

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Speaks Out:

War On Drugs Needs To Be Of Substance

President and Mrs. Reagan are actively conducting their war on Drugs; however, it is doubtful whether their rhetoric will deal with the root of the problem according to Randall C. Bacon, Grand Polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

"Their sincerity is undermined by the fact that in 1981 when the President took office the nation was spending \$404 million on drug treatment," Grand Polemarch Bacon noted. "By 1986, President Reagan had cut that figure to only \$279 million. Thus, in view of the record, there are sound reasons for doubting their sincerity."

"In our Black communities poverty, unemployment, lack of quality education, and alienation of people within have aided in the use of drugs as a means of coping with every day problems and frustrations," said Grand Polemarch Bacon.

"Despite highly publicized drug busts and the Reagans' campaign against drugs, they continue to flow freely across our borders and into our communities destroying our young and eroding the foundation of our communities," he continued.

Kappa Alpha Psi believes it is the responsibility of everybody to join in the war against drugs, not with the rhetoric, but with the

genuine involvement in our communities.

"The media unfortunately has helped to exacerbate the problem, rather than helping to reduce it," said Grand Polemarch Bacon. "Too much emphasis is placed by the media upon professional athletes and not enough on Black academic achievement. If the same promotions were given to successful Black lawyers, doctors and other Black professionals, our children would have the kind of role models that would encourage

and inspire them to achieve academically."

The fraternity has called upon its 80,000 members to become actively involved in fighting drug abuse and in the endeavors to stamp out the use of drugs in our communities.

Kappa believes, however, that the suspension of constitutional rights to fight drugs is a serious mistake. The Fourth Amendment's Protection against unreasonable searches and seizures should not be discarded as proposed by some misguided persons.

King Day Issue Trips Up Arizona Governor-Elect

PHOENIX, Ariz.--Before evening taking office, Gov.-elect Evan Mecham has become embroiled in a dispute over whether Arizona will join the majority of states with a holiday to honor the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

When Mecham takes office Jan. 5, "he's getting no honeymoon from anyone," said state House Minority Leader Art Hamilton, a Democrat from Phoenix and a leader of the pro-King holiday supporters.

"This has become an issue on which you choose up sides," Hamilton said. "The most unfortunate legacy of this whole foolish fight (is that) the King

holiday will have become an issue of divisiveness."

Last spring, the Legislature voted against following the federal government in scheduling a holiday in honor of the slain civil rights leader on the third Monday in January. The Senate barely passed the measure, but the House fell one vote short.

No long afterward, Gov. Bruce Babbitt, a Democrat who did not run for reelection, issued an executive order that created a King holiday for state employees. Forty states observed the holiday in 1986.

Mecham a Republican, maintained throughout his gubernatorial campaign that he wanted to rescind Babbitt's order and he reiterated his plans to do so the day after his election.

Mecham contends that Babbitt had no authority to create such a holiday. The governor-elect also said he does not believe any American, including King, rates a holiday alongside Washington and Lincoln, whose birthday celebrations would be combined into a

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Preliminary Schedule and Theme Announced for King Week '87

ATLANTA—The ringing of the historic and symbolic Liberty Bell and the Independence Bell in Philadelphia on January 19th will signal bells ringing across the land and in other parts of the world as a unique noon tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on the second national holiday honoring his birth.

King Week '87 will be observed January 14th through January 19th with special programs and celebrations in Atlanta, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C. and in the 50 states, U.S. territories and in nations around the world, marking the 58th birthday anniversary of Dr. King.

The King Week observance will be launched January 14th in Washington, D.C. with a diplomatic reception to be held at the Organization of American States and a rally of federal employees in the auditorium of the U.S. Department of Labor. In Atlanta, several events will be held on the 14th including a program of Rededication to Peace and Justice at Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church and a Cultural Night performance at The King Center. Mrs. King said, "we invite everyone to take part in the activities in Atlanta or in your own city if you are unable to take part in the national events."

Coretta Scott King, Chairperson of the Federal Holiday Commission, as well as President of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, announced that the Commission has adopted the national theme of "Living the Dream: Let Freedom Ring" adding that the goals of the special effort would be "universal peace and justice, human rights, economic and social progress for all peoples." Mrs. King said, "the theme for the King Center's holiday

observance of 'Ending the Violence of Poverty, World Hunger, Apartheid and Terrorism Through Creative Nonviolent Actions' reflects our desire to make the Center's annual holiday substantive as well as commemorative."

On January 15th, the actual birthday of Dr. King, "teach-ins" will be conducted in Atlanta schools as well as in school nationwide focusing on the life and legacy of Dr. King. The U.S. Parks Service has planned a musical tribute and the Atlanta Sub 40 running club will arrive at the King Center having run from Selma, Alabama to Atlanta. Georgia Governor, Joe Frank Harris, will lead an afternoon ceremony at the state capitol with Georgia State Holiday Commission paying honor to native son, Martin Luther King, Jr.

Also, on January 15th, the annual Community Service Awards and reception rally will be held at the King Center complex in Freedom Hall. At 10:00 p.m. a special documentary film entitled "In Remembrance of Martin" will be presented by AT&T in cooperation with the King Center, on national public television (PBS). The film includes exclusive film of King Week 1986 and documents the entire civil rights movement and Dr. King's leadership, culminating in the 1986 first national holiday in his honor.

Labor/management/government social responsibility awards will be presented at the 12th annual breakfast on Friday, January 16th followed by a social responsibility seminar. The King Center's yearly assembly is scheduled for Friday evening featuring Mrs. King's annual address and reception.

On Saturday, January 17th, People Against

Violence will be the subject of mini-workshops for the day at the King Center and a national college and university student conference entitled "Stand Up For Martin Luther King, Jr. and Nonviolence" will be hosted by Georgia State University and the King Center.

The yearly "Salute to Greatness" Dinner will be held Saturday evening at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis honoring Mr. Peter Stroh, Chief Executive Officer of Stroh's Brewery and Mr. Earle Graves, founder and Chief Executive Officer of Black Enterprise Magazine. At the same time as the dinner, a rally and candlelight march and vigil will be observed by students and other people marching from Georgia State University to Dr. King's Crypt. At 9:30 p.m. the All Peoples Freedom Gala will begin, described as a reunion and celebration for those who played a part in the history-making civil rights movement led by Dr. King.

A National Action symposium on "Poverty and World Hunger" will be the focus of attention on Sunday, January 18th with a yearly Interfaith Service scheduled for the afternoon and a gospel program at Wheat Street Baptist Church on Sunday evening.

The second national holiday on Monday, January 19th, begins with a wreath laying at the crypt and the traditional Ecumenical Service at Ebenezer Baptist Church which features the awarding of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Nonviolent Peach Prize. A national radio tribute begins at 11:00 a.m. with the noon simultaneous bell ringing that is scheduled to begin with the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia and extend to all 50 states and several other countries. Mrs. King is

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