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Church Leaders Urge

enators To Vote For Civil Rights Bill

Raleigh Bus Station Scene

WASHINGTON, D.C.—National limiting employees' ability to sue for eaders of the United Church of Christ discrimination. are encouraging the demomination's members to join an ecumenical lobbying campaign and write to key senators in support of the proposed Clvil Rights Act of 1991.

The bill, expected to come before the U.S. Senate in late September, would restore rights lost in a series of recent Supreme Court decisions

ACCOUNT BEAUTIFUL

The 1.6 million-member United Church is among several mainline denominations whose Washington offices are encouraging members to go to the nation's capital on Thursday, Sept. 19, for a civil rights lobbying day sponsored by two ecumenical organizations--the National Council of Churches and

Interfaith Impact. Among the day's activites will be visits to senators from 2 to 5 p.m.

Lobbyists will target four lawmakers who could be leaning toward support of the bill: Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., Sen. John W. Warner, R-Va., Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., an Sen. Warren Rudman, R-

United Church of Christ leaders

also mailed materials to 17,500 members of the denomination's Peace and Justice Network, urging them to write their congressional representative in support of the legislation.

Among the materials was a letter from the Rev. Dr. Paul H. Sherry of Cleveland, president of the church. saying that President Bush is "providing a profound disservice in

misleading the public by labeling this a quota bill" and commending Sen. John C. Danforth, R-Mo., for offering a compromise versin of the Civil Rights Act.

Sherry wrote his letter, dated Sept. 1, in behalf of a Civil Rights Act task force of United Church national staff members. The task force was authorized this summer by the denomination's central deliberative

body, the General Synod, which passed a resolution supporting the Civil Rights Act of 1991.

"With the Supreme Court an the President trying to cut back on civil rights, we are depending on Congress to keep this nation moving forward toward racial justice," the Rev. Jay Lintner, a task force member, said.

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BY ALLIE M. PEEBLES

Contributing Writer When members of the Raleigh-Apex Branch of the NAACP held their Sept. meeting at Martin Street Baptist Church, they were inspired by House Speaker Dan Blue. Following devotions led by this writer, remarks by the president, and several committee reports, Blue was introduced by board member, Collins

Speaker Blue was born in Lumberton and received his early education in the public schools of Robeson County. He received his bachelor's degree in Math from

NEWS BRIEFS

Body Found

The bullet-ridden body of a New York woman was found Sunday afternoon lying in a ditch near downtown Durham. Police said a 3-year-old boy on his way to a store stumbled over the body of Deborah Johnson, about 30years-old, off Morven Place. Investigators said they had no suspects in the killing, the city's fourth in six days and 22nd this year. Police Capt. E.E. Sarvis said that it was unknown when the shooting occurred, but the Saturday night on Angier Avenue, near where the body was found. He said Ms. Johnson. whose mother lives in the area. had been staying with friends at Few Gardens, a public housing development in East Durham.

Grocery Manager Stabbed

An assistant Winn-Dixle Store Manager was stabbed 10-times early Sunday by two muggers as he changed a flat tire on his truck outside the grocery store, Raleigh police said. Leroy Johnson, 53, of 212 Benson Road in Garner, was admitted to Wake Medical Center for treatment. He Medical Center for treatment. He was slashed once across his stomach and stabbed nine times in his legs, police said. One man has been arrested and charged in the robbery.

Men Held On Charges

A Raleigh man was arrested Saturday and charged with two counts of second-degree rape. David Lonale Burnette, 34, of 1105 Clanton Street, was being held in lieu of \$20,000 bond in the Wake County Jail for rapes involving two women, one of them an acquaintance of Mr. Burnette's. said Dan Nagle of the Wake County Sheriff's Department. The rapes occurred Friday and Saturday.

Former Detective Accused Of Murder

A retired New York City police detective shot and killed his wife's grandson Sunday afternoon after an argument at a backyard picnic, authorities said. Gregory Alian Vaughan, 29, of 404 Firelight Road in Raleigh, died from a single shotgun wound

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North Carolina Central University in Durham. He received a full academic scholarship to attend Duke University Law School.

In 1973, Blue received his law degree and worked as an associate in the law firm of Sanford, Adams, McCullough & Beard.

Blue began his speech by stating that his purpose for appearing on program was two-fold. First, he program was two-fold. First, he wanted to stay in touch with the Inside members. Second he wanted our input. "It is very important that your representatives know what the concerns and needs are." Blue state vanilla wafer cookie box at the early in his message that this would be an informal talk.

He stated that the session of the General Assembly that had just ended was the shortest one in forty years. He reminded the audience that the state's budget was in bad shape at the beginning of the session, January 30, 1991. There were stacks of bills,

was set ten years ago.

"There are concerns about the SAT state, and county drug interdiction scores across the state," stated Blue. unit. While Wake County's scores were scores were far below. Something

The underlying theme throughout the talk was that resources must be education, health care, housing and jobs. There must be equal concern.

He talked about poverty and the homeless. The income of the rich has than doubled in the past ten than \$500,000 in ten years.

In contrast, the average income of others has remained the same at

Affirmative action is being fence at 3:30 a.m. Monday.
hallenged. He cited the pending Gregg was convicted in Wake challenged. He cited the pending

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State and Federal government

should take responsibility for having

a skeleton crew of safety inspectors.
"Those who do not enforce the laws

must bear the burden and the blame,'

Jackson said. "Those who did not

inspect the plant, those who turn back

health and safety money to the feds

rather than hire inspectors in some

sense, it's a kind of conspiracy."

With the lack of unions in the South

to protect workers, business and

government in the region are unfairly taking advantage of them, Jackson said. N.C. isn't alone in leaving workers exposed to dangerous

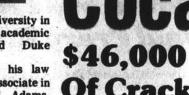
"Other workers across the state

are just as vunerable as these workers were. Workers who do not

have the protection of occupational safety and health laws are as exposed. This is our time to draw a

exposed. This is our time to use a line in the sand and say "Never

Rev. Jesse Jackson.



Of Crack Cocaine

Local authorities seized \$46,000 vanilla wafer cookie box at the Raleigh bus station Tuesday.

Charged in the incident was, Alberto Rodriguez, 25, of 1162 Washington Ave., Bronx, N.Y.

Rodriguez was charged with drug trafficking, along with trafficking crack cocaine by possession and transportation. Authorities seized 310 grams of the drug in a box inside of enough to fill a football field.

Rodriguez luggage in the GreyhoundHe emphasized the fact that the Trailways bus station, records show.

direction that the state would take. The bus was said to be part of a Rodriguez luggage in the Greyhound-The bus was said to be part of a perodic sweep made by the city,

Rodriguez was enroute from New above the average, Warren County's York to Winston-Salem when he was picked up, according to records. He is being held in the Wake County Jail on

a \$200,000 bond. In other news: An inmate serving a made available to all. This includes 15-year sentence for second degree murder was captured 22 hours after he escaped from a minimum custody prison in Tillery, a state correction spokesman recently announced.

Mingo Gregg, 23 of Raleigh, was years. The average income of the rich arrested by a Halifax County sheriff's has jumped from \$240,000 to more deputy near the county courthouse at 1:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Gregg was taken to Halifax Memorial Hospital for treatment of cuts he sustained in scaling a prison

hearing for Supreme Court Justice Superior Court and began serving his prison term on April 27, 1990.



ACTIVE PARTICIPATION—Various organizational representatives and concerned citizens recently met at the Women's Center to encourage Positive Parent Involvement in the public schools. Pictured left to right: Deborah Elliot,

Dorothy Whitaker, Seanne Winters, Leroy Mitchiner, Marilynn Miller and guest panelists Jeanne Wiler/ACRE, Dorothy S. Thompson, Project Enlightment. (Photo by James Giles)

Two Receive Honorary Degrees At Shaw Divinity Fall Convocation

Campbell, Jr., will receive honorary degrees at the Shaw Divinity School Fall Convocation to be held at 11

Virginia Businessman Emmit J. McHenry and the Honorable Ralph

a.m., Saturday, Sept. 21st in the he has been Chairman since its Divinity School Chapel. The public is inception in 1979 and president and

McHenry is Preisdent and CEO of Network Solutions, a Herndon, Virginia based Computer Service Company specializing in network profesional services and systems

Network Solutions is one of the fastest growing minority owned firms in the nation with annual revenue jumping from \$12,600.00 in 1989 to \$50,000.00 in 1989. And just last year, his firm received a \$12,000,000 contract from AT&T, the largest contract ever granted to a minority firm by AT&T.

McHenry has a Bacehlor's degree in Communications and Psychology from the University of Denver and a Master of Science degree in Communications at Northwestern University, where he later completed additional graduate work in Communications and Organizational Behavior.

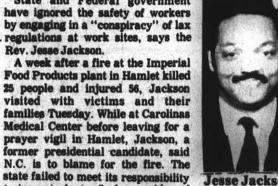
McHenry was an Assistant Dean at Northwestern University before founding Network Solutions, where

Chief Executive since 1986.

Prior to 1986 he held management positions with IBM, Connecticut General, Unionmutual and Allstate Insurance Company, where he served as regional vice president before rejoining Network Solutions as President.

He currently is a member of a number of business associations and civic organizations which include: Virginia Regional Minority Supplier Development Council. Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee, Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, Advisory Board of Northwestern University's graduate program in communications, Agency for International Development Business Advisory Council, Black President's Roundtable Association, and the National Association of Minority Business of which he is a member and past Chairman of the **Board of Directors.**

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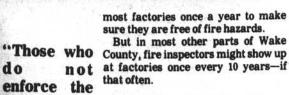
bear the burden and blame..." Jesse Jackson to inspect plants, Jackson said, and people died as a result. Last week, N.C. Gov. Jim Martin said the state

presidency, said victims of the fire were recovering at the medical

"They have been so caring and they have offered the patients' being here emphasizes the need for some kind of national health care plan."

As victims and Hamlet try to put the tragedy behind them, Jackson urged government and all concerned to work at preventing industrial

tragedies in the future. within our power that this doesn't happen again."



Jesse Jackson

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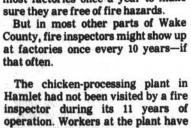
laws must

Jackson, who has not decided whether he'll seek another try at the thick, sooty smoke. center despite the lack of health care insurance some had. Jackson praised the hospital staff for "giving care first and asking financial questions later.

do

"Our concern is now we must pray especially for the bereaved, those who lost loved ones. But we on our feet must make certain that it's

In Raleigh, fire inspectors visit couldn't get them open.



charged that fire doors and other exits were locked and blocked off. Abbie Covington, mayor of the Sandhills town of 6,200, said medical examiners had determined that all of the 25 had died of carbon monoxide poisoning caused by inhaling the

Eighteen of the dead were women and seven were men. Officials said most of the dead were single mothers. Twenty-four victims were plant workers and one was a vending machine operator.

In addition to those killed, at least 55 were injured. Company officials acknowledged that some doors were locked at certain times but said most were not locked when the fire began just after 8 a.m.

The blaze erupted when a hydraulic line powering a conveyor belt

ruptured.
The vaporized, 30-weight motor oil ignited when it encountered flames from the deep-fat fryer.

Surviors described a screaming rush for the doors and said many pounded on them for help when they



RALPH CAMPBELL

