

OPEC President To Visit Atlanta

ATLANTA--The president of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), His Excellency Al-haji Rilwanu Lukman, is scheduled to visit Atlanta in early November.

This visit is a result of an invitation extended to Dr. Lukman by Morehouse President Leroy Keith and Atlanta-based businessman Richmond Aggrey, president of Basic Resource Services Ltd., an international oil company.

Dr. Lukman, who was unanimously elected president of OPEC in June 1986, is currently serving in an unprecedented fifth term. He took the helm as the organization faced a crisis in pricing instability in the world's crude oil markets. In addition, a major war was raging between two OPEC members (Iran and Iraq), and overproduction by both OPEC and non-OPEC members was rampant.

As a result of the chaos within OPEC and the drastic drop in the world's crude oil prices, the energy-producing U.S. states of Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana were hit hard with defaulting energy loans and the savings and loan crisis.

Lukman urged his fellow OPEC ministers to restrain their oil production in their respective countries. By seeking a consensus among members, Lukman set a collective production ceiling and instituted a monitoring system to dissuade cheating.

His diplomacy brought a sense of calm to the divergent members of OPEC that has resulted in generally stabilized oil prices. He is credited by most Western oil analysts for bringing a sense of reason within the organization.

Lukman is also Nigeria's minister of petroleum resources. He was appointed to the post at a time when that nation was facing an economy-threatening crude oil crisis.

Nigeria has a population of more than 100 million, and it is the fourth largest supplier of crude oil to the United States. In 1986, Lukman convinced the Nigerian government to cut its petroleum exports to 1.3 million barrels per day to comply with OPEC restrictions. This action, seen by many as a sacrifice

on the part of the Nigerians, contributed to the overall stability of the world's oil prices.

Lukman realized that Nigeria's economy was overly dependent on the export of crude oil and was at the mercy of the world's fragile state of supply and demand for energy. As the country grappled with the drop in hard currency, Lukman began plotting a new energy strategy.

Two years later, with the installation of a state-of-the-art fourth refinery, Nigeria expanded its options in crude oil production. This project made it possible to establish joint ventures with American and European companies for marketing finished, refined products.

Lukman is a graduate of the University of London's Royal School of Mines where he received dual degrees in engineering and English. He also did post-graduate studies at the University of Mining and Metallurgy in Leoben, Austria, and returned to England to complete a degree in economics at the University of London. In 1988, he was awarded an honorary doctorate in chemical engineering from the University of Bologna in Italy.

During his stay in Atlanta, Lukman will visit Morehouse College and several other local attractions, including the King and Carter centers.

Lukman will spend Thursday, Nov. 2, at Morehouse, the nation's only historically black, all-male liberal arts college. His itinerary for the day will include speaking during an 11 a.m. assembly in the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel and lecturing in economic classes.

Morehouse College, founded in 1867, has an enrollment of more than 2,500 students and is noted for its tradition of academic excellence. Among the 8,000 Morehouse alumni are civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; Ebony magazine executive editor Lerone Bennett; Atlanta's first black mayor Maynard Jackson; Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Louis Sullivan; Olympian Edwin Moses; and filmmaker Spike Lee.

After A Sellout Premiere Issue Emerge Magazine To Tackle The "New" Racism In Sizzling Second Issue

NEW YORK--Wilmer C. Ames, Jr., editor-in-chief of Emerge magazine announced today that the new publication's second issue will deal with the controversial "new" racism which has recently gripped the American social landscape. This special issue will tackle the subject with a scope and depth accorded by only the finest of journalists working in the media today.

Emerge's cover story is an exclusive interview with the nation's No. 1 military officer, General Colin L. Powell, conducted by Joel Dreyfuss, Emerge editor-at-large, who is also an associate editor of "Fortune" magazine.

The racism coverage begins with a thought-provoking essay by Carlyle Douglas on the Reagan era's insidious legacy. An editor with the New York Times for the past nine years, Douglas has also written for many black publications.

Playthell Benjamin writes about the insular Italian American community of Bensonhurst, where New York City's latest racially motivated killing took place in August. Benjamin has written article for the "Village Voice," the "Amsterdam News" and the "New York Review of Books."

David J. Dent examines a Labor Day-weekend disorder which took place in the resort community of Virginia Beach

a story last year on a local racially motivated murder. Dent has also contributed articles to "The Christian Science Monitor," "Playboy," "Essence," and "Black Enterprise."

In other stories, Randall L. Kennedy profiles the exemplary career of Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall. Kennedy, a former Marshall law clerk, is currently a professor at Harvard Law School, and working on a legal history of the Civil Rights Movement.

The second issue will also feature a look at the issues affecting black recent college graduates around the nation by Lee A. Daniels of the New York Times; Bell Hooks, a feminist theorist, cultural critic and professor at Oberlin College, fills the "Perspective" column with some "downhome common sense" on the problems of black identity and solidarity in the modern world; Ben Mapp, a freelance writer specializing in black music, spotlights two new and distinctive performers whose fathers were American jazz masters; and Vertamae Smart-Grosvenor takes over the "Emergency Exit" column to rescue the beleaguered reputation of the watermelon.

From the heart of controversy to the lighter side of the matter, Emerge magazine wraps up another issue, dedicated to the needs and concerns of its educated black readership.

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Dow Chemical Joins Forces With The NAACP To Increase Black Organ Donors

BALTIMORE--Black communities in five major cities across the country will soon learn how they can combat the life-threatening shortage of black organ and tissue donors as the NAACP and The Dow Chemical Company launch a Black Donor Education Program.

Dr. Benjamin Hooks, executive director of the NAACP, solidified the organization's commitment to this critical issue in his announcement today that pilot cities--New York, Detroit, Memphis, Baltimore and St. Louis -- have been selected and grass-roots donor education efforts are underway.

"Our National Health Committee has identified donor awareness as a top priority for 1990," said Dr. Hooks. "Afflicted with the highest incidence of high blood pressure and kidney failure of any racial group, blacks have a disproportionately high need for kidney transplants; therefore, blacks must learn to help themselves by increasing the pool of potential donors."

Dr. Hook's announcement comes one month after health committee representatives from the pilot cities attended a Dow-sponsored training session conducted by experts from the transplant community on how to implement a successful donor education campaign.

"Our primary goal is to increase blacks' support of organ donation across the country through educational efforts developed for area schools, churches, community organizations and depart-

ment of motor vehicles offices," said Vicky Suazo, Dow's public affairs manager.

In addition to providing ongoing counsel and step-by-step guidelines on how to implement and sustain an effective donor awareness campaign, Dow is providing brochures, videotapes, radio public service announcements and donor cards to each participating NAACP branch.

"It is with sincere appreciation to Dow for its support of this life-saving initiative that the NAACP participates in this program," said John Arradondo, M.D., chairman of the NAACP's National Health Committee. "We have an obligation as a national organization to do everything possible to increase the quality of life available to African American people. We look forward to success in these pilot cities so that we may expand to additional front line cities in the future."

The Dow/NAACP Black Donor Education Program is part of Dow's Take Initiative Program on transplantation, a national public education effort designed to encourage people to consider becoming an organ and tissue donor. It is modeled after the Washington, D.C. Organ Donor Program, an organization established in 1982 under the auspices of the National Kidney Foundation of the National Capital Area, created to educate the local black community about the importance of donation and transplantation.

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