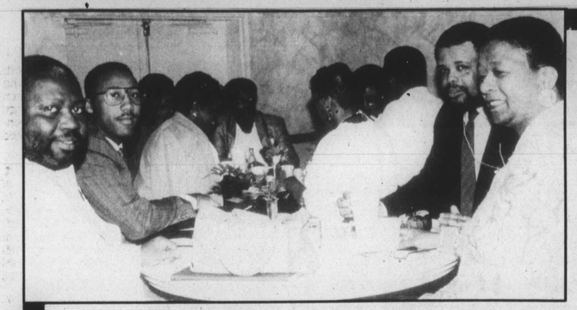

MEMBERS OF THE MARYLAND DELEGATION met for breakfast early Sunday morning to finalize strategies. Shown in left panel are Dr. William Bryant, Mark Clark, State Senator Larry Young, City Councilwoman Iris Reeves. Shown in right panel are Danise Jones-Dorsey, Yolanda Hart and school board commissioner Meldon Hollis. In the background (left panel) other Marylanders exchange ideas.

MARYLANDERS WORK HARD AT SUMMIT

REV. FRANK M. REID, III, pastor of Bethel AME Church, gives the thumbs up sign after hearing the Rev. Jesse Jackson's challenging speech last Saturday.

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PROUD OF THE MARYLAND FLAG were delegation members Larry Young, Sissy Bryant, William Bryant, AFRO President Frances Draper and Val Emery, Jr.

"I JUST HAD TO BE HERE" explained Carlton Douglass, president of the National Funeral Directors Association, who joined the Maryland delegation late Friday evening after seeing a story about the Summit on television.

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Social Services forums

(BALTIMORE) — Shirley E. Marcus, acting director, Baltimore City Department of Social Services (DCDSS) has announced that BCDSS is beginning a series of Councilmanic Forums in each of the six City Council Districts.

The first series of forums beginning a series of forums will focus on Project Independence Maryland's Welfare to Work Reform. Project Independence, as part of the federally legislated Family Support Act, will impact directly many families, schools, business, and neighborhoods in Baltimore.

Forums were held April 24 and 26 in the first and second districts, respectively.

BCDSS is sponsoring the forums in cooperation with the Office of Employment Development, the Baltimore Urban League, the Baltimore City Department of Education, the Mayor's Office of Children and Youth, and the Baltimore Literacy Corporation.

The following is a list of the remaining Forum dates and locations (All Forums meet 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.):

Third District, April 28, 1989, St. Mary's Church of the Assumption — 5502 York Road; Fourth District, May 1, 1989, Mayor's Multipurpose Center, 3939 Reisterstown Road.

Fifth District, May 10, 1989, Northwest Baltimore Corporation, 3319 W. Belvedere Avenue, and; Sixth District, May 5, 1989, Federal Hill Elementary School, P.S. #45, Auditorium, 1049 William Street.

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Coppin presents Law Day

Coppin State College will present its Seventeenth Annual Law Day observance May 3, 1989, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. May is the month in which law enforcement representatives and departments are honored. Dr. Elizabeth Gray initiated the custom of celebrating Law Day at Coppin by inviting alumni back so they may meet with high school students and current Coppin students who are majoring in Criminal Justice.

The theme, "Careers in Law Enforcement Start at Coppin State College," will be addressed by three guest speakers. Special Agent Tyrone Powers of the Federal Bureau of Investigation will let students know about how Coppin helped him achieve success in his field.

Inspector Christine Norris of the U.S. Customs Department will speak to students about employment possibilities in Customs and Dr. Clayton McNeill, Dean of Students at Coppin, will give students more details about a major in Criminal Justice.

Church group responding to Sudan famine, civil war

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In just a week or so, the rainy season will come to the southern part of Sudan, making roads and airstrips in the civil war-torn region of the north African country impassable.

The rains will also put at risk — through starvation and illness — the lives of hundreds of thousands of Sudanese.

North American and European churches, joining with non-governmental agencies such as the Red Cross and — finally — the United Nations and the U.S. government, have mounted a major relief effort aimed at saving those lives.

But the effort is complicated by political, military and religious obstacles that continuously threaten the delivery of food, medicine and other relief material.

According to the United Nations, in 1988 an estimated 250,000 people died from famine-related causes in the Sudan — a famine caused not just by drought but also by a bloody civil war between Moslem Arabs in the northern part of the country and black African tribes in the southern, many of whom are Christian.

The civil war, according to church and international agency officials, has created 2 million to 3 million refugees in the south and has prevented food from reaching them.

"The dislocation of tribal people from their nomad lands is devastating," said Dean Hancock, an executive with the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

Hancock, who recently visited the Sudan and a number of the refugee camps, described a grim situation — meager food, sheets of plastic for shelter, little water — and then added:

"I was only seeing the good parts of Sudan. Nobody's been allowed in the middle of South Sudan . . . where the food has been cut."

But he cited one grim clue: the discovery of 8,000 bodies of those trying to escape Sudan found along the routes to Itang, a town in neighboring Ethiopia.

In mid-April, the United Nation's Operation Lifeline Sudan, said Western nation's had pledged $133 million to fight the famine.

A number of church groups, including Church World Service, Lutheran World Relief, the Mennonite Central Committee, Catholic Relief Services and World Vision have been involved for years in the relief effort and are expected to play critical roles in the distribution effort.

In addition, a number of the church groups are pushing for changes in U.S. policy that could increase and speed delivery of U.S. aid to the troubled area and prepare for long-term development when peace does come.

In March, Church World Service and Lutheran World Relief sponsored a delegation of Sudanese church leaders from the Sudan Council of Churches who met with administration and congressional leaders to urge a more active U.S. role in promoting a cease-fire in southern Sudan, assuring safe passage of relief supplies and encouraging a durable peace settlement.

SUDAN — A group of women sit inside a tent in the feeding camp at Muglad. Hundreds of starving people are arriving at camps like this one each week. (UPI)

"We appreciate recent U.S. government statements of concern about the situation in the Sudan," said the Rev. Ezekil Kutjok, general secretary of the Sudan Council of Churches, citing statements by President Bush and Secretary of State James Baker.

U.S. church officials also said the administration is beginning to respond. But continued war, including attacks on U.N. food convoys, raised questions of whether the emergency relief operation would succeed.

But one church official said in an interview, "The church is the long distance runner in this particular case. The churches have been there for years and we'll be there for the long haul, too."

S.Africa security forces are confined

WINDHOEK, Namibia — South Africa announced Friday it would confine its security forces in Namibia to base for a 60-hour period beginning Wednesday to allow SWAPO guerrillas to leave the territory without fear of harassment.

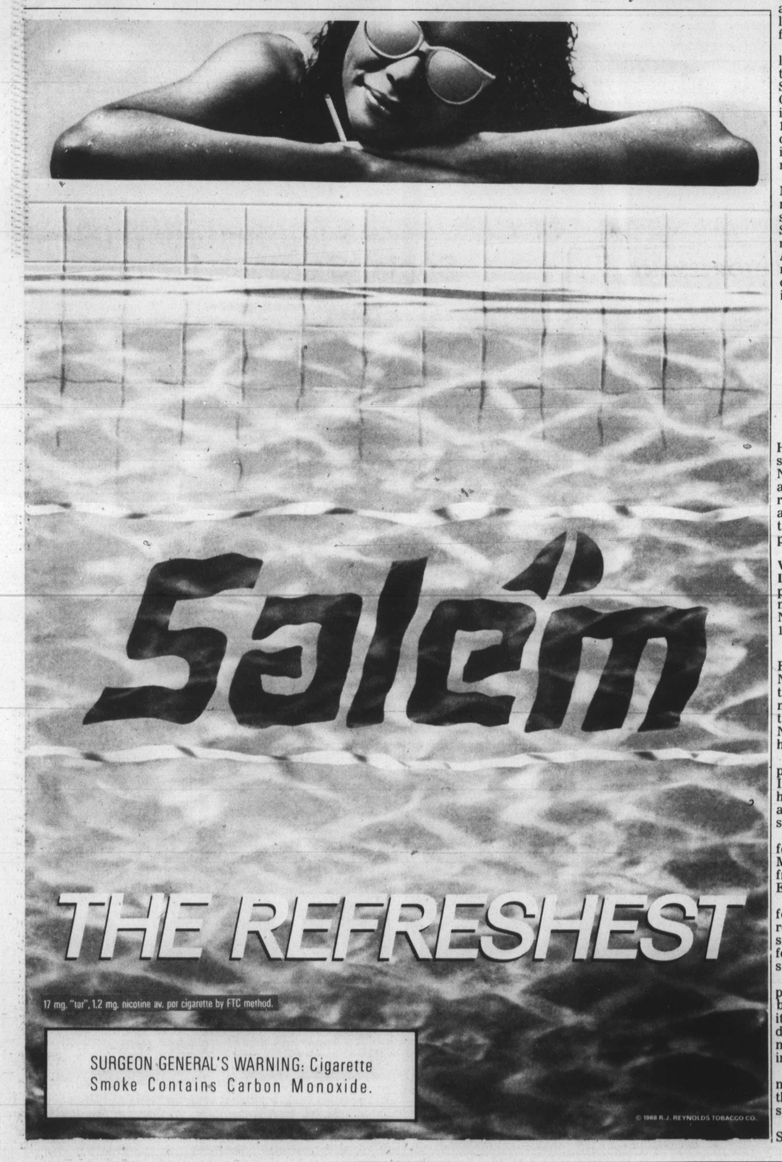
The announcement evidently was intended to speed up the return of guerrillas of the South West Africa People's Organization, SWAPO, whose incursions into Namibia April 1 upset the U.N. — run independence program and ignited fierce clashes that left more than 300 people dead.

South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha, in a statement released a day after a special meeting of Angolan, South African and Cuban negotiators at the Namibia-Angola border, affirmed the minority white government's commitment to the Namibian independence process.

"The South African government had decided that the security forces in South West Africa-Namibia would return to base and remain there for a period of 60 hours, starting at 1800 (hours) on Wednesday to enable SWAPO infiltrators to leave the territory," Botha said.

"South Africa gives the assurance that SWAPO infiltrators will be allowed unhindered return to Angola during the period in question," he added.

South African-backed forces had been confined to base under the independence plan, but were freed from restriction after the SWAPO incursions as the U.N. peacekeeping force struggled to bring its force up to full strength.



Nigerians charged in credit card scam

NORFOLK, Va. — South Hampton Roads authorities since 1987 have charged 22 Nigerian nationals with check and credit card fraud representing a $170,000 loss to area businesses and more than $400,000 annually, a published report says.

Investigators told **The Virginia-Pilot** and **The Ledger-Star** in interviews published Sunday that national credit card losses to Nigerians totaled $2 billion in 1988.

A 1987 report done by the FBI, the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the U.S. Education Department said 75 to 90 percent of the estimated 50,000 Nigerians in the United States have been involved.

Local check squads, state police, the Secret Service, the INS and postal inspectors all have been involved in an area-wide Nigerian task force since 1987.

The investigators said Norfolk, New York City and Miami have been hotbeds of fraudulent activity on the Eastern Seaboard.

The authorities cited Norfolk for a miscellany of reasons: two public universities, Old Dominion and Norfolk state, admit Nigerian students:

Norfolk International Airport is near businesses and banks; and, most important, it is easy to get a Virginia driver's license, which then may be used for identification in other states.

Fraud investigators said most Nigerian nationals enter the United States by getting student or visitor visas.

It is easy to enter the United States for various reasons, the newspaper reported. In Nigeria, birth certificates rarely are completed; a citizen merely declares his name and birth date.

In addition, more than 50,000 black Nigerian passports have been reported stolen in the past nine years.

It means a Nigerian can enter this country using any name, Investigator Robert Lang of the Norfolk check squad said. It also means that Nigerians who have been deported may re-enter this country by altering their names.

"No one really knows how" the scan is learned, INS Special Agent Thomas Sochor said. "I talked to a Nigerian who said you're responsible to teach newcomers. I've had others say there's a booklet . . . Another (said) there's a school in Nigeria or Washington. What the true story is, I have no idea."

Officials at the Nigerian Embassy in Washington could not be reached for comment, the newspaper said.

Lang said many of the crimes in this country are linked to credit cards, involving the use of bogus credit cards to purchase big-ticket items or as a way of identification to begin a check-fraud scheme.

Nigerians often apply for credit cards using derivatives of their own name, names of professionals in telephone directories or names of people in personnel files at work, investigators said..

Nigerians also may use credit cards as a second method of identification — the first being bogus driver's licenses. Investigators said both are often needed to open bogus bank accounts.