

## Education Secretary Apologizes

### Retracts 'terrorist organization' label on teachers union

(AP) — Education Secretary Rod Paige apologized after calling the nation's largest teachers union a "terrorist organization" Monday.

Paige's comments, taking on the 2.7-million-member National Education Association, were made to the nation's governors at a private White House meeting.

The education secretary's words were "pathetic and they are not a laughing matter," said NEA President Reg Weaver, whose union has said it plans

to sue the Bush administration over lack of funding for demands included in the "No Child Left Behind" schools law.

Paige said later in an Associated Press interview that his comment was "a bad joke; it was an inappropriate choice of words."

"As one who grew up on the receiving end of insensitive remarks, I should have chosen my words better," said Paige, the first black education secretary.

He said he had made clear to the governors that he was referring to the Washington-based union organization, not the teachers it represents.

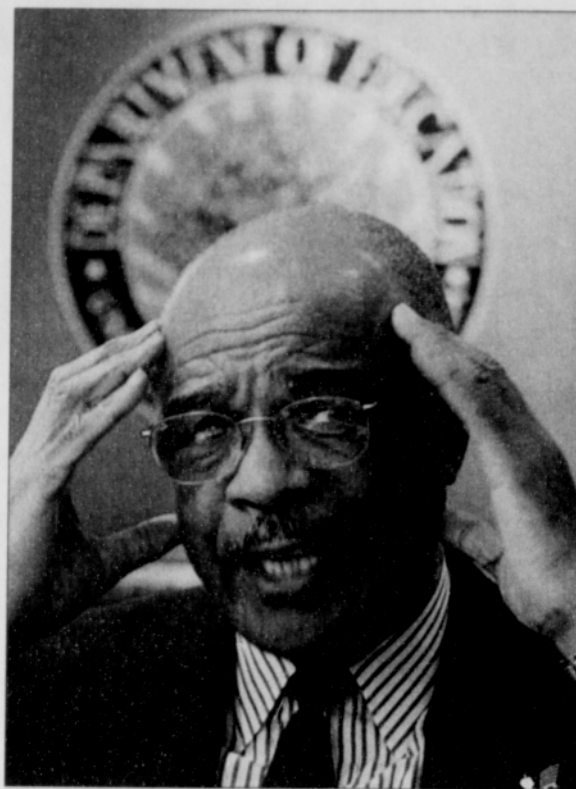
Weaver dismissed Paige's distinction between the union and its members. "We are the teachers, there is no

distinction," he said.

Paige has made no attempt to hide his frustration with the NEA, which has long supported Democratic presidential candidates.

Education has been a top issue for the governors, who have sought more flexibility from the administration on Bush's "No Child Left Behind" law, which seeks to improve school performance in part by allowing parents to move their children from poorly performing schools.

Democrats have said Bush has failed to fully fund the law, giving the states greater burdens but not the resources to handle them. The union backs the intent of the law but says many of its provisions must be changed.



Education Secretary Rod Paige gestures during an interview with the Associated Press at the Education Department in Washington Monday. During a private meeting with governors at the White House Monday, Paige called the nation's largest teachers union a 'terrorist organization.' (AP photo)

## Winfrey Gift Supports Black Male Students

(AP) — Talk-show host Oprah Winfrey has given Morehouse College, the nation's only private, historically black, four year liberal arts college for men, another \$5 million donation to fund scholarships at the Atlanta school.

The gift, announced Saturday night, brings to \$12 million the total contributions to the college by Winfrey, making her the school's largest individual donor, said Morehouse spokeswoman Elise Durham.

Winfrey was in Atlanta Saturday to accept Morehouse's first "Candle for Lifetime Achievement in Humanitarian Service" award.

So far, scholarships funded by the talk-show host have helped about 250 students continue or complete their education, Durham said.

Winfrey said her original goal had been to put 100 students through school. She told the audience Saturday that she now wants to see 1,000 students get their diplomas.

Winfrey was one of several



Oprah Winfrey

people honored during the 2,800-student school's gala. Other honorees included actor Ossie Davis, syndicated radio host Tom Joyner, Atlanta businessman Jesse Hill and U.S. Rep. Sanford Bishop.

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Party. Its origins can be tied to a ballot in Oakland, Calif. that failed, but still created the idea of the community controlling policing.

"The Black Panther Party, through its national effort accentuated and educated the nation in the concept of community policing, of the community controlling policing. The national organization created an awareness in the nation of community policing," Haynes said.

Would the gun toting tactics of the Black Panther Party be appropriate against the modern Portland Police Bureau? Probably not.

In the 1960s, the party's activities occurred in a context of a social reform movement involving the Vietnam War, desegregation of America and the struggle for an African-American Bill of Rights, which essentially was an extension of the American Revolution, Haynes said.

The efforts of the Black Panther Party led to activism by other minorities such as Hispanic



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Americans, Native Americans and Asian American, which remain relevant today. The Women's Movement also is a legacy of activism, beginning with the Black Panther Party.

Haynes' experiences in 1963 with the student chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference established by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his experiences with the Black Panthers led him to ask whether or not national reform efforts for African Americans could be accomplished through peaceful or violent change.

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the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is that the party lacked a spiritual movement to sustain it," said Haynes.

Haynes uses the modern example of South Africa's Nelson Mandela being the head of the African National Congress and the Army of South Africa during the changes leading to the revolution from apartheid. Archbishop Desmond Tutu was the spiritual leader of the South African revolution.

It was the combination of the revolutionary Army of South Africa under Mandela and the spiritual leadership of Tutu, which led

to the changes which have transformed South Africa. Haynes notes the Black Panther Party needed this kind of spiritual guidance.

"A great many people died in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. People are still in prison today from the Black Panther Party. We call them the political prisoners of the Black Panther Party," Haynes said.

The Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s led to significant national reforms for African Americans, but work remains to be done. Haynes believes such change can be accomplished, but it must be spiritually based.

## Vancouver NAACP Honors Teen Director

Johnnie Stevenson Tucker, director of teen services for Vancouver-Clark County Parks and Recreation, has been selected as the recipient of the 2004 Vancouver Branch NAACP Diversity Award.

The local civil rights group cited Tucker's achievement and commitment to young people and his work with the NAACP, City of Vancouver, the Forest Service and the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's Coalition of Minority Employees to develop and sustain an Urban Youth Camp Outdoor program. This program provides environmental education,

outdoor recreation, and employment opportunities for underrepresented groups in Vancouver and Clark County.

"Johnnie continues to provide an inclusive leadership model that values all cultures," said Earl W. Ford, president of the Vancouver Branch NAACP. "I am honored to be associated with this man. We thank him for his work in making children of color an integral part of the parks and recreation programs that he manages."

Vancouver Safeway Stores will receive the group's "Employer of the year Award."

Ford praised Karen Seivert, the hiring coordinator for Safeway for her work with the Vancouver NAACP's Youth Employment Program.


"Karen employed over a dozen young people in Vancouver and Portland stores through our YEP program. Some of these students have continued their employment after graduation from high school," Ford said.

Also recognized was over 20 African American students from Vancouver Middle and High Schools who have maintained at least a 3.00 grade point average.



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