

# FAUNTROY Contemporary British Gospel Group, NU COLORS, Debuts United States With "Man Within"

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apart, I am...announcing I am a candidate for Mayor of the city of my birth, Washington, D.C.," he told loyal, converted, cheering supporters at his 51st Birthday Prayer Breakfast on the Howard University Campus.

Calvin Rolark, publisher of the Washington Informer newspaper and president of the United Black Fund, and Rev. Ernest Gibson, pastor of the Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church and past president of the city's Council of Churches, co-chair the interracial Draft Committee of African-Americans, Hispanics, Jews and white citizens who urged Fauntroy to seek the post held by his former colleague. Barry, who was recently indicted on well publicized, videotaped, minor drug charges, plus fraud and perjury allegations, still operates the city government from a substance abuse treatment center in South Carolina. Rolark recently met with City Administrator Carol Thompson to express support for the government and Barry.

Fauntroy, who helped Barry form the "Free D.C. Movement" 20 years ago, leading to limited "Home-Rule" for D.C. residents, affirmed his continued support for Statehood, but said that now he would not have time to lead the movement urging citizens not to pay their income taxes in a 200 year old protest against "Taxation Without Representation." Although Fauntroy is a ranking member of several Congressional committees because of his seniority from ten elections, he still cannot vote on the floor of Congress because D.C. residents do not have full voting rights.

The minister-politician, who served as a key aide to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., along with Reverend Jackson and Barry, says his election would heal the city by emphasizing four partnerships with (1) Congress and the President, (2) Labor, Business and Development interests, (3) Committed and Talented people he would recruit from other projects he has directed, and (4) current talented leadership in government, including employees of Mayor Barry, who have made great contributions to progress in the city.

All these efforts will be emphasized to end the drugs and crime prevalent in the city now, the new candidate emphasized. Declaring that city leaders must "not only



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CHATSWORTH, CA -- Contemporary British urban contemporary group, NU COLORS, debuts "Man Within" in March on Sparrow Records on cassette

get our boys and girls to say 'No' to drugs," Fauntroy added. "You in the media have a particular responsibility in this regard. When you run into a colleague who gets a perverse delight out of sowing and exacerbating dissension among racial, ethnic and religious groups, have the moral courage to say to them 'Stop.' It's no good for us. We may have come over here on different ships, but we're in the same boat now."

and compact disc. Originally released by Sweden's Cantio Records, "Man Within" marks the first released by the group in the United States.

NU COLORS originated as a select group of performers from the London Community Gospel Choir (L.C.G.C.), an 80-member choir from various churches in London. The L.C.G.C. has vocally backed Al Green, The Eurythmics, Style Council, Paul Young, Nick Kershaw and Paul McCartney in concert and in the studio.

In spite of L.C.G.C.'s success, according to Choir Director Bazil Meade, "It was time for something new. The idea of forming a smaller

unit, one that would specifically become a platform for the gospel, began to grow. In October, 1988, NU COLORS was formed to do just that."

NU COLORS combines the musical excellence of L.C.G.C. with a more contemporary, urban sound, according to Sparrow President, Billy Ray Hearn. "We are excited about representing NU COLORS to

## Pilot Lectures on 'Black Air Force' of WWII

"Not many people know about the history of the 'Black Air Force' of World War II," said John Steward Sloan, Sr., former fighter-pilot in the all-Black squadron, who earned the Purple Heart. He gave an informative lecture on the subject, March 13 at the West Las Vegas Library.

Sloan lectured on three aspects of the famous 99th Fighter Squadron of WWII, also known as the Black Air Force. First he discussed the historical and social setting which led to the creation of the special squadron.

Secondly, he discussed the Tuskegee Army Airfield of 1941, which he called the Black Air Force Academy. "Segregation was still with us," said Sloan. "We had to be trained in a 'separate but equal' situation." He also discussed why Tuskegee was chosen as the training center.

He focused on the cadet flying experience, the "nuts and bolts" of what this

special unit meant to the pilots and to the black community. He also related this historical experience to the contemporary situation, discussing how one leads to the other.

Becoming a member of the 99th Fighter Squadron himself in 1944 at the combat operational base in Naples, Italy, he qualified for Air Corps Cadet in 1941, volunteered for the draft in 1942, was sent to the Tuskegee training center in 1942 and was commissioned in 1943. Shot down by anti-aircraft during the Battle of Cassino in 1947, he was one of only eight Black WWII fighter pilots to be awarded the Purple Heart.

Sloan, born in Louisville, KY in 1918, received his B.A. degree in history and sociology from Kentucky State University, and accumulated graduate credits in psychology and industrial relations at Fisk University and the University of Chicago. A private pilot since 1962, he has been a salesman, an industrial relations consultant and a radio D.J. He authored a book on harness racing in 1975, "The Game Plan for Handicapping Harness Races."

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