

BLACK INTELLIGENCE CHIEF SAYS "SEND CONTRA CROOKS TO JAIL 'LIKE YOU OR ME' "

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — NNPA — Rep. Louis Stokes (D-Ohio), veteran congressman from Cleveland and chairman of the House of Representatives Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, opposed giving limited immunity to Marine Lt. Col. Ollie North for his testimony before the Iran Arms Investigating Committee because "if he violated the law, he should go to jail."

Speaking before a Capitol Hill audience of the Bethune-DuBois Fund, recently established to support black political candidates, Stokes asked "what does immunity say to hundreds of thousands of prisoners already in jail for violating laws . . . if it were you or I or some other black officials, we would be prosecuted and sent to jail . . ."

As the only black member of the 26 Congressperson team investigating the political scandal, Stokes explained to colleagues and staffers how White House officials are charged with violating Congressional legislation specifically prohibiting intelligence officers from using government funds to aid Nicaraguan rebels. North reportedly supervised the secret plan to aid the "Contras" by selling U.S. arms to "hostile" Iran with the help of private and government sources.

As Intelligence Committee chairman for the past five years, Stokes has declined to say whether he thinks North incriminated himself before the public testimony began July 7, but the congressman

emphasized that several committee members said they did not believe the key witness. "That shows you what we think of his credibility," he added.

Fawn Hall, North's secretary, has already admitted "before 1.3 million television viewers" that she committed two crimes by destroying sensitive government property and obstructing justice, Stokes declared. However, he indicated that giving North limited immunity would not prevent special U.S. Atty. Lawrence Walsh from prosecuting the Marine officer and others involved.

Stokes said he is ultimately concerned with "What did (President) Reagan really know . . . If he did know, when did he know it and if he doesn't know, when did he forget it, because the basic issue is violation of the Constitution's separation of powers between the chief executive office and the Congress. It is ironical that during the 200th year celebration of the Constitution, we have a

President who thinks he is so popular, that no matter what he does wrong, he can survive . . ."

In addition to investigating the diversion of funds to Nicaragua, Congress may probe reported diversion of funds to Angola and Mozambique forces, Stokes agreed. The briefing was held in the Rayburn House Office Building before Congressional Black Associates and the Senate Staff Caucus of black employees, who are supporting the Bethune-DuBois Fund named for pioneer civil rights educators Mary McLeod Bethune and William Burghardt DuBois.

C. Delores Tucker, chair of the Democratic National Committee Black Caucus and organizer of the bipartisan BDF, urged young black professionals and grass roots workers to join the political movement to have the same impact as growing "white youth power." Reps. Charles Rangel and Edolphus Towns (D-NY) and George Crockett (D-Mich) also participated.

Gray Resolution: Release Jailed Children In South Africa or Impose Tougher Sanctions

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) — U.S. Rep. William H. Gray, III (D-Pa) today introduced a resolution calling for the immediate release of all children detained under the state of emergency regulations in South Africa.

The measure also calls for sweeping sanctions against

South Africa if the children are not released.

Gray, the author of the Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986, said:

"The Detainees' Parents' Support Committee of South Africa has compiled figures which show that more than twenty-five thousand people have been detained since the state of emergency began more than a year ago. The committee estimates that for-

Black General Vows Changes at NSU

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Lieutenant General Colin L. Powell, Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, recently gave assurances to a group of black Republicans that National Security Council abuses that led to the Iran-contra hearings are a "thing of the past. Those kinds of

self appointed head of the NSC. Powell occupies the post formerly held by Admiral John Poindexter when he served under Robert McFarlane.

The NSC was established in 1947 to advise the President on the integration of domestic, foreign, and military policies relating to national security.

Powell said, "my principal task for the last few months

Congress, consistent with Administration policies, and able to withstand public scrutiny and win public support if the operation was divulged by the media.

Known as an excellent but low key manager and administrator, Powell, 50, was born in Harlem and raised in the South Bronx.

Both Powell and Carlucci have been charged by President Reagan, whom



Pictured above are Lt. General Colin L. Powell, guest speaker at the luncheon, Minton Frances, Board Member At Large, Claire Freeman, Council of 100 Member and Milton Bins, Chairman of Council of 100.

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activities have been forbidden and further we have put a structure in place to make sure they can't happen."

Former Commanding General of the U.S. Fifth Corps stationed in Germany, Powell was appointed by President Reagan to the National Security Council in January 1986. Powell was recommended for the post by Frank Carlucci, a veteran of several political administrations, who was him-

has been working with Frank to restore a level of confidence and a level of professionalism back into the council."

Powell disclosed that the NSC will no longer engage in covert operations. And he recently chaired a group of senior officials reviewing the entire covert action program of the United States government. Powell said that each covert operation was examined to ensure its legality, properly reported to

they they brief daily, with revamping the image and operations of the NSC.

Powell spoke at a luncheon sponsored by The Council of 100, an organization of black Republicans.

During Powell's tenure as commander of the Fifth Corps, he led 72,000 troops and was responsible for an area in Europe the size of South Caroline.

The Gray resolution introduced in the House calls for the immediate release of all children detained under the state of emergency regulations in South Africa.

It states that pending the

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6. I dislike having to get dressed up to go out.
7. Early hotel check-out times are annoying.
8. People place too much emphasis on sex these days.
9. Moral values are lower now than ever before.
10. Love and commitment should precede sex.