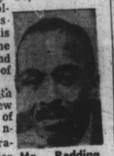
Book Review

By Saunders Redding

However carping, arguable, augumentative and ill-balanced (all of which the writer admits it may be) the reader finds the following: essentially it is a plea for the buying and reading of books.



Mr. Redding

The strength of the new media of communication — radio, television and movies — is nowhere so clearly evident as in the growing weakness of the old.

This is a development that colored Americans should deplore, since it came about before they could become independent of the oral tradition in social learning and could rear a print - oriented generation.

Rising to preeminence, the new mass media tend to vitiate the discipline and corrupt the critical attitude that stems from reading.

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ALMOST THE only forms of communicative endeavor that the American colored audience supports are in the fields of mass entertainment, and of these fields, principally music.

There are few colored Americans who do not know and cannot tell you of the latest song hit as sung by Johnny Mathis, the lowest blues as moaned by Billie Holiday, the hottest jazz as played by Count Basie, and the ripest, barrelhouse and gutbucket as heard in the intimate "clubs" of Harlem, Chicago and L.A.

A considerably smaller number of colored Americans know of and have paid money to hear Marian Anderson, despite her international fame, or to see Geoffrey Holder and Pearl Primus; and for not one in ten thousand do the names of Jacob Lawrence, John Biggers and Benjamin Wigfall ring even the faintest bell of recognition, though the colored people to whom they belong are among the most talented graphic artists of the present day.

For all the concern of most colored Americans, the older colored painters and sculptors — Tanner, Bannister and Meta Fuller — might never have been born, and the Metropolitan Museum, the Philadelphia Academy, and the Chicago Art Institute, so far as colored people are concerned, waste space by exhibiting their works.

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LITERATE classes of colored people mouth the name of Richard Wright, but not one in ten thousand can name his latest books.

A conservative guess would be that thirty or forty thousand colored people a week see the name of Langston Hughes over a column in a widely distributed newspaper, and perhaps half of them read what the column says, but mighty few have ever bought and read any of Hughes' books, among the latest of which is not only **Simple Stakes a Claim**, but the informative **Pictorial History of the Negro** and the revealing, entertaining second volume of his autobiography, **I Wonder as I Wander.**

IF A colored American audience bought books in numbers that bore even a near relation to the importance (and esthetic value) that a discriminating white audience attaches to some books by some colored authors these latter would be independent of the kind of patronage that, conceivably, subtly influences their work.

If a substantial colored audience bought books by colored authors, talented writers like Frank Yerby, Willard Motley, William Gardner Smith and James Baldwin would feel no need and have no excuse to write cheap romances, sensational potboilers and prurient banalities about white characters.

With a substantial colored audience, such writers of genuine talent, given the whole web of circumstance — historic, racial and psychological — would feel a deep responsibility to keep open and free - running a channel of truth between the races, and the tragic complaint that interracial communication is lost could never be raised.

New works by Langston Hughes, Ralph Ellison and William Gardner Smith will be published in 1958. This reviewer's wish for the new year is that they will find a larger colored audience.

Legal Advisor

By ROBERT WATTS
Baltimore Attorney

I want to know if a judge has found you guilty, can a jury find you not guilty? I had a baby and we went down town and the father was told to pay so per week.

He paid a while and his lawyer told him not to pay anymore for he was going to send the case to the grand jury. Can the grand jury find him not guilty of being the father?

Ans. You are confused. First of all, a person can only be tried once for the same offense. If he elects a trial by the judge and is found guilty, a jury couldn't find him not guilty for he can't be tried again.

In your case, he most likely was taken not before a judge, but a representative of the state's attorney's office. He was not tried and, therefore, he can demand a trial to determine if he is the father of the child.

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My husband will be confined to bed for at least two months and I want to know if I get what someone said was a power of attorney, could I get money out of the bank that is in his name?

Ans. Some banks will accept a power of attorney depending on the circumstances. I would check with the bank for if he can sign a withdrawal slip, you won't need a power of attorney.

I have a mother who is confined to a mental institution. The institution wrote me and said I had to pay for her. Do I have to pay?

Ans. It depends on your circumstances. First, a child is responsible for the support of a parent who cannot work and, of course, even though it's a state institution they charge.

If you are making enough money to provide for your needs and that of your immediate family, you will have to pay. If you cannot provide adequately for your own family they will not make you pay.

Our Readers Write

If you have a problem, let us help. Make letters short. Address AFRO Magazine Section, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore 1, Md.

HOME TOWN

N. Wilkesboro, N.C. — In the January 4 AFRO Magazine Section, were pictures of several striking young ladies. I would like to know if the lovely lady listed as Pauline Shuff could possibly be from Mount Airy, N.C.

JAMES WILLIFORD

Don't know about Mount Airy, James, but our records do have her listed as hailing from North Carolina.

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A FIRST

Charlotte Hall, Md.—In what year did sound pictures come to Baltimore, and to what movie theatre?

JAMES MOODY

Authoritative sources tell us that the Regent Theatre was first with sound pictures in 1926. The movie was Al Jolson in the "Jazz Singer."

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Shawsville, Va. — How does one go about getting in touch with Mahalia Jackson. Do you have her address?

MISS ESTHER COLES.

She may be reached through Columbia Records, 485 Madison Ave., N.Y.

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AME SCHOOLS

Jackson, Mich. — I have been an AME all my life and didn't know until I saw that article in the Magazine Section January 7, that the AME's support nine colleges.

Thank you for that information. You can bet, I'll send my children to one of them.

MRS. ELAINE MADISON

LOVELY LADIES

New York, N.Y.—Saw Carol Preston's picture on that picture page of lovely ladies you had in the December 31 AFRO Magazine. Would you be kind enough to send me her address.

HILLMAN A. YOUNG.

Sorry Mr. Young, we are not allowed to divulge that information.

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JAZZ CONCERT

Washington, D.C. — When will the Newport Jazz Festival be held this year?

P. HAMMOND.

July 3-6. Plans are to have a Duke Ellington night, and a Benny Goodman night this year.

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BOOK REVIEW

Philadelphia, Pa. — If possible, I would like to know if Saunders Redding has received "The Southerner" by Douglas Kiker in the Magazine Section during 1957.

MILES M. JACKSON JR.

It was not one of the books reviewed by Mr. Redding.

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ALTOIST

Newbern, N.C. — Is Gigi Gyrce, the alto sax player white or colored?

E. F.

Colored.

ALPHABET

Baltimore, Md. — Please settle an agrument. I claim that the Chinese language has over 2,000 letters. A friend says it has only 30, who is right. A bottle of beer is at stake.

ERNEST BROWN.

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Afraid you'll both go thirsty, for the Chinese language does not have an alphabet at all. It consists of about 20,000 characters representing syllables.

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EASTER

Wilmington, Del. — On what day did Easter come in 1952, and when will it be in 1959.?

—JAMES WALLER

April 13, 1952, and will be March 29, 1959.

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WEIGHT

Newark, N.J. — I know that in England people's weight is recorded as "stones." Just how much is a "stone."

E. A.

Fourteen pounds.

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POPULATION

Atlantic City, N.J. — Approximately what is the population of Moscow, and is it the largest city in Russia?

Moscow has a population of 7 million. It is the largest city. Next is Leningrad, 2,814,000.

Your Prayers Are Asked

For little Nuala unable to walk. . . . For brother John mentally ill. . . . For a beloved Grandpa seriously ill after an accident. . . . For a dear husband suffering from heart trouble. . . . For a dear young son suffering from a nervous breakdown. . . . For Jean and Allan's Dad dangerously ill. . . . For Winnie that her pain may be eased. . . . For a husband who has recently undergone a brain operation. . . . For brother Johnny so very ill. . . . For Laura's husband. . . . For Mrs. E. E. C. . . . For little John Phillip. . . . For a dear wife Kathleen. . . . For Sylvia that her recovery may be complete. . . . For Mrs. R. F. that her mind may be healed. . . . For a dear niece, Pat, a polio victim. . . . For daughter Doreen. . . . For Grace's husband. . . . For a wife dangerously ill in hospital. . . . For Wallace. . . . For a dear mother that her leg may be healed.

And for all sick and suffering people wherever they may be that it may please God to heal them. And that Peace may prevail in the world.

Looking For Someone

If you want to locate missing friends or relatives, enclose $1 in an envelope along with a description of the person, where and when he was last heard from. Send it to Missing Persons Editor, AFRO-AMERICAN Magazine, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, 1, Md.

Persons with information concerning these missing people address all correspondence to Missing Persons, c/o AFRO-AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore 1, Md.

Miss Lillian Carson of 224 2nd Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., is looking for her brother, Robert Carson. Light brown-skin, has gold tooth on left side, height 5' 5" and weighs about 190 pounds.

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Raymond Thompson of Vineland, N.J., is looking for his family. They may be going under the name of Mack which was his mother's name before marriage.

Mrs. W. H. Warfield is looking for Clara Casey a native of Evansville, Ind. She moved to Indianapolis, Ind., in 1927. She is short, medium brown-skin, long hair and probably about 65 or 70. She has a well known brother who lives there. He is known for his paper hanging. Her last known address was 346 Cora St.

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Herbert Gaines of Philadelphia, Pa., is looking for an old buddy of his. His last known address was Baltimore, Maryland. He was discharged from the army in 1955. He is about 27 years old.

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MRS. ELLEN CALHOUN, 2708 Fisk Rd., Baltimore, Md. is trying to locate a cousin living in Chicago, Ill. His name is Vernon Magrinne. He formerly lived in Greensville, S.C. and later resided in Baltimore. His father, Gip, and a sister, Ruth, still live in Greensville.

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MRS. IDA EDWARDS is looking for her son. Last heard from in 1955 living at 209 W. 121 St., New York 17, New York.

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MRS. LOUISE McNAIR is looking for her sister-in-law, Arcetha McNair, whose last known address was 1294 Park Avenue, N.Y.C., where she worked. Her brother is critically ill in Mercy-Douglass Hospital, Philadelphia.

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Mrs. Bertye Watson of Seaford, Delaware, is looking for Mrs. Mattie Harrison (nee Kennard). Her mother's name was Harriett Kennard and she had a brother (now deceased) named Clarence Kennard living near Cambridge, Md. Her last known address was Baltimore, Maryland.

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Frances Myers of Cooleemee, N.C. is looking for her Pen Pal, Roy Drayton who lived in Conway, S.C. but has moved to North Carolina.

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John Terry of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is looking for his adopted parents. He was adopted between the years of 1937 and 1938. Their names are Bernice and Francis Madison. "At that time the three of us lived in Charlotte, North Carolina and Sanford, North Carolina." Their last known address was Washington, D.C.

The Bridge Table

Neither side vunerable
West Dealer

NORTH
♠—Q J 4 3 2
♥—K 10 6 2
♦—J 6 3
♣—J

WEST
♠—A 8
♥—A J 9 7 4
♦—A K 7
♣—K Q 5

EAST
♠—10 9 7 5
♥—9 4
♦—9 4
♣—A 10 9 7 4 3 2

SOUTH
♠—K 6
♥—Q 8 5 3
♦—Q 10 8 5 2
♣—8 6

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
6 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: 10 of hearts

This week's hand is culled from a recent duplicate match of the Baltimore Bridge League. At all tables except one, a slam contract in clubs was reached and made.

One East-West team reached a six no trump on the sequence of bidding shown. Key to the hand was the second round jump — shift in spades by West in an effort to psych North out of a normal spade lead.

North accepted the bait and dutifully led the heart ten, South putting up the queen and declarer rising with the ace. The club suit was immediately run, declarer tossing off a spade, diamond and two hearts.

The king of hearts was conceded and declarer claimed the balance of the tricks for a clear top on the board.

Had North opened his fourth-highest spade, 'twould have been a different tale to tell.

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JUDGE PERRY B. JACKSON

He's Cleveland's Top Man

1922-29—Editor, Cleveland Call
1932-34—Member, Ohio Legislature
1934-41—Assistant Police Prosecutor
1941-42—Secretary to Director of Public Utilities
1942-to date—Municipal Court Judge, Member, National Council Boy Scouts, Grand Treasurer Elks.
1956 —Cleveland Press "Man of the Year"

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

One of Cleveland, Ohio's most distinguished citizens, Judge Perry Brooks Jackson, is not only a competent jurist but just as former President Harry Truman, he plays the piano "for his own amusement."

To the amazement of everyone; when he sits down to play, he is not embarrassed nor do his friends giggle as the legend goes.

About his tickling the ivories, Judge Jackson says: "I read notes and I think I play p-r-e-t-t-y well."

The 62 year old lawyer who, on Jan. 2, began a third term as judge in the Municipal Court, likes to play hymns, gospel songs, and not-too-difficult popular pieces.

His favorites are: "He Knows How Much We Can Bear," "It is No Secret What God Can Do," "Tennessee Waltz," and "Love Me Tender." The latter he says is "simply beautiful" the way he does it on the eighty-eight keys.

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AS HE TOOK the Lench last week, Judge Jackson became one of the few judges in his race to be elected for a third time and he has served a total of 12 years.

He was first elected in 1946 and soon endeared himself to all who came before him by his profound representation of justice tempered with wisdom and mercy.

Today he is known as the jurist who has more friends than enemies.

Prior to his 1946 election, Judge Jackson served the unexpired term of another judge. He was appointed by the then governor and now U.S. Senator John W. Bricker.

Other extra - curricular activities in the jurist's busy life include anything & everything where children are concerned. "Everyone in Cleveland knows I love children," he says.

To prove it Judge Jackson has the 1952 Silver Beaver Award of the Boy Scouts of America and he is a member of the National Boar. of the organization and vice-president of the Cleveland Boy Scouts Council.

He is the assistant superintendent of the St. John Sunday School and a member of the advisory board of the Friendly Inn Settlement.

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OTHER EVIDENCE of his love for children may be found in his interest as a member of the board of trustees of the Youth Bureau, and as a member of the board of trustees of the Cleveland Welfare Federation.

Further, his devotion to children is shown in the work Judge Jackson does with the YMCA. He is vice - chairman of the Cedar Branch Board of Managers.

He is also a member of the Cerebral Palsy Foundation School, the Mayor's Committee Juvenile Delinquency and the Traffic Safety Education Committee.

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JUDGE JACKSON and his wife, the former Miss Fern Payne of Rio Grande, Ohio, will celebrate their 27th wedding anniversary in August but they have no children and that, perhaps, says the jurist accounts for the time and care he gives to other little fellows.

His devotion to children goes farther and deeper, Judge Jackson says, and he takes keen interest in their education.

He is a member of the trustee board of the United Negro College Fund, secretary of Schauffler College, and a member of the advisory Committee of the Western Reserve University's School of Applied Sciences, a fiscal trustee of the Phyllis Wheatley Association.

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FOR HIS work in community affairs in 1956 Judge Jackson was elected Man of the Year by the Cleveland Press.

He received the 1957 Certificate of Merit from the Cedar Branch YMCA and got the Human Relations Award of the Cleveland Round Table of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Judge Jackson is a 1919 Phi Beta Ka, a graduate of the Adelbert College of Western Reserve University where he received an AB degree magna cum laude.

In 1922 he received the degree of LL.B. from the Western Reserve School of Law.

He is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity he became the fraternity's first general counsel.

He is a member of the supreme Council of Scottish Rite Masons, Prince Hall Affiliation and Grand Treasurer of the IBPOE of W and member of the Sigma Pi Phi fraternity.

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THE JURIST is a staunch Republican and has served as a delegate to several national conventions.

With no intention of neglecting his first love, the legal profession, Judge Jackson is a member of the American Bar Association, the American Judicature Society, the National Bar association, the Ohio State Bar, The Cleveland Bar, the Cuyahoga Coun. Bar and the John M. Harlan Law Club.

Members of the AME church know him as president of the church's judicial body, the black-robed Judicial Council which has been front-page news through its recent decision in the Bishop D. Ward Nichols-Bishop R. R. Wright dispute.

Judge Jackson joined the AME church when he was 16 years old and is now a member of the St. John AME Church and is a trustee there.

He became active with the Judicial Council shortly after it was created in 1952.

He takes his church tasks as seriously as his duties in the Municipal Courtroom in Cleveland's City Hall, he says.

When the Judicial Council has matters to be decided upon, Judge Jackson dons his robe and serves with serious reflection. He insists that other members of the Council do the same.

Judge Perry B. Jackson

No Dog--No Canary

About his active life he explains that he would still have time for a dog at home if it were not for the fact that he and Mrs. Jackson are so sentimental.

"We used to have a dog," he says, "but he died and we missed him so much we don't have the heart to get another one.

"The same way with our canary. It died and we were so attached to it we said we didn't want any more."

Lady From Ghana

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in dance rhythm, couples began dancing the High Life — a popular dance on the West Coast, done in the better class circles' night spots.

Miss Addae was not bitter — she resented the insinuations that Ghana was ill equipped to make its way in the community of nations.

"Of course we expect to make mistakes," she said. "No nation, new or old has ever avoided this pitfall."

There had been intimations that Ghana had been given its freedom too soon, bringing the response from Miss Addae:

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"IT SEEMS strange that I had to come all this distance to meet my neighbors," she said of her experiences in the United Nations.

"I have never been to Liberia, but I hope some day to visit that country.

"We are not under Communistic influence," she added, "but Russia is offering assistance. If no other nation comes to our aid, what can we do but accept Russia's offer?"

Reference here was to the gigantic program to harness the Volta River like the TVA to generate electric power. The United States had been solicited in this matter, but there has been no indication of whether the program will be accepted for the $835,000,000 project. So far the United States has advanced around $750,000, to Ghana, chiefly for technical development.

"We hope to make Ghana a producing, self-supporting nation as far as possible.

"So far we are known as a 'one-crop' nation — cocoa. We are experimenting with banana growing, pineapples and coffee.

"We are having some success in food processing, a part of the long range program of development sponsored by the Ministry.

"There are valuable minerals to be mined. We are building factories with cement we produce. We are seeking a diversified economy.

"Our College of Technology is giving us skilled workers who are needed in this program. Our other schools are turning out trained people who will insure progress in other fields. Need I say that two-thirds of our budget goes for educational purposes.

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"THIS IS MY first visit to the United States, but I expect to return for an extended stay. I want to see more of this great country."

Miss Addae liked New York, but she said everything was so big — the buildings and the autos. Comparing New York with Washington, she said the capital was cleaner, prettier and much better kept. "But after all, there is only one New York — crowds with everybody rushing — it makes you feel alive."

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ASKED WHAT has been her most interesting experience in the UN, Miss Addae pondered. "I don't know," she told the AFRO writer.

"I have seen so many wonderful things, talked with so many wonderful people from all over the world.

"Talking with them makes one see one's own country's problems in the wider context of world affairs."

"How does the cold weather affect you?" Miss Addae was asked.

"It doesn't bother me one bit.

"Remember, I studied in Scotland where the winters are rugged and they don't have the comforts I enjoy here.

"Your nice warm buildings make you forget the cold.

"When I go out, I really wrap up — then I travel in nice heated cars." The Ghana mission has two limousines, driven by uniformed chauffeurs.

ALREADY IN Ghana, Russians have "listening posts." They are exerting strong pressures in terms of help which Ghana understands.

The Soviet is aware of the key position Ghana occupies on the West Coast of Africa and the influence the new nation bears on other African dependencies.

Of these things, Miss Addae said little and what she did say was her individual opinion and not that of an official.

"I leave those things to Mr. Chapman, our Ambassador and UN representative," she wisely said.

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SHE WAS reluctant to talk about herself.

"People should be more interested in what I am trying to do. They don't care how I look or what I wear or what I do for entertainment.

"I'll tell you this though.

"I have two brothers and two sisters.

"One brother is a teacher in the Technical College, a younger sister is a medical student in London. My mother and father are dead.

"My family name ADDAE is the same as one of our nationally observed feasts — the Feast of Addae, which is a feast of purification — it is observed every 42 days.

"I don't know how it started—it's a custom whose origin is lost in ancient history.

"At the end of the current three days of feasting, you count ahead 42 days—that gives you the date of the next observance."

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ON THE lighter side, other than admitting that she is a good cook, the charming Miss Addae refused absolutely to answer any questions, waving them off with a happy laugh.

"Just say I am petite."

And she is — but the lady from Ghana is also heavy — intellectually that is—and well she might be since the future of Ghana is in the hands of its bright young people like herself—for which Ghana can be grateful and proud.