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**POWELL SAYS SIMPSON CASE
SHOULD NOT DIVIDE NATION**

DENVER - The United States should focus on reconciliation among the races rather than let the verdict in the O.J. Simpson trial polarize blacks and whites. Retired Gen. Colin Powell said last week. "All of us should recognize that there is racism in this country," said the 58-year-old career soldier who is considering a run for the White House either as a Republican or an independent. People should "not walk away and forget about other citizens less fortunate than we are," he said. Powell, about half way through a 23-city book tour to promote his autobiography "My American Journey", said he was glad to see the long Simpson trial over. "We don't need a huge period of national debate," he told reporters.

**CLINTON SAYS RACIAL DIVIDE
OVER O.J. A MISTAKE**

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton said in an interview published on Friday that the different reactions of whites and blacks to the O.J. Simpson murder trial verdict came from "an accumulated different world view." "And it just happened that in this trial, this gap, which I think is there anyway, became self-evident," he told the newspaper USA Today. Most blacks cheered this week's not-guilty verdict, while many whites were critical of the largely black jury for their finding in the brutal slaying of the black former football hero's ex-wife Nicole and her friend, Ron Goldman, both white. Clinton said it would be a mistake to use the Simpson verdict as "the beginning of some new division in our country." He said one way to bridge the racial gap would be to put a greater focus on the problem of domestic violence.

**DARDEN SIGNS WITH
TALENT AGENCY**

LOS ANGELES - The William Morris talent agency announced Tuesday it has signed up a second O.J. Simpson murder trial prosecutor, Christopher Darden, and will represent him in literary, lecture, motion picture and television projects. Last week, the William Morris Agency signed Marcia Clark, the lead prosecutor in the sensational trial in which Simpson was acquitted of murdering his ex-wife and her friend. In a statement, Darden said: "Looking into the deeper issues raised by the recent trial, I believe there is an important human story to be told. "There is clearly something more to be learned from what we've experienced and surely something to be said about how we heal from it and how we go on." Darden said WMA shared his vision and he was delighted the agency would give him "counsel and strength in providing the most effective means of delivering that message."

MILLION MAN MARCH

National Support Builds For March

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The national leadership of the African American community is calling on every able-bodied African American male to come to Washington, D.C. on October 16, 1995 to participate in the highly anticipated Million Man March.

The Million Man March will be the most significant event since leaders of the Civil Rights Movement gathered in Washington, D.C. in 1963 to demonstrate the solidarity of the African American community and the resolve of African Americans for equality.

"Thirty-two years ago, we marched under the exciting leadership of Dr. Martin Luther King," says long-time civil rights leader, Rev. Jesse Jackson. "Thirty-two years later we'll march because our babies die younger, our (See MARCH, Page 10)

Las Vegas Supports Million Man March



The Million Man March Committee of Las Vegas spearheaded a "1,000 Man March" last Saturday, which was used as a catalyst to encourage participation in the much talked about "Million Man March" in Washington October 16.



Nation of Islam's Minister Khalid Muhammad made an appearance at the West Las Vegas Library Theatre last month while nationally promoting the Million Man March. Photo by Savoy/L VS-Voice

MILLION MAN MARCH

**Benjamin Chavis Fears
Impediment From Police**

WASHINGTON - A leader of the planned march by one million black men on Washington said Monday he fears some police may try to impede bus caravans to the massive

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Dr. Benjamin Chavis



demonstration.

Benjamin Chavis, former head of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People, released a letter to President Clinton expressing concern that buses may be prevented from coming to the city, and he asked for full protection for the march.

"We come in peace," said Chavis, who is helping direct the march next

equally protected."

He told a news conference his information about possible police impediments comes from sources in the the National Association of Black Police Officers and personal experience. A National Park Service official was not available to comment.

The march has been controversial (See CHAVIS, Page 10)

**O.J. CANCELS FIRST POST-
VERDICT INTERVIEW**

BURBANK, Calif - O.J. Simpson backed out of his first post-verdict interview just hours before air time Wednesday night, saying he would not allow himself to be "retried" on national television.

In the latest twist in a saga that has riveted America for 16 months, the football legend canceled what was supposed to be his first public appearance since his acquittal last week in the murders of ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

"NBC Nightly News" anchor Tom Brokaw announced Simpson's pullout in a special bulletin broadcast nationwide even as word of the impending interview drew widespread protests from angry viewers and feminist groups.

Brokaw said Simpson and his lawyers were concerned about the tough questions he might face in a no-holds-barred interview on the

newsmagazine "Dateline NBC" and about the potential impact on wrongful-death civil lawsuits he faces from the victims' families.

"Mr. Simpson and his lawyers decided they could not abide by the original agreement," said Brokaw, who was to have conducted the one-hour, commercial-free interview along with NBC "Today" showco-host Katie Couric.

But Simpson, in a statement read by defense attorney Johnnie Cochran, suggested it was NBC who had violated the ground rules.

"It was agreed that this would be a conversation, not a confrontation," Simpson said. "However, it became clear that NBC has, perhaps in an attempt to appease diverse public viewpoints, concluded that this would be a time and an opportunity to retry me."

With less than eight hours to go, it (See O.J., Page 10)