

NEWS CLIPS

PLANNING UNDER WAY FOR NATIONAL PROTEST AGAINST BRUTALITY

Plans are underway for the fourth National Day of Protest to Stop Brutality Repression and the Criminalization of a Generation, sponsored by the national office of the October 22 Coalition. The event is set for Oct. 22 in New York City. A diverse group of over 75 representatives from Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Detroit, Cleveland, Greenville and Houston recently met in Detroit to plan the agenda, which will include concerts, rallies and workshops. In addition, the coalition is involved in the Stolen Lives Project, which has so far documented more than 2000 cases of people who have been shot, beaten or pepper-sprayed by members of law enforcement since 1990. The research is ongoing and results will be published in a book due out this summer. Call (212) 477-8062.

BLACK PROMOTERS SUPPORT NAACP STANCE ON TV LINEUP

The Rev. Joseph Lowery, spokesperson for the Black Promoters Association and founder emeritus of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, hailed the NAACP initiative against the exclusion of black artists in new television programming. His association is currently campaigning to bring an end to the embargo against black promoters and other businesses within the concert industry. "The promoters have been picketing, petitioning, and have filed a lawsuit against talent agencies such as William Morris and Creative Artists for excluding black promoters from handling concerts featuring white artists and stellar black artists," Lowery said. "Now that the NAACP has opened a second front in the struggle against economic injustice in the entertainment industry, both talent agencies and major TV networks must face up to their responsibilities to put an end to the exclusion of black promoters, other black-owned businesses and artists."

CENSUS BUREAU TO HIRE NON-CITIZENS FOR COUNT

The U.S. Census Monitoring Board has been granted a waiver by the Department of Commerce allowing it to hire qualified non-citizens for the 2000 decennial census. "Allowing the Bureau to hire non-citizens who are legally residing in United States gives the agency an important tool to find and count those people living in hard-to-enumerate areas," the Board said. "Our nation is home to people representing many cultures and languages. But, they are part of the American family and every effort should be expended to find and count them in Census 2000."

HUD AWARDS \$3.1 MILLION TO HELP ELDERLY, DISABLED

Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo recently awarded \$3.1 million in grants to 26 states to help low-income elderly and disabled citizens get health care, meals and other supportive services they need while living in HUD-subsidized housing. "These grants will help older Americans and people with disabilities stay out of nursing homes and institutions and continue living in their homes," Cuomo said. "They will help families stay together and improve the lives of some of our most vulnerable citizens." Among the states targeted for the funds are: California, Illinois, Maryland, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas and Virginia.

FLACK SERENADES MANDELA

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Roberta Flack serenaded Nelson Mandela last week with her most famous tune — "Killing Me Softly" — in an hour-long meeting at the former president's home. "It was the song my fingers found when they touched the keys," the singer told reporters who heard the song while waiting outside. She said she was curious to hear the tone of Mandela's piano. Ms. Flack, 60, is giving five performances in Johannesburg and looking at business ventures in South Africa during her first visit to the country. "It has been such an experience as you can imagine, both emotional and historical," she said.

Giuliani caught in controversy over flag

NEW YORK (AP) — Mayor Rudolph Giuliani raised a ruckus with his raising of the Arkansas state flag over City Hall, a move critics denounced last week as an abuse of power and insulting to blacks.

"It is the most flagrant abuse of mayoral authority I can recall," former Mayor Edward Koch said. "This is a rank political act to help Giuliani. It's outrageous. It's despicable."

The Arkansas flag was raised last Tuesday while the Republican mayor was in Little Rock, Ark., seeking campaign donations and tweaking Hillary Rodham Clinton over her non-New York roots.

Giuliani is expected to run for the New York Senate seat that Mrs. Clinton is also eyeing, and said the flag-raising was nothing more than a gesture of thanks for the hospitality shown him by

Arkansans.

Giuliani's critics said he was playing politics by hoisting the red, white and blue flag on a City Hall pole.

City Council Speaker Peter Vallone ordered the flag immediately taken down, citing a law he said gave the council the final word on City Hall flags. The mayor, citing the exact same law, ignored him.

Deputy Mayor Joseph Lhota insisted that the flag fly as planned and said Vallone showed "a lack of graciousness." The flag was lowered Wednesday afternoon.

Others were angry about the choice of flag. The Arkansas flag features a star commemorating the state's membership in the Confederacy.

"Displaying a flag that includes a star commemorating Arkansas' membership in the

Confederacy is an insult to African-Americans and those who have struggled in the Civil Rights movement," said Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields.

Giuliani denied the move was political, saying he was so moved by the sight of the New York City flag being flown at a Little Rock hotel that he wanted the Arkansas flag flown from City Hall.

And Lhota said the mayor's visit with Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee had nothing to do with his possible senate campaign. Huckabee spokesman Jim Harris agreed.

"At the mansion they weren't doing politics," Harris said. "He was just welcomed to the state like any other visiting dignitary would be. It was nonpolitical."

However, the mayor's itinerary in Arkansas, including his visit with

Huckabee, was released through his "Friends of Giuliani" committee, rather than from City Hall.

After their meeting, both Giuliani and Huckabee stood outside the mansion and poked fun at Mrs. Clinton's New York "listening tour" and the fact that she may run for office in a state where she has never lived.

Little Rock was the first stop in a two-day Southern fund-raising swing. He also had stops in New Orleans and the Alabama cities of Huntsville, Tuscaloosa and Birmingham.

"If you give the key to the city to someone who has made contributions that's one thing," said Rachel Leon, of Common Cause New York, a government watchdog group. "But it would seem the only connection to Arkansas here is his senate campaign race. ... It just doesn't pass the smell test."

Students question motives of monitoring group

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Special to Sentinel-Voice

WASHINGTON (IPS) — The sweatshop monitoring group created eight months ago by a White House task force of human rights organizations and clothing and footwear companies is gaining momentum.

Recently the apparel giants Adidas-Salomon AG and Levi Strauss joined the Free Labor Association, which requires corporate members to enforce a code of conduct in all their foreign factories and permit FLA-certified monitors to review their compliance. At least two other big retailers, Eddie Bauer and the GAP, may join in the near future, according to trade sources.

Critics of the scheme, however, maintain that the FLA is a public-relations ploy by corporations to lull consumers into thinking their products are not made under sweatshop conditions. They are demanding that the association should either toughen its code or disband.

The United Movement

Against Sweatshops movement has been angered because 100 universities have also joined the FLA. They have come to play a key role in the anti-sweatshop movement because they earn about \$2.5 billion a year in sales of clothing which bear university names or logos. The competition among companies like Nike and Reebok for the license to produce those goods is stiff.

In a highly effective two-year campaign that included sit-ins and other protests, USAS — which is backed by the largest U.S. textile union, the Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees (UNITE) — has forced campus administrators around the country to agree to impose tougher anti-sweatshop conditions on licensee companies than those included in the FLA code.

By signing up with the FLA, say the students, many universities are trying to backtrack on their previous commitments and take the steam out of what has been

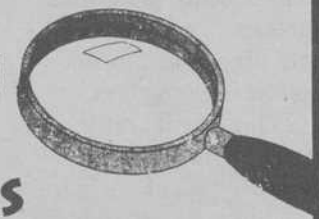
described as the most effective student movement in the last 20 years.

The addition of two new corporate members to the FLA is a major shot in the arm to the association. Levi Strauss is one of the oldest and best-known U.S. apparel companies, while Adidas-Salomon, which has been a major target of Europe's Clean Clothes Campaign, extends the FLA's clout across the Atlantic. North America and Europe together account for more than 40

percent of global apparel consumption.

Until this month, the FLA had failed to attract any new companies besides its initial eight corporate members including Liz Claiborne, Nike and Reebok. They were among a group of 18 companies, labor, consumer and human rights groups which spent two years negotiating over a code of conduct and monitoring system that was acceptable to as many participants as possible.

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