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AMHERST, Mass. (AP)—Twenty years after race riots tore up cities and an assassin killed civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., a rise in campus racial incidents is shaking some of the nation's ivory towers.

"Even from our crude figures we can see a tremendous increase in the number of reports of racial incidents in schools," said Eva Sears of the Center for Democratic Renewal, a Ku Klux Klan watchdog group in Atlanta.

"We're not talking about juvenile jokes here," she said. "We're talking about something that can have a horribly, horribly vicious outcome."

The number of incidents logged by the center has jumped from 14 in 1985 to 56 last year, she said.

They range from racist jokes on a talk show at the University of Michigan last year to alleged beatings of black students by whites at the University of Massachusetts in 1986 and earlier this year.

Last spring, a caricature of a black man with a bone through his nose was drawn on a University of Wisconsin fraternity lawn.

At the University of Pennsylvania last week, campus police maintained round-the-clock protection for a black activist who reportedly received death threats.

A school fraternity was ordered to close for 18 months for sponsoring a strip show in which white students jeered black dancers.

In Massachusetts, some 40 mem-

bers of minority groups at Hampshire College ended a nine-day takeover of a school building last week to protest racism.

A similar takeover at the nearby University of Massachusetts ended late last month after meetings with the school's chancellor.

And more than 300 Dartmouth students rallied in Hanover, N.H., last week to protest bigotry while police guarded the offices of a conservative weekly publication that launched stinging attacks on a black professor.

Joseph E. Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Atlanta, said, "It was just a matter of time before things began erupting."

"I have sensed a smoldering, growing distrust on campuses for a number of years. I think emotions have run from dissatisfaction to disgust and from disappointment to outrage."

Black leaders say recent racial unrest is rooted in an apparent lack of civil rights progress in the last two decades.

Samuel L. Myers, president of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, which represents 117 predominantly black colleges, said, "We've come to the 20-year anniversary of the riots of 1967 and the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King and I think people are saying, 'Wait a minute, things haven't improved for blacks,'"

Black leaders, like Reginald Wilson, director of the American Council on Education's office of minority concerns, say the embers of racial hatred have been ignited by attempts to recruit blacks and keep them in college.

"Many whites come to campus assuming everyone is the same," he said. "And they see special minority centers here and Hispanic centers there."

"You get a sense of resentment. 'What is he getting that for?'"

But there are signs that many students are resisting racism.

More than 1,400 blacks and whites rallied at the University of Michigan last year to denounce a racist act on campus. More than 100 whites stood in bone-chilling cold in the basement of the University of Texas at Austin last month in support of 125 students holding a building

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Answers sought as probe begins into plane crash

DENVER (AP) - Investigators holding hearings this week on the crash of a Continental Airlines jet that killed 28 people will be looking at ice buildup on the wings, turbulence from another plane and inexperienced pilots as possible causes.

Fifty-four other people were injured Nov. 15 when Flight 1713 flipped over while taking off from Stapleton International Airport in a snowstorm. The aircraft, a DC-9, broke into three pieces as it slammed into a runway.

Officials will question 29 witnesses and survivors during a four day hearing on the crash that begins Tuesday. The investigation may also look at fire and rescue operations that followed the crash.

Engine failure has been ruled out as a contributing cause in the crash, NTSB spokesman Ted Lopatkiewicz said Friday.

"There's no evidence of malfunction before the loss of control of the aircraft," he said.

The hearing will not be like a courtroom case, Lopatkiewicz stressed in an interview from Washington.

"This is not an adversarial proceeding," he said. "It is to elicit information. There will be no finding at the end of the hearing."

A final report, he said, would probably be released around the end of the year. NTSB board member Joseph T. Nall will be chairman of the board of inquiry, on which three other NTSB staff members will serve, Lopatkiewicz said.

A technical panel of NTSB staff members will conduct most of the questioning, he said.

Witnesses, Lopatkiewicz said, include survivors, air-traffic controllers, members of the flight crew, FAA representatives and rescue crew members.

"We probably will be looking at cold weather operations, de-icing

procedures, the performance of the DC-9, flight crew training and scheduling," he said.

The crash of Flight 1713, which trapped some of the victims in the wreckage for more than six hours, was the first involving commercial fatalities at Stapleton in more than 26 years.

It occurred during Denver's first major storm of the season, which dropped six inches of snow. With winds gusting from the north at more than 20 mph and snow whipping across the tarmac, officials closed the east-west runway, putting all departing and arriving traffic on the open north-south runway.

Flight 1713, which originated in Oklahoma City and whose destination was Boise, Idaho, was 1 1/2 hours behind schedule when it took off.

Since both the pilot and co-pilot are among the dead, physical evidence and tape recordings must tell the story of what happened to Flight 1713 as snow swirled across Runway 35-L.

Tapes show that within seconds after the plane took off came the sound of a stalling engine, an explosive, a bang, more engine stalling and impact. But investigators said there is no evidence that would point directly to the cause of the crash.

Lopatkiewicz said examination of the engines showed they were thrusting at full power from the time the jet took off until it crashed.

Both eyewitnesses and Richard Shevell, a Stanford University aeronautics professor who worked on DC-9s, have questioned whether the time between the de-icing and take-off — at least 23 minutes — allowed ice to accumulate on the wings and contributed to the crash.

JERUSALEM (AP) - Israeli soldiers killed two Arab teenagers Sunday and dragged an injured boy from his bed during a 10-day siege at two hospitals in the occupied territories, officials said.

Arab protesters hoisted hundreds of outlawed Palestinian flags to mark a PLO-organized "Flag Day."

The army said an officer and two soldiers were indicted on charges of aggravated assault in connection with the beating of two bound Arabs in the West Bank city of Nabulus in February.

The beating, which lasted more than 30 minutes, was taped by CBS News and sparked international criticism of the crackdown in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, which Israel occupied after the 1967 Middle East war.

Sunday's fatalities brought to 83 the number of Palestinians killed since violence erupted in the occupied territories on Dec. 9, according to U.N. figures.

Army officials said one Palestinian was fatally shot in the Askar refugee camp in the West Bank about 40 miles north of Jerusalem after shots were fired at troops.

The Palestine Press Service identified the victim as Khalid Ardah, 17. It marked only the second time Palestinians used guns since the uprising began.

In Mazraa Sharqiya in the West Bank about 15 miles northeast of Jerusalem, Ayman Salim Al-Jabir, 18, was shot in the chest after protesters threw stones and raised Palestinian flags, hospital officials said.

Hospitals have become centers of tension in the occupied territories in recent weeks. Hospital officials say their patients no longer are safe and Israeli officials say they have become havens for protesters.

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