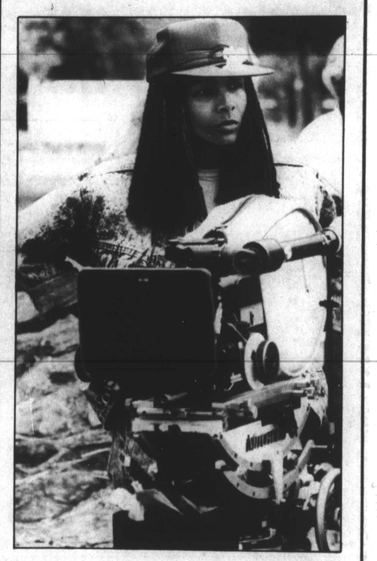
ENTERTAINMENT/ LIFESTYLE

FASHION — The Congressional Black Caucus Spouses will present the 13th annual fashion show galas on Sept. 15-16 at the Washington Hilton Hotel during the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's 19th annual legislative Weekend. The dedicated group of outstanding women include: (standing, left to right) Edna Hayes, Illinois; Alma Rangel, New York; Elaine Flake, New York; Andrea Gray, Pennsylvania; Betty Dixon, California; Alice Dymally, California; Lillian Lewis, Georgia; (seated left to right) Elsie Hawkins, California; Harriette Crockett, M.D., Michigan; Dorothy Fauntroy, District of Columbia; Fashion Show Chair, Dorothy Ford, Tennessee; Roscoe Dellums, California; Gwen Towns, New York. Not pictured are Carol Clay, Missouri; Jay Stokes, Ohio; Alison Leland, Esq., Texas; Sheila Espy, Mississippi. The popular fashion shows will attract more than 6,000 delegates and are a major fundraising event. Proceeds raised will benefit the undergraduate scholarship program of CBC Spouses and the CBC Graduate Fellows Program.



DIRECTIONS — Euzhan Palcy, the young internationally acclaimed director is both writer and director of the upcoming film, A Dry White Season. A story about black life under apartheid.

New Orleans artists hold homeless benefit

The 5th Annual New Orleans Artists Against Hunger & Homelessness (NOAAHH) Benefit Concert has been slated for Wednesday, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Auditorium, and tickets are now on sale, organizers announced today.

The concert will feature its usual strong line up of local musicians, including The Neville Brothers, Dr. John, The Radiators, Allen Toussaint, Irma Thomas, and The Dirty Dozen Brass Band. Special guests Ry Cooder and Rita Coolidge will also appear.

More musicians are expected to be added prior to the event.

Sister Jane Remson, President of the NOAAHH Board of Directors, said, "This concert represents one of the most significant annual gatherings of New Orleans musicians. And what's really special about it is that it's all done to aid the needy in our community."

According to Remson, NOAAHH has distributed more than $124,000 in grants to agencies serving the hungry and homeless in the New Orleans area.

International News

Mubarak to help mediate West Africa dispute

DAKAR, Senegal — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak will help West African neighbors Senegal and Mauritania mediate an ethnic and territorial dispute that led the two countries to sever diplomatic relations and fueled fears of a war.

But the government of Senegalese President Abdou Diouf said Tuesday it would use "all the necessary means" to defend its territory and urged Mauritania to stop forcibly deporting thousands of Black Mauritanians to Senegal.

Mubarak will visit both Senegal and Mauritania during the first 10 days of September in his capacity as the current head of the Organization of African Unity to try to resolve the bitter 5-month-old dispute, Foreign Minister Ibrahima Fall told a news conference.

"It is clear that Senegal remains attached to resolving the conflict by peaceful means, that this is its preferred way and that Senegal will continue to work for a global and peaceful solution," the foreign minister said.

"But let there be no mistake about the determination of Senegal to defend its territorial integrity, its sovereignty and its independence by all the necessary means," the foreign minister said.

The Senegalese foreign minister called on Mauritania to halt its policy of forcibly deporting black Mauritanians to the River Senegal that runs along the frontier with Senegal.

He said 40,000 Mauritanians had been deported so far, many of them camping on the Senegalese side of the frontier.

Senegal formally broke off diplomatic relations Monday with Mauritania and ordered the last two Mauritanian diplomats out of Dakar in retaliation for the expulsion of the Senegalese Ambassador Ousmane Camara for "activities incompatible with his status."

Camara apparently was expelled because of a letter he sent to the diplomatic corps in the sand-swept capital, blaming Mauritania for the dispute. Mauritania recalled its ambassador from Dakar in May.

The Senegalese foreign minister said the government was investigating a Senegalese media report that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's government had delivered 31 tons of rockets, ground-to-ground missiles and other munitions to Mauritanian leader Ould Sid Ahmad Taya.

"We cannot confirm specifically the delivery of Iraqi arms but our investigations continue," he said.

In the Gulf, a Gulf-based Arab government official confirmed to United Press International that Iraq was supplying arms to Mauritania with the approval of Saudi Arabia as a show of Arab solidarity.

Troops have been massed on both sides of the Senegalese - Mauritanian border since hundreds of people were killed in ethnic and nationalistic rioting swept the two capitals in April.

Diplomatic sources said the break in diplomatic relations fueled fears of war between the two African states. There have been reports that Senegal was planning to recall 1,500 troops and gendarmes in service in Gambia, but the foreign minister said they would remain there for now.

The streets of Dakar were calm Tuesday and political experts said Senegalese public opinion generally was in favor of the rupture in relations.

AGREEMENT — Smiles and laughter were shared as Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens and Kenya's Dr. Robert Ouko (seated right) and their aides celebrate the signing of an Economic and Technological pact between the two countries. Arens is the first Israeli official to visit Kenya in 16 years.

Great Trek

On Sept. 4, in Rabat, Morocco, a unique press conference will take place under the auspices of the Royal Palace of King Hassan II.

In a joint announcement, representatives from the United States, Morocco, Libya, Algeria and Egypt will announce plans for a camel caravan which will attempt the first-ever crossing of the Sahara Desert from west to east on camelback.

The America to Africa Society and Le Grand Atlas Association, non-profit organizations dedicated to generating positive relations between Africans and Americans, are coordinating the venture.

Scheduled to begin in September, 1990, the trek will originate at Agadir in Morocco on the Atlantic Ocean and end about 180 days later in Egypt on the Red Sea.

The Sahara, the world's largest desert, has never been crossed from the Atlantic to the Red Sea using traditional means of transportation. An international team of 12 members will make the grueling 3,500-mile journey. The team will include six Africans and six non-Africans.

Police gas Tutu rally

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Police used tear gas to break up a gathering of school children, community and church leaders including Angelican Archbishop Desmond Tutu outside a church in a black township, the Anglican Church said.

No casualties were reported in the incident, but at a news conference at his residence, Tutu said, "I don't want to be melodramatic, but it seems to be that we are on the brink of a very serious catastrophe."

Referring to police action against the unarmed protesters, Tutu said, "Today showed such incredible impatience and eagerness to use the whole range of their armory, it is going to be a miracle if we do not have people getting killed."

Students erected barricades of burning tires and threw stones at police in at least four residential areas in Cape Town townships set aside for people of mixed race. In one incident, police fired teargas and rubber bullets, and entered a university campus to use whips on demonstrating students.

Gary Gordon, 17, was shot by police during a protest in the South African township of Mitchells Plain.

The protests were part of a non-violent program of action to highlight racial inequality that began last month with blacks going to "white only" hospitals to demand medical treatment, and was followed by restricted organizations declaring themselves free to operate.

The incident involving Tutu erupted after the archbishop and other church and community leaders visited a school in Guguletu near Cape Town to talk teachers and students out of marching to the police station to demand the release of colleagues detained without charge under a 3-year-old state of emergency.

Police, meanwhile arrived outside the school and issued a 5-minute warning for the gathering to disperse, but they moderated their demand to 30 minutes at the request of the community leaders, according to the church's statement issued by press secretary John Allen.

Zaire talks underway

GOMA, Zaire — South Africa's acting President Frederik de Klerk and senior aides flew to Zaire Friday for talks with President Mobutu Sese Seko on putting a troubled Angolan peace plan back on track.

The talks, expected to focus on regional affairs and ties between Zaire and White-ruled South Africa, took on a new sense of urgency as the Angolan peace process began showing increasing signs of breaking down.