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Travenias Will Observe Wedding Anniversary



Mrs. Mattie Travenia



Mr. Tola Travenia

Tola and Mattie Travenia, 3308 East 13th Street, will celebrate their 48th Wedding Anniversary Thursday, January 31, 1980. The couple was married in Burleson County, Texas forty-eight years ago and moved to Lubbock twenty-six years ago. They are parents of eight children, thirty grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren. Mrs. Travenia is a faithful member of the Greater Saint Luke Baptist Church. Mr. Travenia smiled to a Digest reporter and said: "You know, I married that young lady forty-eight years ago, and I haven't grown tired of her yet."

Double Winners For Pittsburgh Steelers



DOUBLE WIN FOR STEELERS - The Pittsburgh Steelers football team won the Super Bowl game and also the heart of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Pittsburgh Steelers Franco Harris (l), all pro running back and Sam Davis (r), all pro guard and co-captain, presented a \$12,000 check to Benjamin Hooks, executive director of the NAACP. The check represented \$500 for life memberships for each of the 24 Black players on the team. Benjamin Hooks came from the east coast to Los Angeles to accept the contribution on the eve of the Super Bowl game. Hooks said, "Black athletes have done a remarkable job breaking down racial prejudice, discrimination and segregation in this country. The outstanding example of these Black members will have nationwide attention and we hope that it will spread like fire throughout the land."

Conference Of Organizations Will Host Voters' Workshop

The Conference of Organizations is sponsoring a one-day voter registration workshop on Saturday, February 2, to kick-off its 1980 drive to increase minority participation in local elections. The workshop will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 14th and Avenue O, and will begin at 9:00 a.m. The theme of the workshop will be "Hands That Picked Cotton Can Now Pick Public Officials." One workshop session, conducted by the League of Women

Voters, will be on voter registration and voter outreach. "How To Select Public Officials" is the subject of another session, led by the NAACP. A third session, dealing with the churches' role in politics, will be led by Imam Saakir H. Muhyee. Several prominent minority speakers will be addressing the workshop participants. They include Rube Bonilla, LULAC National Director; Ernest McGowan, black city councilman of Houston; Jose

Angel Gutierrez, public official in Zavala County; and Imam Ibrahim Kamal-Ud-din, regional Muslim leader from Houston. There is no fee charged for the workshop and all persons are welcomed. Several door prizes will be given away, including a black and white TV set and a Mr. Coffee brand coffee maker. For further information, call Frank Ortega at 763-0406 or Dianna Henderson at 763-8077.

EDITORIAL

"Digest Offers \$50 Reward"

Something Has To Be Done About Black Crime

It's bad enough when there is an abundance of "Black on Black" crime in the Black community. But when there are hoodlums and punks who rip off churches, this is something else. It's time to find a solution to stop this kind of activity. Even in the ghettos of Washington, D.C., Blacks do not rip off their churches. This is an outrage! It let's us all know we (Black people) are losing our Black pride very fast. When there are persons in the community who take advantage of churches, the only institution we can truly say we own, by taking possessions -- it becomes a dark day in the Black community.

Two incidents happened last week when some unknown persons took organs and speakers from Bethel African Methodist Episcopal and Ford Memorial Church of God in Christ Churches. Several thousand dollars are involved in these incidents.

Our sources are advising us (Lubbock Digest) local Blacks were responsible for these thefts. Of course, this is only 'hear say'. But, you know when the 'whispering grass' begins to talk, rarely is the information incorrect. Anyway, regardless of the persons (white, Black or Brown), they should be dealt with by local authorities.

This newspaper (Lubbock Digest) is offering a \$50 dollar bill to anyone who has pertinent information concerning these thefts. We hope there will be others in the Black community who will join us in this effort which could crack down on those persons who are responsible for these kinds of acts in the Black community of Lubbock. This information must be factual, so persons involved will be apprehended by local police. We will keep your name silent!

Maybe we had better warn those persons who are involved in this kind of activity that the Black community will not tolerate this type of action.

It is just time for this newspaper to take this kind of a stand against evils as this in the Black community. We solicit the support of the local ministers, churches, social and civic organizations to get on board with us. Cracking down on these kind of thefts against churches will help in many ways.

If there is anyone who would like to advise us of any information, call 762-3612 or 762-4605. Remember if your information is valid, you will receive a \$50 dollar bill.

This fifty dollar bill is all we can afford at this time, but we are willing to get involved and put our money where our mouth is. We hope this will become the beginning of something great in the Black community. We hope this will let those who create evil that we will tolerate it in the Black community.

Through prayer, faith, and working together, anything is possible.

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City Misses SPS Hike

Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) announced this week that it needs to increase its retail rates by 14.78 percent to the customers served by the electric company in Texas outside the city limits of Lubbock. SPS officials from across the United States who were in

Publisher Will Conduct Session

Carl Smith, senior author for MacMillan Publishing Company's new reading program, will be in Lubbock February 13 to conduct reading workshops. Two sessions will be held -- the first at 9:30 a. m. and the second at 1:30 p.m. Both sessions will be held on February 13, Room 2, in the Annex Building of Lubbock ISD Administration Offices.

Girl Scout Cookie Sale February 1st



Pictured above are Julia Galindo, Nicole Conner and Diana Ybarra, Junior Girl Scouts, Mahon Elementary School, who are expecting a "Whale of a Sale", February 1 through February 17. Mrs. Mary Helen Garcia is the troop leader.

What has become an annual American tradition continues in our community -- the annual Girl Scout cookie sale will begin February 1 and extend for two weeks, according to Mrs. Nolen Swain, president, Caprock Girl Scout Council. This year, six varieties of cookies and a cheddarette cracker will be available at \$1.50 per box. Girl Scouts of all ages will be selling chocolate and vanilla cream,

chocolate chip, country oats, mint, scot-tea, savannah, and the cheddarette throughout the council. Since 1936, cookie sale funds have been used to support troop activities, help local girls participate in national and international Girl Scout events, purchase equipment, provide program, and again this year, finance building improvements at resident Camp, Rio Blanco.

Awards for cookie sellers include one and two week cookie camperships to attend camp or other council-related activities, T-shirts, posters, patches, and certificates. The Girl Scout cookie sale will end February 17. Girls in Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lynn, Lubbock, Marley, Farmer, Swisher, Terry, and Yoakum counties will participate in the sale.

Former U. N. Ambassador Addresses Black Fraternity



JAMAICAN PRIME MINISTER ADDRESSES ALPHA PHI ALPHA: Ambassador Andrew Young (standing) introduces Jamaican Prime Minister Michael Manley to the Alpha Phi Alpha Leadership Conference, meeting in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. Seated at the dias are (from left) Prime Minister Manley; Alpha Phi Alpha President James R. Williams; Ralph Wynn, Convention Manager for the Jamaica Tourist Board; and Kermit J. Hall, Alpha's Director of General Conventions.

American foreign policy toward Third World nations was the focus of addresses by former U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations ANDREW YOUNG and Jamaican Prime Minister MICHAEL MANLEY at the Mid-winter Leadership Conference of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. The conference, held January 11-13, 1980, included meetings of the Fraternity's Board of Directors and seminars on leadership training and community action for the Fraternity officials from across the United States who were in

attendance. Ambassador Young, a member of the Fraternity, urged those present at the Conference Luncheon to return to their communities and mobilize support for an even-handed American foreign policy affecting African and Caribbean nations. Citing Congressional opposition to a pending aid package to Jamaica and policies of the International Monetary Fund insensitive to that country's needs as actions damaging to the U. S. image in the Third World, Young told the Black Americans present that America's interests lie in the reversal of such

policies and that Black America should take the lead in achieving this goal. Jamaican Prime Minister MANLEY, speaking at the Conference Banquet, reviewed the common experience of the Black American struggle for civil rights and the colonial history of nations such as Jamaica. Mr. MANLEY asserted that the present oil crisis is merely a symptom of the United States' refusal to fairly deal with the two-thirds of the world's population which is non-white. He suggested that it should be no surprise that after years of colonial

exploitation these countries would be aggressive in using their newly-found weapon -- oil. The Prime Minister also asked that Black Americans become a lobby for the cause of the Third World in order to make the United States more sensitive to the new world economic order and the aspirations of developing nations. He praised Ambassador Young for moving in this direction -- stating that Young's policies won friends for the United States "it could not understand and in numbers it could not believe."

Also during the conference... a symposium on African Caribbean Affairs was held with the panel chaired by THOMAS R. HUNT, Assistant Commissioner of Information Services, U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. Other panelists discussing the inter-relationship between Black America and Third World nations included Ambassador YOUNG; Dr. WILLIAM NELSON, Chairman of the Afro-American Studies Department at Ohio State University; MICHAEL J. PRICE, Editor-in-Chief of the Sphinx (Alpha's official magazine); RICHARD GRAYES, a student at Kentucky State University; and Mr. STONEY COOKS, Administrative Aide to Ambassador Young. According to JAMES R. WILLIAMS, U. S. Attorney for Northern Ohio and President of Alpha Phi

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Dr. Graves Honored By Girl Scouts

Dr. Lucille S. Graves, principal and founder of Mary & Mae Private School, 902 East 28th Street, has been an active Girl Scout Adult volunteer

and special booster of Girl Scouting for twenty years. She has been the leader or the assistant leader for Girl Scout 332 since 1960 which



Dr. L. S. Graves

has been composed of girls from her private school in grades 1 through 12. Through the years, ore than 125

Targeted Jobs Tax Credit Programs

With the passage by Congress of the Revenue Act of 1978

girls under Dr. Graves' leadership have enjoyed Girl Scouting. Many girls have been able to participate in summer Girl Scout camping because Dr. Graves has arranged to help them with camp clothing, equipment, health exams, and other assistance.

In showing appreciation for her works, the Caprock Girl Scout Council presented her with her twenty year pin last week.

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 6. Ex-convicts (convicted of a felony) who are economically disadvantaged and hired within

on November 1, 1978, a new tax credit is now available to employers. This credit replaces the Vocational Rehabilitation Tax Credit and the Jobs Tax Credit which expired December 31, 1978. The Targeted Jobs Tax Credit is an elective tax credit which applies to wage costs incurred by firms between January 1, 1979, and December 31, 1980, for certified employees hired after September 26, 1978. The credit varies but can go to a maximum of 50 percent of first year wages up to \$6,000

Happenings

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guerrillas maintain a drive against Ethiopian forces. In Yemen, a fragile truce is reportedly broken. In Uganda, economic and political reorganization still lags, as last hold-outs from Amin's forces surrender. In Angola, the UNITA rebel forces still fight in the southern region, despite Soviet and Cuban assistance to the national government. In Namibia, the South-West Africa People's Organization "SWAPO" has maintained its momentum in its struggle to gain national independence from the Republic of South Africa. In Zimbabwe-Rhodesia, the Patriotic Front has shown signs that it will intensify its year-old war against the Salisbury white-controlled but "black majority" gov-

ernment leaders have maintained deep reservations about the successful accomplishment of transition arrangements in Zimbabwe, because of what they see as "the basic power problem of black Africa." OAU has always maintained that internal problems were structured into their affairs by the arbitrary creation of national boundaries by the Europeans which failed to respect ancient tribal loyalties. There was no proposal for overcoming this weighty flaw.

Nicaragua — Blacks here and throughout the Caribbean have debated their role in the increasing left-of-center political currents, such as represented recently by the victorious Sandinista forces in Nicaragua. Left wing or socialist forces have represented greater rights and respects for the darker peoples throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Speculation has grown as to the eventual effect that this development may have within the United States on two levels. One is at the State Department, where growing socialist realities within the Hemisphere must be dealt with effectively. The other level is with the black American public which has tended historically to be conservative, but which will be confronted with clear choices of either moving, in spirit, at least, left-of-center—and so maintaining black hemisphere solidarity or ignoring the flow of the hemisphere's left-of-center racial tides.

5 years of release from prison or date of conviction.
 Other major features of the tax credit are detailed in Internal Revenue Service Publication 906. Certification of eligible employees in the above groups is finalized through the local Texas Employment Commission. For further information contact the local TEC office at 1602 16th Street, Lubbock, or phone 763-6416.

Alphas Meet

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Alpha, the Fraternity's Leadership Conference was held in Jamaica as a part of the organization's continued interest in African and Caribbean affairs. He noted that Alpha Phi Alpha had long expressed a kinship with Third World citizens through the leadership of its members such as Raymond Logan, W. E. B. DuBois, and Jamaican independence leader Norman Manley (father of the present Prime Minister). In 1976, the group held its general convention in Monrovia, Liberia - and special activities on African and Caribbean affairs have been held at each convention since that time. The 1979 convention in Washington, D. C. featured an address by Ghanaian Ambassador to the United States Alex Quaison-Sackey, with the participation of officials from Liberia, Jamaica and other Third World nations.

As a result of this conference, the Fraternity's Board of Directors has expressed support for additional ties with the Third World and a special committee (chaired by Professor Nelson) is reviewing the current Jamaica situation regarding the International Monetary Fund - with a view of submitting specific proposals to the United States Government officials.

(Editor's note: The following poem was written for the school newspaper at R. W. Matthews Junior High School by Ray Valencia, a ninth grader. He is 14 years of age and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sabino Valencia of 3130 Jarvis Avenue, Lubbock, Texas 79415).

Iran's Dream Or America's Nightmare?

History repeats itself in many weird ways, Khomeini, like Hitler, is doomed by his crazes.
 Iran has a dream, as everyone knows, We think they are crazy -- we say that it shows.
 A country so rich at home in its land, inside their heads there must be some sand!
 The people are puppets, with movable strings, they worship Khomeini and all that he brings.
 They kick the Shah out, then want him back; make up your minds before we attack.
 They burn up our flag, and call us bad names, but we're not the ones in the streets playing games.
 Fifty people held inside their gate, set them all free or suffer your fate.
 Try them as spies, and see what you get, WAR is the answer the world will regret.
 Cutie their hands, untie their feet before this thing grows and gathers more heat.
 We want no war -- instead we want peace; we also demand our people's release!
 You say you are holy -- then open the door before this all ends in a big ugly war.

Ray Valencia

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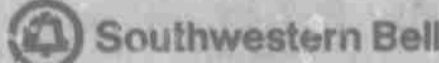
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POLICE HAPPENINGS AROUND LUBBOCK

BURGLARY OF VEHICLE

CLARENCE M. ROBINSON, 2405 B East Colgate Avenue, reported to Lubbock police that someone unknown broke into his car while it was parked in the 700 block of 13th Street one day

this week. He told police that the unknown person pried open the glove compartment and removed an envelope which contained \$50. Entry to the car was apparently gained by breaking the front left window, which was on the driver's side.

"I don't know who have known about that money," he said.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

ROBERT J. HOLLEMAN, 2404 East 5th Street, reported to Lubbock police that two juveniles took a piece of gum away from him when he was on his way home from school.

The Alderson Junior High School student told police that when tried to get his chewing gum back, one of the youth stabbed him in the stomach, just right of his navel.

ANDERSON, 1720 East 1st Place, who is an attendant at a service station at 601 4th Street, reported to Lubbock police that a man drove into the service station for some gas.

When the man had pumped \$20 worth of gas, Anderson asked for the money. The man told him that he only had pumped in \$2.00 worth of gas. The man got mad and drove off fast without paying anything.

There were two witnesses in the service station who told police they didn't want to get involved.

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Mr. C. Lang is still doing nicely from recent surgery. His children are visiting him here. Among them are a daughter, Mary Alice Anderson of

Ohio; a son, David Allen Lang of Richmond, California, and his friend, Janet Jackson of Berkeley, California.

Mr. James Thompson had surgery last Friday in Veterans Administration Hospital at Big Spring, Texas. His family visited him last Sunday. They included his wife, Andrea; daughter, Bernadette; son, Bernard; and grandson, Aaron. Mr. and Mrs. J. Paris

also visited him. At this report, he is doing nicely.

Freddy Simmons called this writer who is his aunt last Saturday night. He reports that his brother-in-law was killed Saturday in Chicago, Illinois. He was killed by a hit and run driver.

Mrs. Lin Lewis is very sick in Lubbock's Community Hospital, room 108. She has suffered another stroke. She is the sister of Mrs. Ora Lee Paul. Please, let us whisper a prayer for this family.

One of our Black city bus drivers, Bernadine, is very ill. She has been at Reese Air Force Base Hospital for a few days. She sent out-of-town from that hospital.

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Presiding over the meeting was Mrs. C. F. Fair. Opening scripture was Matthew 14:28-31, and read by Mrs. Vivian Peoples. Prayer was offered by Sister Dinwittie. Morning scripture lesson was taught by Mrs. Vivian Peoples and Mrs. Tommie Ervin. It was taken from St. John 13:36-38.

Verse 38: "Jesus answered him, with thou lay down thy life for My Sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, the cock shall not crow till thou hast denied Me thrice."

Thought for the Morning: "Be doers of the word and not hearers only." Think about it!

This was a tag team lesson. It was beautifully taught by the above mentioned ladies. The spirit was high. We shall never forget. A touching solo was sung by Mrs. Dyer. It was entitled "Because He Lives."

Breakfast was served by our gracious hostess and it was truly delicious. Are you hungry physically or

Police Happenings

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JOHNNIE LETH-RIDGE, 240 Cherry Avenue, reported to Lubbock police that someone unknown removed some of her property from under the carport one day last week.

Taken were some children clothing and an assortment of cooking vessels. They were valued at approximately \$200.

WORLD'S PRAYER
Father in Heaven, forgive us of our sins and free the innocent as we suffer for failing to pray everywhere. AMEN.

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We were happy to have Mrs. Washington and Mrs. Savage with us again. They have been real ill but continue to pray for them. They have recuperated and feeling fine these days. Thanks to each of you for coming by, because you fight up our lives.

Prayer request was made. Come let's pray together. Morning prayer was offered by Rev. Tony Williams.

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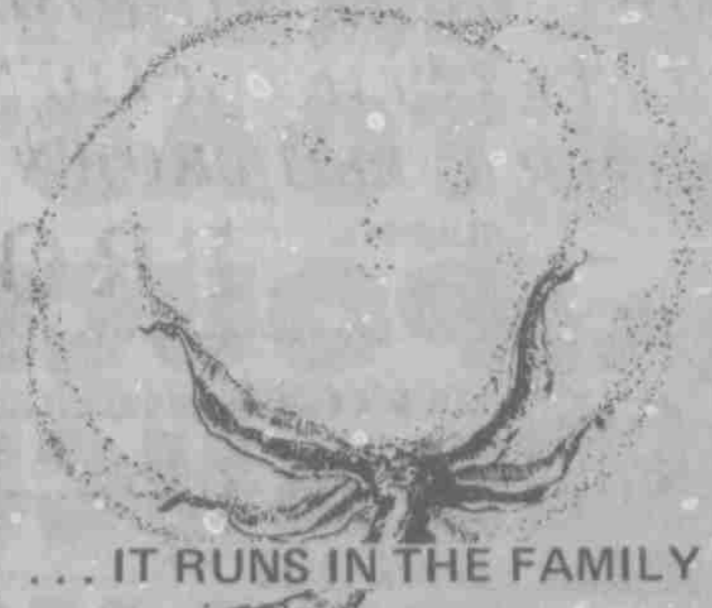
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Lubbock, Jack Webb, Lubbock District Manager, said Southwestern Public Service was not requesting a rate increase in Lubbock because present retail rates combining all classes of customers

are sufficient. "However, we will continue to monitor our Lubbock rates and if they prove insufficient, a rate increase will be presented to city officials at that time," Webb stated. Information outlin-

ing Southwestern's needs is being presented this week to officials in the cities affected. Form filling with all regulatory bodies is pending. Bert Ballengee, executive vice president of SPS, said the increase is needed for three primary reasons: inflation, the high cost of money and the cost

of switching from gas to coal. "Every one of us is affected by inflation including SPS," Ballengee said. "As our costs for making and delivering electricity continue to go up, the price must also go up. "Every one of us is also affected by high money costs, including SPS. When we borrow

money at today's record high interest rates, or sell stock, people are actually letting us use their savings to build new power plants and lines and to build new equipment. If we do not give them a reasonable return on their investment, the people will stop letting us use their money and our ability to deliver electricity to our customers will be limited.

"And every one of us is affected by the change in the way we make electricity. We must build coal-fired plants instead of the conventional gas-fired plant because of cost, supply and government regulation. Coal-fired plants cost almost twice as much as much but the electricity will still cost less than continuing to burn higher priced natural gas," Ballengee said.

Ballengee also said that based on existing rates being charged to all Texas retail

customers, SPS projected revenues for 1979 will be less than the cost of service to those customers by \$42,657,665.00.

The 14.78 percent increase is an average for all types or classes of customers. The increase will vary from one rate class to another. For example, the average monthly residential bill based on 500 units of electrical energy per month would increase \$5.43 per month.

The increase in rates would not affect the rates charged to wholesale power customers.

The last base rate increase in Southwestern's rates for retail service was based on 1977 costs and went into effect in October, 1978 and amounted to about 7 percent, well below the amount the company needed at that time.

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necessity of equity for blacks and other minorities. In the process, instead of feeling that people were "doing a favor" or "giving up their own rights" to benefit someone else, there was a growing spirit of cooperative work to see to it that only "elementary justice" prevailed.

Those who suffer from historic and deeply entrenched discrimination require equi-

table opportunity, not equal opportunity. Plato, as it has so often been noted, disparaged what he termed "an equality so-called between equal and unequal alike." If equality of opportunity is our goal, then equitable opportunity or the introduction of mechanisms for the achievement of parity is required as a means toward that goal. When our rates of affirmative action begin to become flexible enough to adjust as much as necessary to the realities described here, many roadblocks to justice may be circumvented or removed.

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Generally speaking, if the property has improvements on it, a mortgage or loan company usually escrows taxes and pays those taxes in December. However, if your taxes are not paid by a mortgage and loan company, you have until January 31, 1980, to pay those taxes before a penalty and interest charge is levied and the taxes are carried as delinquent.

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1. Remember! We are reminded by the psalmist that we should "remember." When we bring to mind the things which God has done and reflect upon them, we are ever mindful that God has given us better things than we might logically have had. God is always doing—and has always done—good things for us.

2. First things first! When we are concerned for the good things that God has done for us, we are actually putting "first things first." Then there is very little, if any, time for anything else. When we are peevish and

disgruntled about the past, it is because we have not reflected upon or remembered all the benefits which God has given us.

3. Praise changes things. As we take an attitude of appreciation toward God, toward those in our homes, toward work associates and friends and all others, we find that life is filled with rewards for us. Praise changes things. It changes others and it opens our sights so that we can see how the world is actually filled with a brightness and beauty which we all too often may have missed.



Prayer Poem

The prayer poem, or hymn, "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee," comes to us from an unknown author in the twelfth century. The words were written originally in Latin and were translated in the 1800's by Edward Caswall. The words are a compelling reminder that God's goodness never fails. It is a hymn of deep devotion to Jesus—"the sweetest name" of all.

Jesus, the very thought of thee
With sweetness fills my breast;

But sweeter far thy face to see,
And in thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find

A sweeter sound than thy blest name,
O Saviour of mankind.

Jesus, our on'ly joy be thou,
As thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be thou our glory now,
And through eternity. Amen.

Let us not forget God's benefits. His loving presence in Jesus, His saving love and hope. Worship God every week, in the congregation of those who love Him.

Ruby Jay

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Baptist Church, is asking every member to tithe on Sunday, February 3. As a member of the church, let's make this a wonderful day.

Speaking of New Hope, we had good Sunday School last Sunday morning. Our pastor, Rev. Dunn, brought a wonderful sermon. His text was taken from Deuteronomy 30:16.

Several others in the community who are ill in the community include Cynthia Ball, G. H. Davis, Clara Colquhoun, Lillie Cook and Joan A. Ervin. They were unable to attend church services last Sunday.

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Mrs. Myrta Haynes Presents Gospel Singing Musical February 5-9 Here



Mrs. Myrta Haynes

Mrs. Myrta Haynes, the wife of Bishop W. D. Haynes, presents the opening Gospel Singing Musical here for the forty-second annual Evangelist meeting at Christ Temple Church of God in Christ, 2411 Fir Avenue, February 5 through 9.

Gospel singers are invited from Texas, New Mexico and local personalities.

Special guest is John Taylor, who is involved in the Gospel Saxophone Ministry in Fort Worth, Texas. There he is heard over radio and television as well as throughout the United States.

Also appearing will be Evangelist Curtis Byrd of San Antonio.

Texas with a dynamic preaching and musical ministry, will be present for the week

long services. Tuesday night, February 5, choirs will march in at 8 p. m. The meeting will be held each night through Saturday evening. Bishop Haynes, host pastor, will deliver the official



John Taylor

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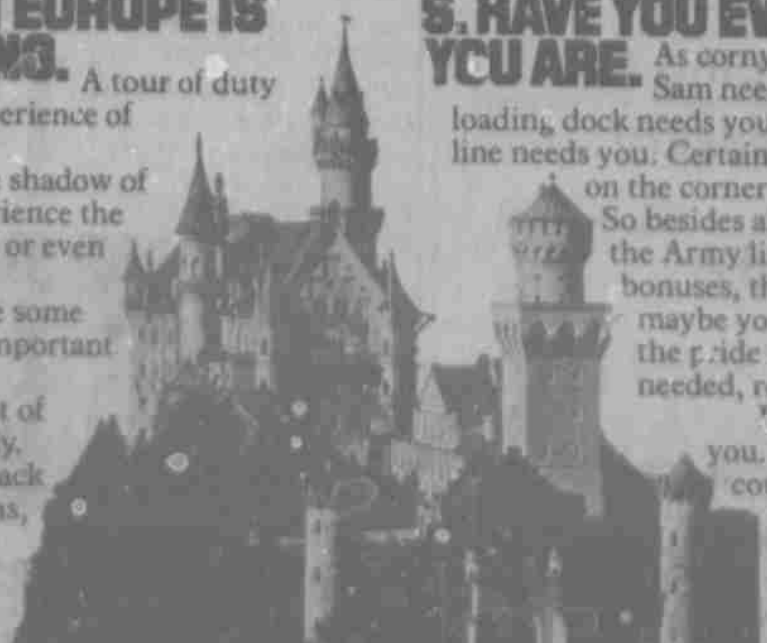
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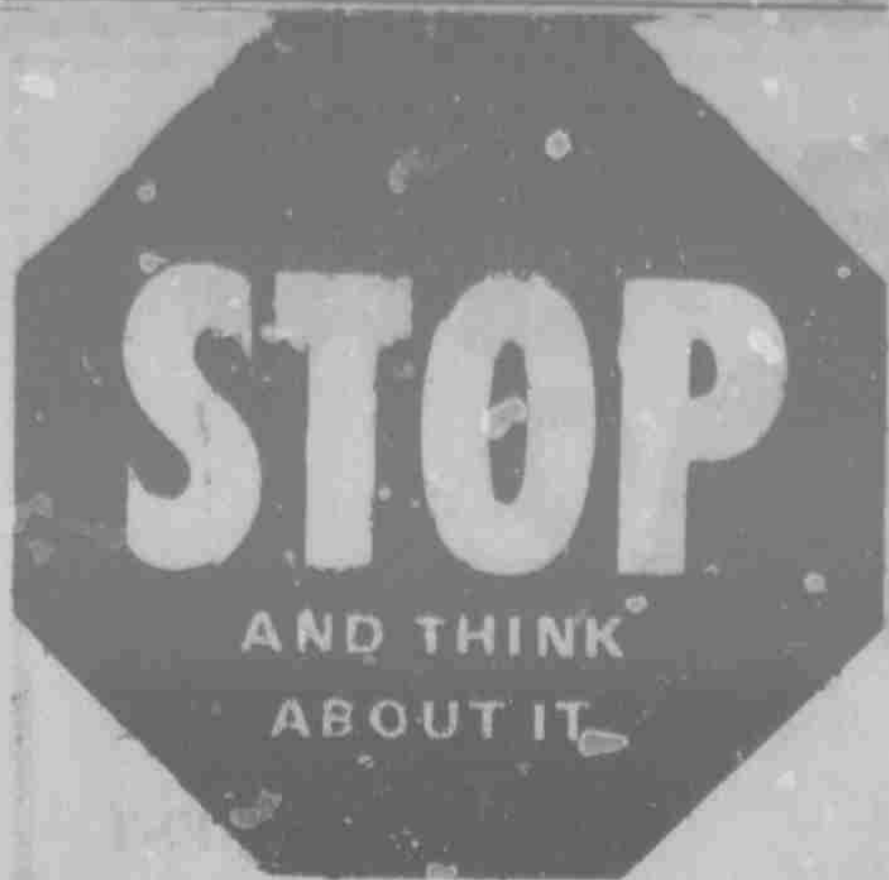
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"I know almost nothing of my African heritage. American education and social organization have forced me to forget most of that heritage except my color. I love Africa."

"I have visited her shores, traveled her deserts and mountains, crossed her rivers, and eaten, slept, sung and prayed, and lived among her fine people for years. Yet, I am not African in education, religion, language, social concepts, nor in general outlook. Not by my own choice, my language is European; my religion, Asiatic; my education and social concepts, American."

"In the late sixteenth century the traffic in slaves from the West Coast of Africa to America brought numbers of Africans to our shores to help supply the European colonists with cheap labor. The blacks were tractable and teachable, of strong bodies and reasonably alert minds. Both buyers and sellers prospered. Neither religion, law, nor social morality did more than feebly protest the trade for over a hundred years."

"Blacks were in slavery from 1619 to 1865, a total of some 246 years. They cleared the forests, built the farms, cultivated the plantations, made the roads and built the cities, and did every imaginable thing, including producing a mixed race. They received only scant board and lodging, while slaveholders grew rich enough to own over three and a half million blacks, developing the image of permanent slavery for blacks." end of quote from Richard R. Wright, Jr., PHD in his book: "87 Years Behind The Black Curtain."

losing everything we ever had. All of our heritage and culture and our close family ties are diminishing. The Black male has lost what leadership of the family he once had, because of economic, modernization and other factors.

When we have no love or respect of God's house, our Black Church, which has been the pillow of all our trials and tribulations, we are headed for trouble. It is down right low and rotten, and a dirty damn shame when we stoop so low to molest a church house in our community. It is even bad when we vandalize and steal their items.

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WHY NOT???**

We need to do a lot of house cleaning. If we would not have had some of our racial attitudes and policies in the past, maybe just maybe, we would not have some of the many problems we are now faced with.

Former Secretary of State Dean Rusk in addressing a meeting in Athens, Georgia of the National Commission for the Support of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), made a lot of sense. He made the point that some African and Third World students who were studying in this country years ago were victims of discrimination. But today, according to Rusk, some of them are Prime Ministers and Presidents of their country.

Less than ten to fifteen years ago, Rusk recalled as an example, an African diplomat could not even get a decent meal or lodging in some parts of the United States. Rusk said: "Once an African Ambassador sat in my office and asked me where could he get a haircut?" Rusk also said, present anti-American demonstrations in Third World countries are largely due to past racist practices. Many foreign officials suffered while in the U. S. as visitors and students.

It is not too late to do a better job. The entire world could do a lot of



BLACK EMPOWERMENT

By Dr. Nathaniel Wright, Jr.
Human Rights Activist

THE "EQUAL OPPORTUNITY" DANGER

There are increasing signs that the thoroughly well-intentioned supporters of our nation's present approaches to what is variously called "affirmative action" or "equal opportunity" are in trouble. Sometimes we may find that even though we have a positive and altogether worthwhile goal, we get onto the wrong track. In taking our daily and seemingly simple auto trips, we find often that we must make continuous detours, that we must back up, retrace our steps, and engage in countless fresh adjustments. But somehow, in the area of public policy-making, we seem to feel that once we have set out on one road or track, we would betray ourselves and our principles if we made any major—or, indeed, minor—adjustments.

In the affirmative action or equal opportunity public policy area we suggest that we are, and have been, in serious difficulty. We may need to engage in some adjustments or in some retracing of our steps. Before the U.S. Supreme Court's Weber affirmative action decision, black national leaders and members of Congress were open and urgent in their warnings that affirmative action—even as a principle—was a deep trouble. The "savings" of the principle in the limited concerns of the Weber case, it should be noted, has not brought our affirmative action enterprise entirely out of the woods. Affirmative action remains under continuous assault, and the problem may not rest entirely with its assailants. It may well be that so much of the problem rests in the fact that affirmative action proponents remain defensively inflexible and are

not adjusting their roadmaps to get around the roadblocks of which those seen as antagonists are warning.

The depiction of affirmative action as "reverse discrimination," for example, should suggest to proponents of affirmative action that they may need to restate their agenda in such a way that the "reverse discrimination" inference could in no way be made. But the mere label of "equal opportunity"—which does not speak to, label or define the inherent injustices in our nation's employment life—leaves open the possibility of all kinds of negative interpretations of the intentions of affirmative action. Perhaps, as has been suggested many times, at the very least a change of label is required.

Typical of the altogether sincere but divisive comments made by affirmative action detractors is the following questioning of what is termed "reverse discrimination": "My grandparents 'came over on the boat' with little but the clothes on their backs to escape injustice, inequality and poverty. They never owned slaves. They worked hard and in their passing they left little in the way of financial legacies. I wonder if the Supreme Court of this 'land of equality for all' could have satisfactorily explained reverse discrimination to them. It hasn't to me." We may speak of those who raise such questions as demagogues or racists, if that is our choice to do. But such persons will not go away and their questioning remains to haunt us and to remove much—or most—of the impact of our currently tenuous affirmative action enterprise.

Affirmative action proponents may well be so "hard of hearing" that by default they operate effectively to their own detriment. One major business firm operating out of Connecticut, a few years ago, had what it called a monumental affirmative action failure on its hands. For a number of local and product promotional reasons, the company had to rescue this operation; a new affirmative action director was brought in who summoned departmental directors and sought their assistance in ferreting out every conceivable objection to the plant's affirmative action program. Once the objections were collected and assessed, the plant officials and employee representatives were asked to come up with possible approaches which would overcome the objection which had been raised.

The perhaps surprising result was that a consensus was reached suggesting that, first, a label be placed on the affirmative action program which indicated clearly that inherited injustices were involved in hiring patterns which had to be overcome. With this in mind, the concept of "equitable opportunity" was arrived at, indicating, as in sports, that some kind of "benefit of a handicap" was required in order to achieve "parity" or equality of opportunity as an end. Giving "equal opportunity" would not bring about equality of status. It would only guarantee a preservation of a present situation, and endless resentments—as in the past—would surface.

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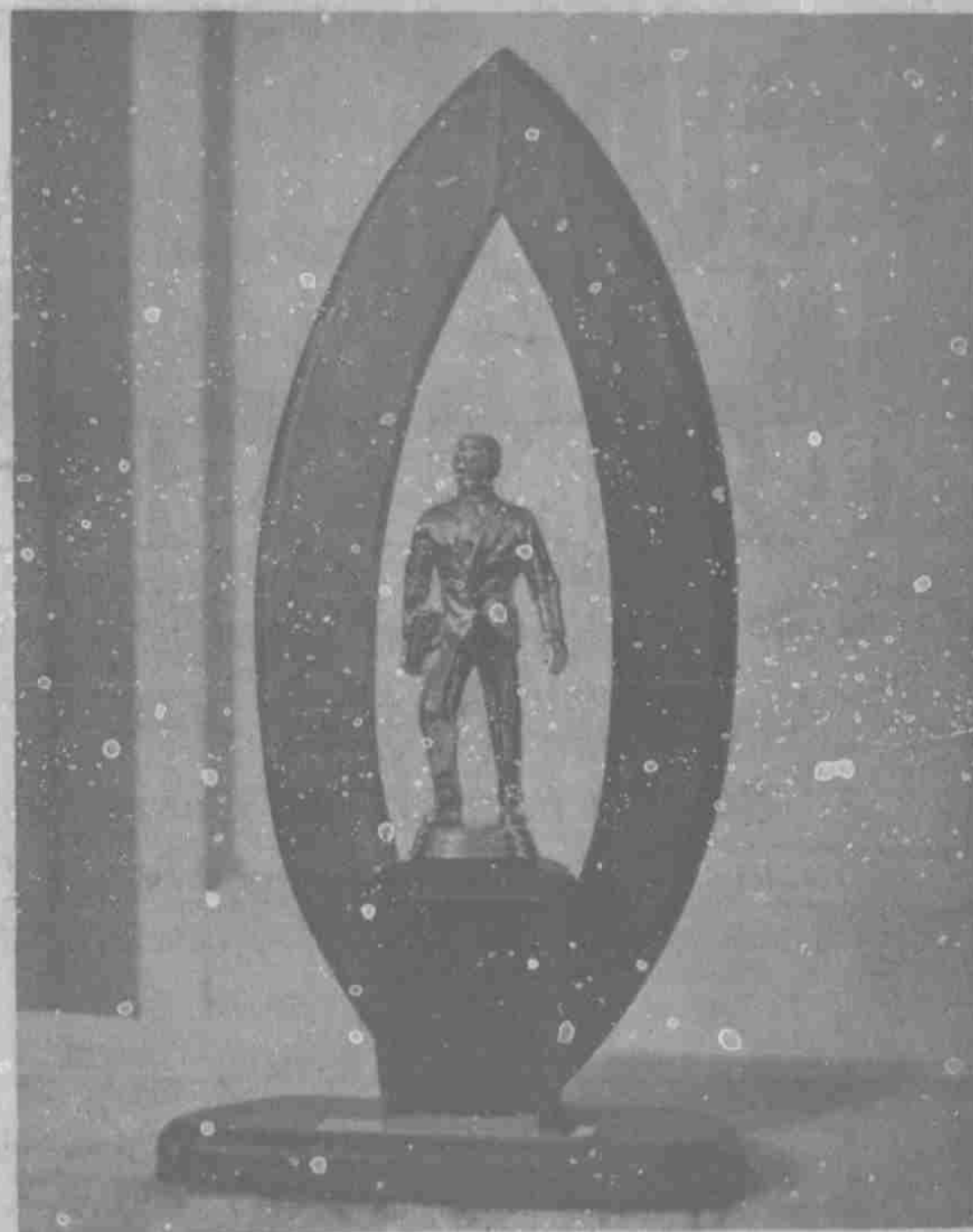
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