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Bush Concessions On Rights Fuels Racial Tensions In U.S.

BY DOUG BADOW

An Analysis

The specter of racism is rising across our land. But national leaders such as President Bush, instead of attempting to defuse racial tensions, are inflaming them by pandering to the self-serving civil rights

lobby.

The rise of David Duke, who captured more than 618,000 votes in his unsuccessful campaign for governor in Louisiana, is evidence enough of the fact that white-collar as well as blue-collar workers are mad and

won't take it any more. Although their anger reaches beyond race to high taxes and high-living public officials, for example, their candidate in Louisiana was a blatant racist. In a different way, David Dinkins' election as mayor of New

York City helped polarize that city along racial lines. Mob violence—white vs. black, black vs. Korean and Jew—now flares occasionally.

Across the nation, legitimate concerns coexist with nauseating racism. (See BUSH'S QUOTA, P. 2)

Miss Black College Sues The Pageant

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP)—A 22-year-old Aurora woman who was dethroned as Miss Black Colorado USA has filed a lawsuit against the pageant claiming it owes her \$13,000 in prize money and other damages.

The suit, filed in Arapahoe County District Court by Cameo Diggs, also asked the court to grant an injunction barring the pageant from presenting anyone else as Miss Black Colorado USA for 1991-92.

Diggs was crowned Miss Black Colorado USA last June. State director Teresa Hailey stripped her of the title five months later for allegedly violating pageant rules. Hailey said Diggs missed two appearances and was late in several others.

Diggs, however, blamed problems on what she said was Hailey's ineptitude. She said Hailey consistently scheduled appearances that Diggs couldn't possibly reach on time, because of conflicts with her work schedule.

In November 1991, shortly after dethroning Diggs, Hailey filed suit in Aurora small-claims court, saying Diggs had refused to return her crown and sash, valued at \$400.

At a mid-November press conference announcing the coronation of Lynn-Marie Kelley as the new Miss Black Colorado USA, Hailey promised to drop the suit against Diggs, She has not done so.

Hailey said Friday she decided to pursue the suit after learning that "Cameo is still parading around in the crown and sash, saying she's Miss Black Colorado. I would be willing to let bygones be bygones if she'd just shut up."

Diggs' lawyer, Lionel Menin, said he filed the suit as a last resort.

"I didn't want to file a counter-suit—I wanted to give Teresa a chance to withdraw her complaint," he said.

Diggs' suit alleges that Hailey promised Diggs more than \$10,000 in scholarship money, cash, appearance fees and prizes, but came up with only \$1,800, including the sash and crown. In addition, the suit claims, Diggs spent more than \$2,000 of her own money to enter the pageant and to make appearances for which she was never reimbursed.



GETTING READY FOR MLK DAY — Members of the Community Choir, which is preparing to perform on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s national holiday, go

through their paces at Martin Street Baptist Church recently. A full day of events is set for Jan. 20 commemorating Dr. King's life. (Photo by James Giles)

African American Parent's Ed. Summit To Stress Involvement

BY DAVID L. SAWYER

Staff Writer

An educational summit designed to bring parents together to recognize the scope and commonality of problems facing Wake County schools will explore issues vital to the African-American community.

The African-American Parents' Educational summit at North Carolina State University Jan. 10 and 11 will focus on maximizing the potential of African-American youth through parental involvement.

Wake County School Board member Harriet Webster will preside during the opening general session at 6 p.m. Jan. 10, with greetings by Dr. Larry K. Monteith, chancellor, N.C. State University, and Dr. Robert Wentz, superintendent, Wake County Schools. Dr. Jane Hammond, associate superintendent of Wake County Schools, will offer a statistical profile of the public school system.

Four vignettes composing a panel of parents who have had concerns with the atmosphere, communications, curricula and the lack of trust with the school system will explore issues vital to the African-American community with moderator Dr. Lawrence M. Clark, associate provost, NCSU.

The panel, including Dr. Wentz;

Dr. Asa Hilliard, psychologist, Georgia State University; Rev. Hardy R. Watkins, parent; Ms. Ruth Ann Morton, teacher; and Del Burns, principal, will welcome reaction and audience participation in the dialogue.

"What I want to do is encourage citizens to attend the general session and to be able to relate some concerns they might have about their children in the school system," Ms. Webster said. "It is my hope that this is just the beginning of improving communication with the school system and parents."

An overview of workshop sessions will be held Jan. 11 with William McNeal, associate superintendent, Wake County Schools, and Ms. Risa

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Inmate Witnessing Barry Incident Moved To NC Following Complaint

PETERSBURG, Va. (AP)—An inmate who complained that a woman performed oral sex on Marion Barry in front of more than 20 people in a prison visiting room said Saturday the former Washington mayor made a veiled threat against him.

However, Barry's attorney says the allegations are untrue.

The inmate, Floyd Robertson, said Barry had confronted him about the charge.

"He said that if I complained, there would be repercussions," Robertson said in a telephone interview with the Associated Press. "It sounded like a threat to me."

Two days after the complaint at the minimum-security Petersburg prison in Virginia, Robertson was

moved to another prison.

"I assume the warden was looking out for me, that it was for my own protection," he said from the federal prison in Butner.

But Barry's lawyer, Kenneth Mundy, on Saturday denied the alleged sexual encounter. He called Robertson "a malcontent prisoner with a grudge" and said the allegations were "totally groundless. We deny them."

Mundy also said prison authorities had declined to tell him whether they were investigating Barry.

"But we have information, second-hand, that there is no official investigation going on," he said.

However, a government source who asked not to be identified by name said that officials were inves-

Dr. James Wingate Of Greensboro Named New VP Of N.C. Community Colleges
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Dr. John Fleming NAACP Jubilee Day Speaker

BY ALLIE M. FEEBLES

Dr. John W. Fleming, professor emeritus of Shaw University, will be the speaker on Sunday, Jan. 12, when the Raleigh-Apex branch of the NAACP will celebrate Jubilee Day. Jubilee Day is a celebration of the Emancipation Proclamation and the concept of freedom.

The meeting will be held at 3 p.m. at Tupper Memorial Baptist Church, 501 S. Blount St., Raleigh. Music will be furnished by the T.W. Douglas memorial choir.

Dr. Fleming received his bachelor's degree from Shaw University. He received his master's in divinity from Oberlin Seminary in Ohio and the doctorate from Vanderbilt University. For years, Fleming taught in the Shaw University Divinity School.

The renowned minister has served as pastor of several churches, and is best known as a writer, lecturer, philosopher and civil rights activist. Likewise, he is a well-known educator and administrator.

He was recently given the Ralph Campbell, Sr. Community Service



DR. JOHN W. FLEMING

Award by the Raleigh-Wake Citizens' Association.

The public is invited to attend this celebration, and to hear the speaker, who specializes in African-American history.

The Rev. H.B. Pickett, Jr. is president of the Raleigh-Apex Branch and Ms. Angela Grimes is program chairman and vice president.

1991 Recalled As 'High Impact Year On City's African American Residents

BY CASH MICHAELS

Contributing Writer

It was a year of police shootings, municipal elections and new beginnings, and through it all, Raleigh's African-American community continued its struggle to overcome, and achieve equity.

In January, in the wake of a controversial election between incumbent Jesse Helms and Democratic challenger Harvey Gantt which featured charges of racial politics, history was nonetheless made when Rep. Daniel T. Blue, Jr. (D-Wake) was officially sworn in as speaker of the North Carolina House. He became the first African-American legislator this century to do so. Blue would be credited later in the year with leading the way in cutting the state's billion-dollar budget deficit.

Meanwhile, the world held its breath as President George Bush drew a line in the sand and a deadline of Jan. 15, 1991 (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday) for the Iraqi army to leave Kuwait, a Middle-Eastern country they invaded six months earlier. North Carolina sent the largest contingent of military personnel, many of whom were black and from Raleigh. Many National Guard volunteers, some mothers and fathers from the same families, went over to the Persian Gulf, leaving worried loved ones behind. The war began a day after the deadline, and lasted for five weeks, with very few American lives lost.

On the evening of Jan. 24, 1991, WRAL-TV 5 engineer Tony Farrell was driving home to have dinner when he saw a man holding a gun on the car in front of him. Thinking it was a robbery, Farrell ducked down

and drove his car past the man. It was only after he stopped at the corner, and was arrested as a robbery suspect, that Farrell realized that not only had he been shot in the leg, but the man who had shot him was a Raleigh police officer.

It took almost three months, and only after a Wake grand jury cleared the officer of any criminal wrongdoing, for Raleigh Police Chief Frederick K. Heineman to formally and personally apologize to Farrell for the shooting. The officer, plainclothes detective J.M. Glover, was demoted in rank for violating procedures, and later admitted in an interview that he had "no business in the area" where he shot Farrell.

Because of this incident, the

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NEWS BRIEFS

REDISTRICTING POSING PROBLEMS

African-Americans in North Carolina appear divided over plans to redraw the state's congressional and legislative districts. While some support more African-American majority districts, others want to protect the interests of the state's Democratic Party.

GE MAY HAVE PLANS FOR RTP

General Electric Co., which last year scrapped plans to make aircraft engine parts at a huge, vacant factory near Research Triangle Park, might use the plant to make electrical transformers. GE is considering restarting manufacture of large electrical transformers such as those used in generating plants.

COMMUNITY FRIENDS SET MEET

The Triangle Chapter, Parents and friends of Lesbians and Gays, will meet Jan. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community United Church of Christ, 814 Dixie Trail, Raleigh.

YOUTHFUL DRUG DEALERS NO SURPRISE

Instances of children dealing drugs are becoming less of a surprise to authorities

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MAKE UNCF PRESENTATION—Top Teens President, David Mallette, III, presents a check for \$250 to Gail Paschal on the United Negro College Fund Telethon on December 28. The Raleigh Chapter of Top Teens of America was organized in May, 1989. In their two and a half years of existence they have contributed a total of \$750 to the UNCF.