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tion (FDIC) is also in serious trouble as increasing numbers of commercial banks face bankruptcy. It is estimated that \$4 billion will be required to shore up the FDIC this year and \$23 billion by 1995. With the ravenous demands of the Persian Gulf war, the Federal deficit is expected to soar to more than \$320 billion in this fiscal year. Contrary to George Bush's wishful thinking, the added burden of the Persian Gulf war will increase the deficit, drive up interest rates and deepen the recession.

Vernon Jordan, the former President of the National Urban League once said the "when white America gets a cold, Black America gets pneumonia." That was Mr. Jordan's way of saying that when America goes into recession, Black people are driven into economic depression. With racism still a fact of life in America, African Americans are still the last hired and the first to be fired. The Black unemployment rate is consistently 2 1/2-3 times higher than that of our white counterparts. A disproportionate number of African Americans remain unemployed and underemployed. And Black in-

come is still only about 56% of that of white Americans: 18,000 for Blacks, 32,000 for whites.

The war in the Persian Gulf is unnecessary, and it is certainly not in the best interests of the vast majority of African Americans. When the Black soldiers return for the hot and hostile sands of the Persian Gulf, they will find their racial kin still mired in poverty and despair. Having seen their brothers and sisters die disproportionately on the battlefield, they will return home to see disproportionate numbers of African Americans dying in the wretched ghettos of this country from neglect and genocide borne of institutional racism and disregard for Africans in America. The very war they will return from will have drained vital resources away from the urgent task of eradicating hunger, poverty, and disease in our communities. African Americans are being called upon to fight in a war which will disproportionately affect Black communities across this country. White America may only confront the inconvenience of a cold. Black America will be forced to endure the damaging, even fatal consequences of chronic pneumonia.

Colgate-Palmolive and Essence Magazine Host Colgate Gold Medal Breakfast

Jackie Joyner Kersie Presents Track and Field Participants

COLGATE RUNNERS MAKE THEIR MARK: Colgate and ESSENCE recently teamed up for a Gold Medal Breakfast at a Taste of Soul in New York. Olympic Gold Medal winner Jackie Joyner Kersie was on hand to inspire future Olympic hopefuls and honor past participants of the Colgate Women's Games. Joining her is Meet Director Fred Thompson, who officially announced the kick-off for the 1991 Games.

New York - Colgate-Palmolive, ESSENCE Magazine and Jackie Joyner Kersie recently announced the kick-off of the 1991 Colgate Women's Games XVII during a breakfast at Taste of Soul restaurant in Manhattan. Colgate served as a sponsor of the ESSENCE 20th Anniversary Celebration during ESSENCE WEEK, Oct. 13-19.

ESSENCE editor-in-chief Susan L. Taylor introduced Ms. Joyner Kersie, "the world's greatest female athlete," who saluted a youthful group of Olympic hopefuls in track and field and welcomed several young, professional women who were previous participants in the Colgate Women's Games.

Ms. Joyner Kersie greeted the admiring crowd and provided words of encouragement to the athletes. Fred Thompson, meet director for the Colgate Women's Games, introduced the

five women who trained under him and previously competed in the games. Their professions range from policewoman to attorney to university administrator.

Addressing the ten-eighteen-year-old members of the track and field teams, Ms. Joyner Kersie - who was featured on the August 1989 cover of ESSENCE - reminded them of the discipline that competing in athletics provides. Hard training for competition made it possible for her to become a world-class champion.

Following the breakfast, Ms. Joyner Kersie signed autographs and talked individually to the young athletes, always reminding them to pursue a course of excellence.

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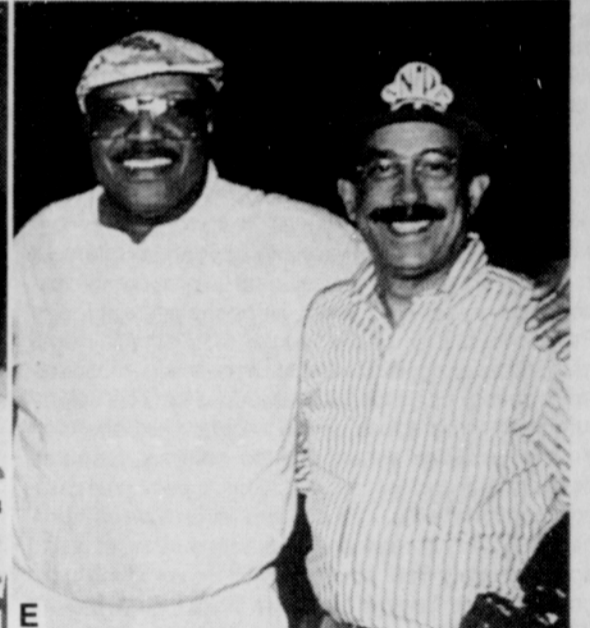
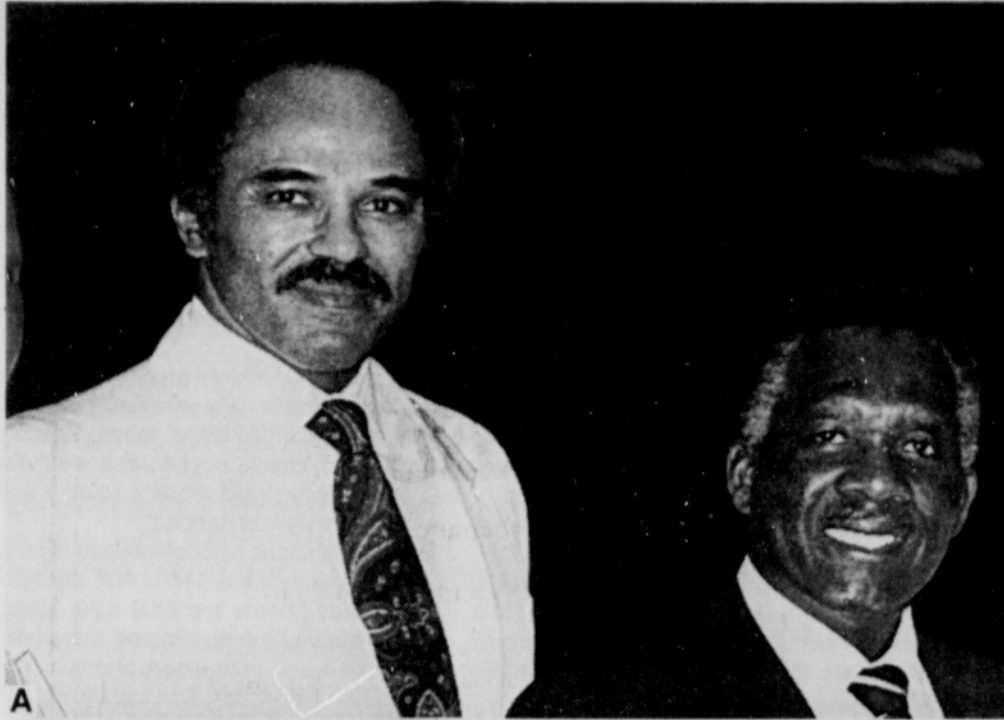
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A Prime Minister's Welcome!



Tommy Watkins, President of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), at left in photograph "A," is welcomed along with more than 200 black publishers and their guests to the Bahamas by Sir Lynden Pindling, Prime Minister of the Bahamas, for the Association's mid-Winter Conference. With the theme, "Empowering Our

Newspaper and Our Organization," Charles N. Jamison, photograph "B," Executive Vice President, Jamison & Leary Advertising, Inc., speaks to the Advertising Workshop sponsored by Kraft General Foods. In another spirited discussion, Ibn Sharrieff, Publisher of the Tri City Journal in Chicago, stands to make a point during the three-

day session at the Crystal Palace Resort. While the working sessions were well-attended, there were moments for relaxation like when Dorothea Leavell, at left, in photograph "D," Publisher of the Gary (IN) Crusader, enjoyed a laugh with John Holloman, Publisher of the Herald Dispatch in Los Angeles and Sonceria (Sonny) Messiah,

Publisher of the Houston (TX) Defender. William Garth, Publisher of the Chicago Citizen Newspapers, at left in photograph "E," join Bob Bogle, Publisher of the "Philadelphia Tribune," in the Island Fantasy Cruise, sponsored by Philip Morris Companies Inc. and Schieffelin & Somerset Company, on the final day of the conference.

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BLACK MEN: UNCERTAIN FUTURES

Noah Nelson examines the hurdles of being young, black and male in America.
Tuesday, February 19 • 10 PM



Youngsters get a 70-year lesson at a mural depicting "Black Americans in Flight," a permanent exhibit unveiled at Lambert-St. Louis International Airport. The five panel, 51-foot-long mural illustrates the history of African-Americans in flight. More than 3 million travelers will pass through Lambert annually and will see the mural.



Young St. Louisan, Curt E. Brown, views illustrations of his uncle, Charles Lane, one of the famed Tuskegee Airmen, shown in the new mural that was unveiled at Lambert-St. Louis International Airport. The five-panel, 51 foot-long mural, entitled "Black Americans in Flight," was partially underwritten by Anheuser-Busch companies and illustrates the history of African-Americans in flight. More than 3 million travelers will pass through Lambert annually and will see the mural. Shown with youngster is his grandmother, Claire Brown.

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