

## JACOB

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Depression levels for African Americans. Our education system is a mess, especially in its failure to train the disadvantaged. Crime and drugs are rampant. Racism is entrenched in too many aspects of our nation life.

Sure, the system works well enough for most people, but how many Poles or Russians would embrace a model that provides much less social services and employment security than others?

And how good a model can we be, if our inner cities are rotting, if homelessness is widespread, and if nearly 40 million people have no access to health care?

Such questions may be irrelevant to people who have to share apartments, stand in line for hours to buy a pair of shoes, or live in constant fear of the secret police.

But they are very relevant to Americans who truly want their nation and their society to be a flawless model for the rest of the world.

I take little satisfaction in the fact that my country has more freedom and a better economic system than do China, Poland and the U.S.S.R. I think more of myself and of my country than to compare my society with politically and economically backward nations.

The real comparison should be with what American democracy ought to be; with how much better we can become, with how more we have to do to make our system work for each and every American.

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## NEA

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novative programs, both in her elementary school and within the state, to promote a sense of cultural awareness in students of all backgrounds. Shaw will receive the second Trenholm Award.

\*Mary Jo Christian, creator of the NEA Women's Caucus Equity Watch program, for work in the field of girls' and women's rights. Christian will receive the Award for Creative Leadership in Women's Rights.

\*Indianapolis teacher Pat Browne, for her work with teachers, administrators, and the community promoting a sensitivity and awareness of Black contributions. Browne will receive the Carter G. Woodson Memorial Award.

\*Delaware attorney Louis L. Redding, for 56 years of dedication to the defense of civil rights. Redding will receive the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Award.

The Rosena J. Willis Memorial Award will be presented to two NEA affiliates. The San Francisco Classroom Teachers Association and California Teachers Association will receive the honor for their human relations program.

The ceremonies take place each year during the NEA's Representative Assembly, which will be held this year at the Washington, D.C. Convention Center July 2-July 5.

## DINNER

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his contributions to black inclusion in the banking industry and for his many other services in opening doors for all South Carolinians to share in the economic pie.

Nelson B. Rivers, 111, Executive Secretary of the

## SLAIN

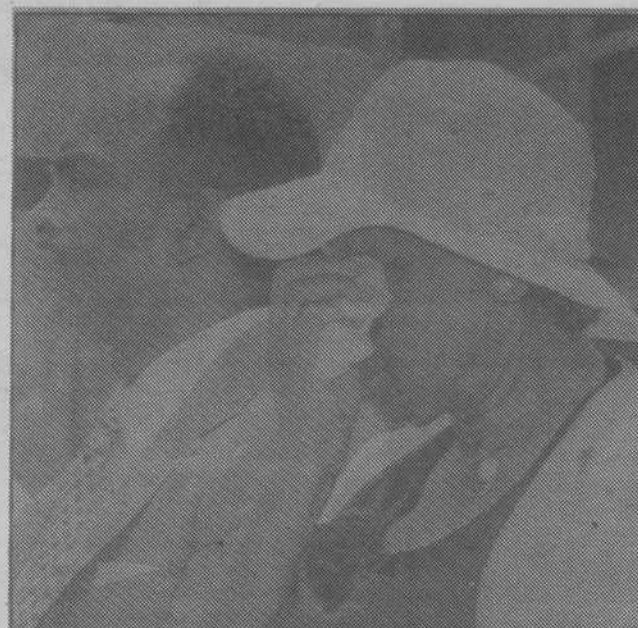
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ago," Molpus said. "We wish we could undo it. Every decent person in Philadelphia and Neshoba County feels that way."

The observance, in front of the Mount Zion Methodist Church were Chaney, Goodman and Schwerner had been conducting a black vote registration meeting the night they were killed, showed that "Mississippi and America are far different places than they were 25 years ago," Gov. Ray Mabus said.

After leaving the church, the three men were arrested on a traffic violation and taken to the Neshoba County Jail in Philadelphia, 60 miles northeast of Jackson.

They disappeared after being released and an FBI investigation concluded they were shot to death by members of the Ku Klux Klan. Their bodies were found 44 days later buried in an ear-



**TEARFUL COMMEMORATION** - Mrs. Cornelius Steele wipes away a tear during a memorial service for slain civil rights worker James Chaney. Next to her is Chaney's brother Ben.

then dam.

Schwerner, 24, and Goodman, 20, were white volunteers from the New York City area. Chaney was a 21-year-old black man from Meridian.

James Farmer, founder and former national director

of the Council on Racial Equality, said the three were martyrs who should be remembered for what their lives had represented.

"A nation which forgets its martyrs has lost its soul," Farmer said.

## NNPA

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locally and nationally."

She emphasized that "We're a different (and better) Black Press in 1989 than we were in 1981...but we can't rest on our laurels."

The convention featured a number of panel discussions and seminars including those on "Enhancing The Family Unit", "Improving Educational Excellence and Equity", "Maintaining Your Health", and "Developing and Maintaining Family Housing".

Speakers included Dr. William A. Robinson, Director

the other hand, "neither the White press nor the Black press has promoted alternatives," she added. "Certainly the Black press has not gone on record supporting initiatives that can and will make a difference for the African American family. This convention provides a forum for us to examine our role as the Black Press of America--as communicators to Black America--as leaders

State NAACP presented the NAACP's Fair Share Award to Winthrop College. Located in Rock Hill, Winthrop was the first institution of higher learning in America to sign a NAACP Public Sector Fair Share Agreement.

The Freedom Fund Banquet is the only fund raising project of the South

Carolina Conference of Branches. Dr. Gibson said that although this year's dinner was a major success, the civil rights organization is not resting on its laurels.

Now that we have had an event of this magnitude and success, people will expect something even greater for the 12th annual Dinner."

HHS Office of Minority Health, pinch-hitting for his boss, HHS Secretary Louis Sullivan, and Dr. Orlando Taylor, dean, Howard University School of Communications.

Dr. Robinson also cited the dreary minority health statistics--of life expectancy for Blacks declining from 69.5 to 69.4 years in stark contrast to the increase in the nation's overall longevity (from 74.7 to 74.8), and of spiraling infant mortality. This "Blacks are negatively affected at both life's dawn and life's dusk". He said the six primary causes of minority deaths as enunciated in HHS Task Force Report: cancer, cardiovascular disease and stroke, chemical dependency, measured by death from cirrhosis, diabetes, homicide and accident (unintentional injuries), infant mortality, must now be added suicide and AIDS."

The incidence of AIDS and HIV infections is becoming

## CHURCH

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anniversary of the Citywide Usher Board on Sunday, July 9 at 3:00 p.m. Rev. A.J. Thompson will be the guest speaker. For more information please call 648-1645. Rev. J.L. Kemp is the pastor.

The Women of the Second Baptist Church will be celebrating their 19th Annual Women's Day on Monday, July 3 through Friday, July 7, nightly at 7:00 p.m. and ending Sunday, July 9 at 3:00 p.m. Second Baptist Church is located at 500 Madison and is pastored by Rev. Willie Davis.

Evening Women's Aglow Fellowship will host a dinner meeting on Tuesday, July 11th at 6:30 p.m. at Port Tack located on 3190 W. Sahara. Dinner is \$10.00 and the guest speaker is Maria Rank.

For reservations call 870-0752, 438-5572 or 645-2360 before Friday July 7th.

such a serious problem in the Black community that, he said, Dr. Sullivan is sponsoring a 1989 National Conference on "AIDS and HIV Infection Among Racial and Ethnic Populations" Aug. 13-17th, in Washington, D.C. He urged NNPA members to participate in the conference and then to write about it. In detail. Graphically."

He also urged NNPA members to inform Black readers on issues of health prevention. "...most of all, we need the daily, weekly, ongoing help of your newspapers".

Terry Jones, publisher of the New Orleans Black Data Weekly, was host of the NNPA Convention, that also featured a reception at the estate of Stanley S. Scoot, former Philip Morris executive and now owner of a larger Miller Beer distributorship in the Crescent City, and a cruise on the Mississippi River aboard the Creole Queen.

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