



Hugh Price, incoming president of the national Urban League, discusses issues with President Bill Clinton at the White House. Clinton met with Price after speaking to the Unity '94 conference of journalists representing associations of black, Hispanic, Asian and Native Americans. It was the first time the four journalist associations have met jointly.

Turning in Toner Cartridges Can Benefit Shriners Hospitals

(NU) - An awesome \$100 million in potential charitable donations goes wasted each year in our office trash cans.

Laser toner cartridges from computer printers collect at the rate of 18 million yearly. The cartridges are made primarily of plastic and metal and most are dumped into landfills. The dead cartridge population increases by about 20 percent each year and poses a threat to the environment.

Now, the Shriners, known for their care of crippled children, have joined with Nashua, one of the world's largest independent suppliers of cartridges, to start a recycling effort that can turn computer trash into cash donations.

Besides helping clean up the environment, Shriners Hospitals will get a cash donation of up to \$7.50 for each cartridge turned in.

Known as the Cartridges Benefit Children program, the funds will help support the 22 Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, which offer free charitable care. Any Shriner will provide details to individuals and offices.

Richard L. "Tony" Bukey, the Shrine's Imperial Potentate, says the program "provides Shriners everywhere with a tremendous opportunity to join in preserving the environment and in helping our kids and our Shrine Temples."

The Nashua donations will go primarily toward defraying the Shriners' costs for transporting patients. Last year, the Shriners Hospitals accepted 27,000 new patients and performed 17,754 surgeries.

Last Thursday I met with the landscaper at the nursery. You won't believe the really beautiful trees he picked out for the neighborhood.

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AFRICA INSIGHT

Root Reasons For Rwanda's Ruin

Rwanda's self-masacred self-destruction is resurgence of ethnic hatred that European colonial lords left in the soil and soul of various African countries through insensitive and hypocritical posture and fraudulent play on Africa's ethnic make up. This ethnic manipulation has resulted into tribal violence and ethnic squabble.



by Promise King

Rwanda (pronounced Ru-wanda) has witnessed more death through this instigated violence than any Africa country in recent history. This colossal loss of human life in Rwanda is only a replay of a perennial tribal war that has lingered long before now. In 1959, Belgian colonial lords sat on the fence and sang "lullabies" as the Hutus - the original inhabitants - battled the Watusi - the nomadic immigrants of Rwanda - for dominance, power and dignity.

The Hutus overran the wealthy Watusi immigrant, killing about

100,000 while taking over the majority rule. The pre-independent Rwanda also witnessed gory ethnic violence, when the colonial masters were unsure of what to do with the power as it prepared to live a fragmented colony. Thousands lost their lives in this era. When Rwanda finally gained its independence it found herself still embroiled in ethnic segregation. The persecution and extermination of the Watusi continued unabated in 1963 and also in 1973.

Originally, the Watusi migrated to Burundi and Rwanda in the 16th and 17th centuries from the area around Ethiopia and Sudan. They were nomadic cattle rearers in search of vegetation for their animals in the hot desert region. Over the years, they soon found power. They developed a pyramidal structure with

giving their loyalty to more prominent Watusi nobility in exchange for protection.

The Watusi king ruled at the top of each pyramid. Gradually, the majority of the Hutus began to relinquish their holdings and in return they received cattle. This domination and dependence gave the Watusi a false sense of superiority over the Hutus. In order to reclaim their pride the Hutus fought back in 1972, killing about 30,000 Watusi. The international community looked away and nobody gave a hoot. If there had not been Belgians in Rwanda, in my opinion, there wouldn't have been these killings. Let the world know that the colonial activities in Africa did not only affect its development but has also arrested its ethnic unity. No help is too much to heal the wounds of Rwanda, especially from past colonial masters.

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A Golden Opportunity For Frequent Travelers

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Gold members begin with two confirmed suite-upgrade coupons, four complimentary breakfast-buffet coupons and a welcome gift. As they earn free-night certificates, they also receive additional suite upgrades and breakfast-buffet coupons.

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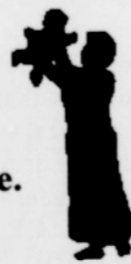
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