

'Provocateurs' happy to see riots

NEW ORLEANS — "Provocateurs" on both the left and the right are happy to see blacks riot, the Rev. Jesse Jackson says, but the black community must not fall into their trap.

Jackson said Sunday he believed the shooting of Urban League President Vernon Jordan was the product of a conspiracy designed to touch off rioting, which was averted because Jordan was not killed.

"I have seen riot provocateurs on the left and the right," Jackson said in an interview with UPI. "Our young people must not be forced from genocide to suicide by these provocateurs. We must not shift our focus from the White House, Congress and the Supreme Court."

Jackson said four methods were more effective than rioting for blacks to show discontent — "mass, disciplined marches," voting, lobbying and economic boycotts.

Jackson, who heads Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity), was in New Orleans to prepare for the national PUSH convention, July 14-19. He said racial tensions now cut across the country and are "qualitatively different" from the 1960s, the last period of extreme racial unrest in the United States.

As examples of the broad range, he cited disturbances in Greensboro, N.C.; Wichita, Kan.; Oklahoma City, Miami and the shooting of Jordan in Fort Wayne, Ind.

"In most urban areas now, the temperature is very high," he said. "Tension is great, because you have a combination of high unemployment and high inflation, a collapse of confidence in the judicial system."

Jackson said private sector jobs are scarce, public sector jobs are being cut and welfare is an unattractive "trap" with little hope.

"All three economic doors are closing in on black people," he said. "You have a pressure cooker with no safety valve. The Supreme Court is not a safety valve; the Congress is not a safety valve. It's more to the right of the president. So people either get relief or they will revolt. People need relief."

Saying he was convinced Jordan was shot in a political conspiracy, "not a statement of passion," Jackson said the public focus must be on the culprit rather than the motive.

"Vernon has lived and there was no riot. People went to church rather than the streets. To that extent, the strategy (of the culprit) has been stifled."

Jackson, who has not yet endorsed a candidate for president, said blacks face a dilemma choosing between President Carter and Ronald Reagan.

"Our options have been reduced by the Republicans coming up with an extremist such as Reagan and Carter conceding to the balance-the-budget hysteria," he said. "The only way that Mr. Carter can open up that gap is to drop the economic strangulation policy and go to the economic stimulation policy."

Carter visits Jordan; agents focus on campsite, interview

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — President Carter visited Vernon Jordan and reaffirmed his belief the wounded black civil rights leader was the victim of an assassination attempt. Monday, investigators focused on a crude campsite and a promised interview with a woman witness.

Carter traveled from Camp David Sunday to visit Jordan at Parkview Memorial Hospital.

Jordan, 44, director of the National Urban League, was reported in serious but improving condition. He was shot in the back last Thursday as he stepped from a car in the parking lot of his hotel.

Federal agents and police said they had finally obtained a promise of an interview today with Martha Coleman, who was with Jordan when he was ambushed.

Coleman, 36, is an Urban League volunteer who

drove Jordan back to the hotel and witnessed the shooting.

Shortly after President Carter ended his visit, police discovered a crude campsite within a quarter mile of where the sniper stood when he shot the rights leader.

Authorities said the canvas lean-to tent was located across Interstate 69 from the Marriott Inn Motel. Authorities screened the area thoroughly for evidence that might link the campsite with the shooting.

Police said they had gotten some leads from certain questions asked of Coleman earlier, but they still anxious to talk to her directly.

"We've been trying to reinterview Coleman last Thursday," Fort Wayne Police Maj. Kenneth Van Ryn said.

Jr. Olympics registration ends today

Registration ends today for a Junior Olympics program for College Station children. The program, which will include workouts and track meets, will run from June 4th through July 10th.

Boys and girls of ages 8-13 will participate in a program designed to improve their motor skills. Activities will include running, relays, and basic track and field skills. Participants in the program will take part in local track meets. Winners at these meets will go to the State Junior Olympic meet in the latter part of July.

A second phase of the program will be geared towards boys and girls of age 14-17. This phase will be oriented more towards competition, and will involve regional and state meets.

The cost of the program is \$8 per child or \$16 per family. Registration takes place at Oakwood school from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and from 6 to 7 p.m.

Baton lessons begin June 9

The Bryan Parks and Recreation Department will offer baton twirling lessons for girls 7 through 16 years-old.

Lessons will begin June 9th, and will run for 10 weeks. The lessons will be held at the Stephen F. Austin school gym from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

The cost of the lessons is \$10 per student. One can register by calling 779-5622 extension 323.

Fletcher appointed engineering dean

Dr. Leroy S. Fletcher of the University of Virginia has been appointed an associate dean in Texas A&M University's College of Engineering, announced Dean Robert H. Page.

Page said Fletcher will join the faculty July 16 and will provide leadership to enhance graduate engineering education activities, among other duties. The appointment was approved Tuesday by the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents.

A 1958 Texas A&M graduate, Fletcher taught and was acting associate dean of engineering at Rutgers University while Page was an administrator there. Fletcher also taught at Stanford and Arizona State Universities while working on his advanced degrees.

He received a master's degree at Stanford in 1963 and Ph.D. at Arizona State in 1968. Fletcher was an aerospace engineering professor and administrator at Rutgers from 1968-75. He went to Charlottesville, Va., in 1975 as professor and chairman of the Mechanical Engineering Department and later directed Virginia's Center for Energy Analysis.

Fletcher was a research scientist and project engineer at NASA's Ames Research Center in California before going to Stanford.

"He has an outstanding record in engineering education and engineering professional societies," said Page.

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