

# Police Ready For Million Man March

WASHINGTON - Police said on Tuesday they are braced for huge crowds and traffic jams next Monday because of a planned march by a million black men, which a congressman branded as "a publicity vehicle for a hateful bigot."

Federal and local officials

said they are ready for problems that could be created by the march initiated by controversial Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

Representative Pete King, R-New York, said "anyone who marches with Farrakhan next week is guilty of endorsing the

Nation of Islam leader's vicious brand of racism," and called it a publicity stunt for Farrakhan.

King has been investigating Farrakhan's contracts with the Department of Housing and Urban Development and has proposed legislation that would bar "hate groups" from getting

federal contracts.

Farrakhan, criticised for anti-white, anti-Jewish and anti-Catholic remarks among others, denies being a bigot.

Sandra Alley of the U.S. Park Police said organisers predict 10,000 buses would come here from across the country.

"We're expecting a lot of people," she said. "Whether there will be a million or not, we don't know though."

"It will create some challenges," said Zachary Smith of the Washington, D.C. Office of Emergency Preparedness, "but we feel comfortable with the regional planning for it."

A spot-check of four cities showed fewer buses had been reserved than organisers had said, the Washington Post said.

If a million people appeared

it would outnumber all other demonstrations over the last 32 years since Martin Luther King's famed civil rights march in 1963 drew some 250,000 people.

However, Alley said the largest gathering in Washington was the July 1976 bicentennial when at least one million people celebrated America's 200th Independence Day.

The march's executive director, Benjamin Chavis, former head of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People, urged federal protection for the march in a letter to President Bill Clinton released on Monday.

But officials denied Chavis' allegations that some police might impede some of the bus caravans into Washington.

Farrakhan, whose strong

past remarks have angered many people, denied Tuesday the march was denying access to women. Some major black organisations are not joining the march because Farrakhan is leading it.

Farrakhan said in a taped interview on the syndicated "Donahue" television programme shown Tuesday that "if women come, we're not going to say they are not welcome."

But he said the march was designed for men as "a day of antonement" for past wrongs.

"We're not there seeking marriage, we're not there as a mating game," Farrakhan said. "We're there to instruct our men, to teach our men to honour and respect our women and we can do that better if they are not present," he said.

## Powell Says He Won't Attend Million Man March



Due to commitments to promote his new book, Colin Powell will not attend Million Man March.

WASHINGTON - Retired Army Gen. Colin Powell turned

## New Jersey City Closes Schools For Washington March

CAMDEN, NJ - The schools in this majority African-American city will close Oct. 16, so hundreds of staffers and students can attend the so-called Million Man March on Washington, D.C.

The march has been organized by Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, who called for a "males only" demonstration of black pride and commitment to family and community.

## Philadelphia Court Dismisses Corruption-Tainted Cases

PHILADELPHIA - A city judge Tuesday dismissed the criminal cases of nine black people whose charges were tainted by a police corruption scandal with echoes of evidence-tampering claims in the O.J. Simpson trial.

The dismissals by Court of Common Pleas Judge Legrome Davis were uncontested by city prosecutors. "Justice is served by doing this," district attorney's office spokesman Bill Davol said. "You don't get bad guys with bad cops."

The dismissals brought to 55 the number of cases thrown out in the wake of the corruption probe revealed in February by a federal indictment. Six officers from the city's 39th police district have pleaded guilty to charges

down an invitation Monday to attend a proposed march by one million black men next week in Washington.

A spokeswoman said Powell notified her from London that he had communicated by fax to march leader Louis Farrakhan that he could not appear next Monday because of commitments to promote his autobiography, "My American Journey."

Farrakhan, controversial leader of the Nation of Islam, said Sunday on ABC TV's "This Week with David Brinkley" that he hoped Powell, who is mulling a 1996 run for the presidency,

Superintendent of Schools Roy Dawson said he plans to participate in a private capacity. He said the decision to close should not be taken as an endorsement of Farrakhan.

"When we looked at the numbers of people who were calling in to take off ... we had some whole schools going," said Rosemary Jackson, president of the Camden school board and also chairwoman of a women's support group for the march.

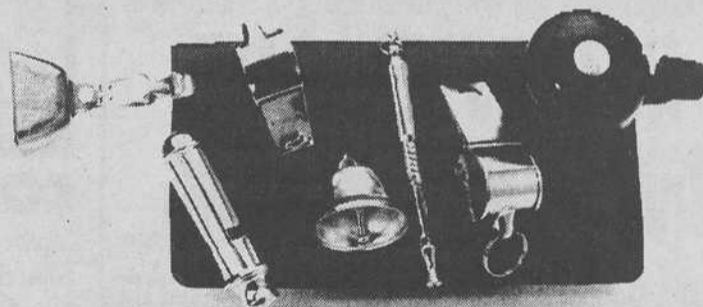
including planting evidence, improperly obtaining search warrants and other abuses against defendants, most of them black and poor.

Authorities say the probe is continuing and hundreds of cases in which the officers were involved are being reviewed.

Assistant Public Defender Bradley Bridge, who is helping uncover corruption-tainted cases, said it has taken this scandal and the O.J. Simpson trial to lend credibility to longstanding minority-group complaints of police racism.

"They've seen outrageous police behavior and fabrication of evidence and the system did not prove responsive when they (See Tainted Cases, Page 11)

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