov. James G. Martin proclaimed June 29-July 4 as "North Carolina Salute to the Troops" and urged communities in North Carolina to celebrate the return of troops from the Persian Gulf War to the state which supplied the most troops from the United States.

Scores of volunteer community leaders have formed a task force to stage this event. The kick-off will be a day-long celebration in Raleigh on Saturday, June 9.

In cooperation with the North Carolina State Capitol Foundation and North Carolina Amateur Sports, the day will begin at 8 a.m. with a 5K Run at the State Capitol grounds, followed by live music performances on two stages until 12:45 p.m.

At 1 p.m., a flyover in downtown Raleigh by military aircraft will signal the start of the largest parade ever staged in North Carolina. Led by more than 5,000 troops, the parade will feature many examples of the heavy equipment used in Operation Desert Storm as well as military college and high school bands from across the state. In addition, many North Carolina companies will sponsor floats saluting the troops.

During the day, heavy military equipment will be on public display at the State Fairgrounds, and 18 to 20 military aircraft used in the war will be displayed at Raleigh-Durham International Airport's general aviation facility.

Following the parade, more musical acts will perform on the stages at the State Capitol grounds until 4:30 p.m. and the troops, along  
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**Inside Africa**

## Mali Teaches Lessons In Real Life

If you ever thought studying Latin or ancient history lacked relevance to modern life when you went to school, imagine how children in Mali must have felt.

Before a recent "ruralization" program, students in Mali were taught the same curriculum as students in France, which colonized much of West Africa in the 19th century. In the midst of a devastating drought that dried up rice fields, Malian students read Moliere. While a grasshopper infestation wiped out other crops, the students knew more about Cyrano than pest control.

"The colonial legacy is a major problem in education," says Griffen Jack, deputy manager of programs in West Africa for CARE, the world's largest private relief and development organization. "In most countries of the region, students learn a lot more about European literature, history and culture than they do

about their own society." The small fraction of African students who do gain advanced degrees often attend universities in

services. Under such circumstances, literature is a luxury.

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Europe. For that elite group, the traditional education system makes sense.

But for the vast majority in a country like Mali, the system does not address the daily need to survive. Almost three in 10 children in the nation of nine million die before reaching the age of five. Only 17 percent of the people have access to clean water and 15 percent to health

subsistence farming, what people grow and how well they grow it is the single most decisive factor in their lives," Jack says. "The ruralization program adapts the school curriculum to the realities of village life."

The emphasis of the new curriculum is on agriculture and animal breeding. CARE is supporting the program by training teachers in

gardening practices and providing schools with such basic tools as hoes and shovels.

Traditionally, people in Mali garden exclusively for spices, while depending on their fields for staple foods like rice and millet. With CARE's help, they are now learning gardens can produce more than a tasty sauce.

"Many nutritious vegetables like cabbage and eggplant were completely unknown to the children," says Brahim Coulibaly, a gardening teacher trained by CARE in rural Mali. "They like the taste and we teach them about the health benefits."

CARE helps students learn every aspect of the gardening process—planting and transplanting, techniques for mixing earth, caring for the beds, hoeing and  
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PRACTICAL LEARNING—A Malian student and his teacher work side-by-side in what will soon be their school's garden. CARE, the international relief and development organization, is supporting the government's effort to instruct children in gardening by training teachers and providing basic tools and seeds. Gardens provide important food security in a country prone to drought and grasshopper infestations. (CARE Photo by Jean-Francois Bouville.)