HATIONAL ROUNDUP

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Despite the second coronation of President Ronald Reagan following his overwhelming election victory last fall, dramatic new attention is being focused on the poor and oppressed by using democratic techniques (with the little "D") under Afro-American leadership...

Using the protest strategies of the Civil nations or multi-national firms... Rights era, the new Free South Africa Movement has revived the old coalition of religious, political, labor and even ethnic organizations into a cohesive body which is having international impact upon America's foreign and domestic policies... Credit TransAfrica executive director Randall Robinson and District of Columbia Congressman Walter E. Fauntroy with the strategy in marshalling this effort into a powerful loboy just when Washington pundits were ready to write off black leadership...Robinson is the "big" brother of TV newsman Max Robinson...

Even, the old alliance between blacks and Jews was resurrected in the movement against South Africa as Jewish leaders rushed to join the picket lines against the South Africa embassy and consulates in the United States, as well as seek to repatriate Ethiopian based Jews who formerly had a fifficult time being accepted in the State of Israel...Of course, NAACP President Ben Hooks is still urging American investors to boycott stores and banks selling the South African Krugerrand gold coin at record (inflation, \$350.00) prices while the country pays black gold mine workers \$1.00 an hour compared to \$6.00 an hour for white miners....This is what "constructive engagement" means.... slave wages for black "foreigners in their own country", and industrial income for white "citizens" who have taken over the land....

The combination of American compassion and civil rights emphasis in the struggle against apartheid (white racism) and hunger in Africa is moving the entire U.S. from the right wing Reagan shift voted in November...If you wish to contribute to the New Movement, send donations to TransAfrica, 545 Eighth Street; S.E., Suite 200, Washington, D.C., ty, drought and hunger in the continent which 20003, 202-547-2550.... Contributions are tax is still exploited by trade practices between deductible...

Joint Committee on Hunger in Africa, was yers and George Crockett and Rep. Julian Dixformed this year to coordinate contributions on (D-Calif.) were scheduled to accompany the to aid the plight of refugees and drought group... stricken residents in African nations.... following the television exposure by British Broadcasting Company cameraman Mohammed in the new 99th Congress which convened last

ed with Amin while on assignment as a Congressional Black Caucus...Rep. William H. Fulbright journalist in the East African capital Gray (D-Pa.) became the new chairman of the where international and United Nations House Budget Committee, one of the most inorganizations have long worked on the fluential units in the new Congress which must refugee and population problems without approve President Reagan's tax promuch previous interest or concern by Western

headed by Dr. Robert J. Cummings, director House Ethics Committee.... of the African Studies and Research Program at Howard University. Ironically, Cummings is the first black American to become president



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of the international, U.S. based African Studies Association. The JCHA scheduled an African styled fund raiser at the Capital's popular new Kilimanjaro Club, which the Washington Embassy and diplomatic crowd frequently used...Supporters included Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass,) Rep. Mickey Leland (D-Texas), C, Payne Lucas, dynamic president of the first major Afro American support group, Africare, and Rep. Howard Wolpe (D-Mich.), chairman of the House of Representatives Sub-Committee on Africa....

Wolpe recently led a delegation of congressmen to several African nations to seek first hand information on the causes of poverthe Eastern and Western power Another fund-raising organizations, the blocs...Michigan Representatives John Con-

Recent changes in committee assignments

Amin of Nairobi Kenya...We formerly work- month, indicate the growing influence of the posals...catching Congressman Augustus Hawkins is the new chairman of the House, Education and Labor Committee and Rep. The Joint Committee was organized by Julius (D-Calif) has replaced Rep. Louis Stokes Nigerian Scholar-, Dr. Inyeseh A.S. Ihator and (D-Ohio) as the outgoing chairman of the

> Capital Spotlight.... Former SBA administrator Connie Mack Higgins headed the committee arranging the Inaugural Gala sponsored the National Black Republican Council during the Reagan coronation... Washington Redskin queen Mark May's catering firm handled "The Other Inaugural" family style bash for the Americans for Democratic Action at the Children's Museum here...Robert M. McGlotten, associate director, department of legislation, AFL-CIO, was elected president of the American League of Lobbyists (ALL) recently at the association's annual meeting...They attempt to get legislation passed in all causes.4...

> The National Urban League beat the President to the punch on his State of the Union address by issuing their State of Black America—1985 Report two weeks earlier at the National Press Club with major assessments on Aged Black Americans; the Black Family Today and Tomorrow; Blackening in Media, the State of Blacks in the Press; the Phenomenon of the Jesse Jackson Candidacy and the 1984 Presidential Election; Blacks in the Labor Movement, Working or Not; and Potentials and Problems of Black Financial Institutions...

Emphasis on the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Celebration shifted from an annual birthday party celebration on the capital mall to a week long serious of ecumenical church services, prayer-breakfasts and luncheons and civil rights strategy sessions at the Capitol, along with Free South Africa protests...Community activist Helen V. Tate headed group planning dignified observances, including participation by city officials and United Planning Organization, the area's major anti-poverty agency (remember them).... Former King aide, Dr. Calvin Morris was major speaker at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church...The celebration becomes legal nationwide in 1986.



In 1909, a black man was on top of the world.

The man was Matthew Henson.

As a member of Admiral Peary's expedition, he planted the

American flag at the North Pole on April 6th, 1909.

Henson is one of many black Americans to break new ground.

The second book published by a woman in America was written by a black woman, Phillis Wheatley, in 1773. She was commended by President Washington.

In 1893, at Provident Hospital in Chicago, Dr. Daniel Hale Williams performed the first successful heart operation.

Seventeen years ago, Thurgood Marshall was appointed Justice

to the Supreme Court by President Johnson.

Black History Month is a time to honor accomplished men and women of the past.

And a time to look ahead to many accomplishments in the future.

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