

Truth panel sets Ghana hearings

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ACCRA, Ghana (GIN)—A "truth and reconciliation" commission, along the lines of the South African model championed by former president Nelson Mandela, is beginning to hear petitions from people who say they, or their families, suffered during past periods of military rule.

The National Reconciliation Commission (NRC) is looking into allegations of torture and killings.

The commission was created last year, and has received some 2,800 separate

Sharpton

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sentences for the 1989 rape of the woman known as the Central Park Jogger.

Sharpton said he would not be a one-issue or one-group candidate.

"I have worked and struggled and paid a price for everybody," said Sharpton, before setting off for a round of traditional campaign appearances — planned meetings with school principals and business leaders in Baltimore, then back to Washington in the evening for television appearances and an abortion rights event.

Asked about Sharpton's candidacy, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg said, "We have a wonderful system in America. There's 280 million people in America that can run."

Bloomberg, a Republican, described Sharpton as "charming and not reticent to say what he believes. He has a right to run and God bless him."

Race

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his decisions on affirmative action and judicial nominations have brought criticism.

To coincide with the holiday, the White House announced Sunday the president will propose increasing spending by 5 percent for grants to historically black colleges, universities, graduate programs and Hispanic education institutions.

Last week, the administration asked the Supreme Court to declare the University of Michigan's affirmative action admissions policies unconstitutional.

It argued in a brief that policies at the university and its law school fail the constitutional test of equal protection under the law, and ignore race-neutral alternatives that could boost minority presence on campuses.

Bush was not required to take a position in the case, but by doing so, he infuriated some black leaders.

The decision prompted Jesse Jackson to call Bush "the most anti-civil rights president in 50 years."

Secretary of State Colin Powell, one of two black Cabinet members, said Sunday he disagreed with the president's stance on the

petitions since September.

Many of them deal with the period between 1982 and 1992, during the rule of former President Jerry Rawlings, when it is alleged that some 300 people disappeared. Many people are said to be demanding to know where their lost loved ones are buried.

Kwaku Sakyi Addo, a reporter for the BBC in Accra, said that the process had been criticized in some quarters on the grounds that it would stir up old disputes.

The first testimonies heard

by the nine-member panel were from two of some 40 people imprisoned in 1958 for seven-and-a-half years without trial and without being charged.

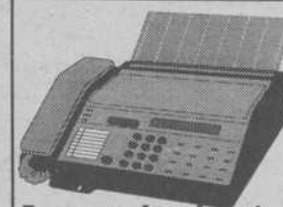
None of the complaints filed at the NRC can lead to a criminal prosecution but the commission can recommend compensation for victims.

President John Kufuor promised to set up the panel after defeating the candidate of Rawlings' party in elections three years ago.

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(CITACION JUDICIAL)

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Caso) BC106591

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The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es) W. Roger Kampf, Esq., Kampf, Schiavone & Associates, A.P.C., Post Office Box 1061, San Bernardino, California 92402-1061, (909) 885-1522, SBN: 119918, DATE (Fecha): October 1, 2002 Clerk, (Actuario) By: Phil Maku, Deputy (Delegado)

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - LIMITED JURISDICTION

COUNTY OF SAN BERNADINO - BARSTOW DISTRICT

MICHAEL CHARLES AKINS, Plaintiff, vs. OMAR D. RIVEROS, ALEJANDRO RIVEROS AND DOES 1-50, INCLUSIVE, Defendants

CASE NO.: BC106591 STATEMENT OF DAMAGES TO ALL PARTIES AND TO THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 425.11, plaintiff, JERRY ARNOLD AGNEW, hereby notifies defendants, as follows:

1. Medical expenses: \$2,723.40
2. Wage Loss: \$3,850.00;
3. Other special damages are undetermined at this time;
4. General damages are \$17,500.00. This figure represents pain and suffering, loss of enjoyment of life, humiliation, embarrassment, and emotional distress and permanent injury.)

It is anticipated that further medical expenses will occur pending the trial of this action, as well as further loss of wages and this additional information will be provided in Plaintiff's pretrial statement.

DATED: October 8, 2002

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By: /s/ James L. Price,

Attorney for Plaintiff

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