BALTIMORE AFTER DARK

On the TOWN with the Pub Crawler

Crawler Goes Behind the Scene

Dear Boss:

Per your request, which carried a subtle hint that you'll have no truck with excuses, the Crawler made it behind the scene while a live television show was being put together.

It all started when local scribes joined Bill Chadwick at the choo choo station for a ride to Philly and the "Queen for the Day" show on Monday.

As you know, "Queen" is aired nationally by the ABC-TV Network and Channel 13 is its local outlet.

That explains how Bill got involved, you see. And it's good he did, too, because there's nothing like connections, if you get the message, boss.

Anyway, our party makes it to Philly. There we hooked up with Jeanne King, the real down PR gal for the 14 - year - old program.

It was three hours before airtime (3:30) when the scribe - laden limousine swung into the driveway at the House of Wilt the Stilt.

(For those who aren't with it, the "House of Wilt" refers to Wilt Chamberlain, Mr. Basketball, who plys his wares - Convention Hall.)

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WAITING IN the chilly breeze as the visiting party ducked through the main entrance were a throng of spectators which mushroomed to 11,000.

Inside, we got a look at a table piled high with cards bearing wishes of thousands who wanted to become "Queen for a Day."

Betty White, "Queen's" traveling director, headed a crew of card sorters.

Now boss, this probably sounds simple, but its anything but.

All they have to do is find 21 of the most worthy sounding requests out of thousands in a matter of minutes.

WHILE ALL this is going on, Jack Bailey, the waycout star and m.c., and part of the 45 - member staff are running through rehearsals.

When the clock indicates that airtime is yet an hour and a half away, the 21 semi - finalists are summoned to the stage by Jeanie Cagney, sister of tough - guy Jimmy, and hostess for the show.

After the warmup, Bailey, with the visiting reporters at his heels, starts interviewing the 21 candidates, all of whom are shaking like a victim of the St. Vitus dance.

And boss, the tales of woe were enough to make a beggar give up his earnings for a day.

By now Jack has completed the interviews and the four finalists have been chosen.

The man yells "on the air," and Jack comes sliding down the aisles on a motorized cart, with shrieking housewives tugging at his sleeves.

At front stage he yells: "Do you want to be 'Queen for a Day?'"

This provokes screams and yells that shake the hall.

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MEANWHILE IN the Back Room, Bill Lutz the writer, is gently thumping on his portable typewriter.

There's good reason for this fidgeting. Bill must write four possible endings for the show since even he doesn't know which of the four will be crowned.

In short order, Mesdames Helen Yeager, George McLeod, Alice Scott, and Elaine Arata told their stories.

Mrs. Scott's got through because audience applause made her a winner hands down and pandemonium broke loose.

The newly crowned queen, unlike the others who couldn't talk for shaking and turning on the tears, was as cool as ice.

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ALTHOUGH TEARS of joy streaked her face, she was a picture of quietly weeping dignity as Jack draped the flowing robe around her shoulders and put the sparkling crown atop her head.

Her secret? She had taken two tranquilizing pills earlier.

Before picking up the winner's loot, Mrs. Scott and her five minor children were welfare wards because they had no husband or father. He had split the scene several months ago, she said.

When it ended, the program's staff and their visiting guests retreated to the Ben Franklin for a party.

And boss, like what a party!.

Those Hollywood folks play as hard as they work.

Your man,
THE CRAWLER

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P.S. BACK TO the local scene, for a moment, want to remind the town that come Sunday, all paths will be leading to the fabulus Bamboo Lounge, 1426 Pennsylvania Ave.

Why?

Because that's where Ruth J. the hat designer deluxe, will premier her "Paris Scope for '62." It will feature some of the wildest top pieces this side of the Atlantic.

In addition to the lovely lassies showing off the **this edition, the chapeaux will be modeled by Mesdames Dorothy White and Catherine Richardson, and Mrs. Foble Johnson will handle the narration.**

Betty Carter, that swinging thrush, opens at the Bamboo Monday.

The time is 5 to 9 p.m.

By the by, if you didn't catch Julian (Cannon Ball) Adderly and his down cats when they turned it on at Morgan a few moons back, you're in luck because you have another shot to dig the magnificient sounds of this swinging sextet.

The Cannon Ball is blowing up a storm at Comedy, and if you want to dig a cat that's really saying somethin', like you can't afford to blow this one.

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ON THE swing around town, you can do worse than hitting the Eastside. Let's face it, North End Lounge, Moulin Rouge and Milton's are keeping all in a happy frame of mind.

Ditto for Casino, Al Brown and the Jolly Jax.

Remember we told you so! As we predicted that "Pennsylvania Ave." blitz hurled at the recent hearing on public accommodations has brewed up a storm.'

You probably caught Mrs. Fox's, of Red Fox, blast earlier this week. Sid Polski at Knotty Pine has added his bit, and what a bit?

Don't forget to hit Kleeco, Dotson's and Jones Cocktail Lounge, all have a whole lot of shaking going on.

Carl Rowan talks

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Carl T. Rowan will speak for the third annual National Library Week program at Savannah State College April 1



CHAPEAUX FOR MILADY — These three hats are from the collection created by designer Ruth J. and will be among those on display at a fashion show and cocktail party at the Bamboo Lounge, 1426 Pennsylvania Ave., 5 to 9 p.m. Sunday. They are modeled by from left: Mesdames Flora Johnson, Barbara Green and Connie Morrel.



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Arena Players to star in mystery

The Arena Players, nine - year - old live theatre enthusiasts, will entertain at their fourth performance of this season with a mystery drama, "The Night Is My Enemy."

It opens a five - day run at their arena, 406 Orchard St., April 11.

Curtain time is 8:30 and admission is $1.50 for adults and 75 cents for students.

The cast includes:

June Thorne, as Roane; Marie Bailey, Tessie; Earlvne Moir, Margaret; John Hicklin, Tommy; Vaconstess Payne, Ora; Roslyn Brown, Augusta; Sam Wilson, Hubert; Joe Wilson, Rodney; and Earl Burton as Gerald.

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AT A press party Wednesday, Mr. Wilson, director, said the group will stage plays throughout the summer. A schedule will be announced later.

Arena Players, who moved into their own building late last year, are guided by an executive committee, made up of veteran actresses and actors of the group.

They include:

Irvin Turner, the Wilsons (Sam and Joe), Gordon Stills and Miss June Thorne.



BABY COMES FIRST — With singer Nina Simone, it is no question of which comes first: chicken or egg. She says her fall baby will be her main concern when it arrives, because she's retiring when the stork gets to her house.

Chicago hotel bids high for Dick Gregory

CHICAGO (ANP) —Dick Gregory, whose unusual talent for telling racial jokes skyrocketed him to fame, is reported to be weighing an unusual offer from one of Chicago's leading hotels.

Gregory has been offered the job of comedian-in-residence at the dontown Sherman House (formerly the Sherman Hotel).

In that capacity, Gregory would be booked for 20 weeks per year to act as entertainment director in the Sherman's new College Inn Fountain Room. He would also book all other talent for the room.

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IT IS believed to be the first time a colored entertainer has ever been offered such a post.

The offer came as a result of Gregory's tremendous popularity. It also came less than two years after Gregory started his meteoric rise to fame at Chicago's Playboy Club, where he was formerly a "fill-in" entertainer.

Gregory's success follows the traditional storybook pattern. Although a college graduate (of Southern, Ill., University), he had a hard time getting started. He had to work as a car hop and part - time comedian in various local night clubs, before he was discovered.

AWRT dates fair

The Maryland Chapter of American Women in Radio and Television are having their first public event, March 1st Fair, Tuesday, April 10 from 12 noon til 6 p.m. to raise funds for the AWRT's Scholarship Fund.

Market Fair will be in the Lexington Room located in Lexington Market at Eutaw and Lexington Sts.

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KING SPARKS VOTE DRIVE



"OPERATION DOORBELL" in Virginia last week with Dr. Martin Luther King heading the parade proved quite successful. At right, the Rev. Milton Reid of Petersburg with the Rev. Ralph Abernathy (center) and Dr. King await response at a door in Petersburg and at left is a small part of the crowd which jammed the First Baptist Church to hear Dr. King speak. (AFRO Photos by Scott Henderson)

Calls ballot key to future

By RUTH JENKINS

PETERSBURG, Va. — Householders leisurely going about their balmy afternoon chores last Tuesday were surprised when they answered a knock at the door to find Martin Luther King Jr. there.

Dr. King and a corps of Southern Christian Leadership Conference workers were doing door-to-door vote registration promotion.

The enthusiastic group which visited about 60 homes in the S. Old Church and Foley Sts. area included SCLC officials from Atlanta and Petersburg, local ward leaders, civic group representatives and NAACP executives.

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AFTER THE introductions, the conversations with the householders followed this line:

"We are conducting a survey on vote registration. Are you and the other adults here registered? If not, we are offering our services to be of help in getting you registered."

To the unregistered, the SCLC canvassers took great pains to explain the requirements, leave material dealing with the vote crusade and sources of contact for transportation or other assistance.

In each case Dr. King delivered a "your vote can mean a great deal to our struggle" pep talk to assure the person's understanding of the cause, his interest and his eagerness to register as soon as possible.

He got such assurance at 21 S. Old Church St. from Mrs. Rebecca Myers who expressed delight at having such a distinguished visitor; and from 18 - year - old Miss Dorothy Davis at 6 S. Old Church St., who said she would certainly get the interest of her parents also.

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THIS BALLOT accentuation in Petersburg was part of Dr. King's people-to-people tour through Virginia's Fourth Congressional District promoting vote registration and recruiting volunteers for the 'non - violent army' fighting segregation.

Dr. King, president of the SCLC and his entourage from Atlanta planed into Richmond Tuesday morning.

He was accompanied by the Rev. Wyatt Tee Walker, SCLC executive director; the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, treasurer; Mrs. Dorothy F. Cotton, educational consultant; and Bernard Lee, field secretary.

They were met at the airport by delegations headed by the Rev. Milton Reid of Petersburg, president of the Virginia Unit, SCLC.

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A MOTORCADE to Petersburg took the group to a luncheon at Zion Baptist Church pastored by the Rev. R. G. Williams, a board member of SCLC.

There Dr. King told an audience of ministers and civic leaders that "We consider voting one of the most significant areas of work for years to come."

He noted that of 100,000 population in the 4th Congressional District only about 17,000 are registered voters.

CHANGING THIS picture, he said will require "concentrated efforts of all people of good will.

"So we're undertaking the tedious job of knocking on doors to get it done," he continued. "But only in this way will we be able to liberalize the political structure of the South, and thereby, of our whole nation.

In due time, Dr. King said, Virginia, Mississippi and others Southern states should have colored congressmen. And that accomplishment, he pointed out, requires a much larger number of colored citizens to become voting citizens.

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FOLLOWING THE luncheon, the workers who were going to undertake the door-to-door vote registration canvass were briefed by Herbert Coulton, SCLC field secretary for Virginia.

The group included also Mrs. Thelma Bethea, Mrs. Emily Macklin, Mrs. Naomi Dawson, William Alexander, Mrs. Virginia Jackson, Mrs. Agnes Morgan;

William T. Scott, Oliver Shaw, Mrs. Nellie McLeod, Mrs. Anne Terry, and the Rev. Curtis W. Harris, president of the Hopewell Improvement Association.

They were joined by Johnny Brooks, national NAACP vote registration director; and W. Lester Banks,



ON WAY TO COURT — Dr. Curtis-Harris of Hopewell (left) was accompanied on his trip to Superior Court in Hopewell by other ministers, from left, Dr. Martin L. King Jr., the Rev. Milton Reid and the Rev. R. G. Williams of Petersburg and the Rev. Virgil Wood of Lynchburg. The case lasted two days and Dr. Harris was found guilty on a contempt charge.

'Must live as brothers or perish as fools . . .'

PETERSBURG, Va. — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. admonished 2,000 persons at Virginia State College to "Remain Awake Through a Great Revolution" during an All - College Assembly sponsored by the Virginia State College Inter - Fraternal Council last Wednesday.

Dr. King said that there were three things which must be done to stay awake.

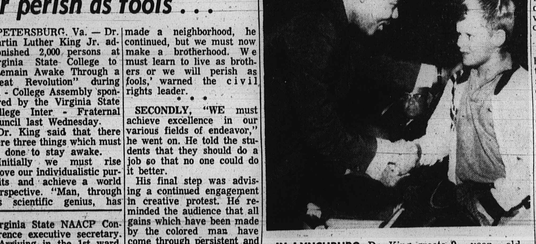
Initially we must rise above our individualistic pursuits and achieve a world perspective. "Man, through his scientific genius, has made a neighborhood, he continued, but we must now make a brotherhood. We must learn to live as brothers or we will perish as fools,' warned the civil rights leader.

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SECONDLY, "WE must achieve excellence in our various fields of endeavor," he went on. He told the students that they should do a job so that no one could do it better.

His final step was advising a continued engagement in creative protest. He reminded the audience that all gains which have been made by the colored man have come through persistent and creative pressure.

He insisted that "there is no need for immoral means to achieve moral ends."



IN LYNCHBURG, Dr. King greets 9 - year - old Chuck Moran who was the first to answer the call for volunteers after the mass meeting at E. C. Glass High School.

PRICE OF FREEDOM IS HIGH

'Cease Fire' in Algeria brings near end to colonialism in Northern Africa

By Charles P. Howard Sr.
UN Correspondent

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. —With the signing of a "cease fire" between the Government of France and the Algerian National Liberation Front (FLN), effective March 19, the agreement which will undoubtedly lead to Algerian independence — colonialism is for all practical purposes wiped off the continent of Africa north of the equator.

Uganda with part of its territory north of the equator is free and in indigenous hands except a comparatively small strip, Spanish Sahara, lying south of Morocco and north of Mauritania and two Goa like enclaves both on the west coast of Africa, one in Guinea and the other in Gabon.

The remaining areas of Africa north of the Equator, should reach freedom and independence, and be in the hands of the indigenous population, without too much more bloodshed. But after that, the story is different.

Bloodshed, in fantastic proportions, is already going on in Angola. Mozambique for all practical purposes is affected by, and go the way of Angola. The leadership in Mozambique is more timid and hopes it can negotiate with the Portuguese. Informed African nationalists don't think they can. "The price of liberty is high," these nationalists say.

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THE UNITED Nations already is showing strength in bringing out something in the Central African Federation, especially in Southern Rhodesia.

However, unless Britain can be enlisted to shoulder a major role "constitution wise" and then back it up with a show of force if necessary, as General De Gaulle is doing in Algeria, much blood of native men will be required to bring freedom and independence to the Central African Federation.

This United Nations General Assembly in its 15th session in 1960 passed a resolution calling for an end to colonialism and the 16th session last November set up a General Assembly's Special Committee of 17 to examine the progress and extent of the implimentation of the 1960 Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples, made its first order of business, to look into the situation in Southern Rhodesia.

The British have proposed a constitution for Southern Rhodesia that in effect perpetuates minority, white domination for Southern Rhodesia. The Committee of 17 observed that such a constitution had been rejected by the African population who constitute well over 90 percent of the territorie's population. "Its application and enforcement in the face of majority of the people of Southern Rhodesia is likely to lead to a dangerous situation," said the Committee.

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THE COMMITTEE further held that "fresh efforts must be made toward formulating a new constitutional arrangement." Recommendations included a setting aside of the Dec. 6, 1961, constitution, a fresh constitutional conference should be held of a more representative character and representatives of the African parties should be included and a new constitution which would insure the emergence of independence at the earliest possible date in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations.

A sub-committee has been appointed and arrangements made for a London conferences with the proper authorities. The British have consented to the arrangement and are cooperating. Undoubtedly, if no unexpected hitch occurs, the line of the committee will be accepted by the British Colonial office.

Forces within the colonial orbit continue to make Katanga their principal barrier to the march of independence in Afica. Strategically located as it is, and subject to the strong reinforcements available from the south, Katanga remains their "ace in the hole" project.

TSHOMBE, for the moment, is going through the motions of negotiating with Adoula in Leopoldville. This "treadmill" will go on for an indefinite period and to no conclusion that is not satisfactory to the colonial powers. While this "holding operation" is going on a new constitution is being drawn up for submission to the Congolese Parliament which already has the earmarks of a "rubber stamp group."

This constitution will grant virtual independence to the provinces, which number is being raised to several before the present six. This grant of virtual independence of the provinces, especially Katanga, which will have special arrangements made for her, will leave the Central Government impotent and the Congo will continue to be an ineffective and poor Balkanized area, which is exactly what the colonial and monied powers want.

Adoula, while being highly praised by the Western Powers, it is feared, is proving to be "incredibly naive," to say the least, according to informed sources here. These sources point to the fact that Adoula is insisting that Tshombe be "given a chance to prove his 'good faith' and willingness to cooperate in the reintegration of the Congo."

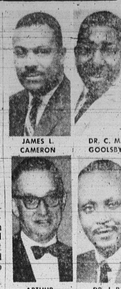
THESE SOURCES ask, "where on earth has Adoula been since June 30, 1960?" Hasn't Tshombe killed enough United Nations soldiers and Congolese soldiers and Congolese politicians, including the first prime minister of the Congo and the president of the Senate to convince the Prime Minister Adoula that he (Tshombe) has designs on an independent Katanga and himself as President of an independent country?" they ask.

IF KATANGA, some how, could be made into a part of a free and independent Congo and Angola, Mozambique and the Central African Federation made free of colonialism and white settler domination, then would come the great struggle against the Republic of South Africa, and at this time there seems no solution except long and bitter violence and bloodshed.

The picture is not a pretty one but freedom comes high, men buy with their lives what they never live to enjoy. That is the price men must pay for freedom, and it has ever been so. The black men of Africa are willing to pay that price.

All the misnamed "freedom committees," led by Max Yergan, George Schuyler, Strom Thurmond, Jim Eastland, cannot halt them. History written by black men will assign them their proper place.

PEOPLE



JAMES L. CAMERON — DR. C. H. GOOLSBY — ARTHUR LEVITT — DR. J. R. LARKIN — JOSEPH F. DAVIS — RICHARD F. ROBINSON

BOSTON — President Asa S. Knowles announced last week Dr. Charles M. Goolsby will head up a summer institute in basic biology and medicine for high school students at Northeastern University June 24 through Aug 3.

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BROOKLYN, N.Y. — The Greater New York Urban League presented Arthur Levitt, state comptroller, the third annual Brooklyn Award for "distinguished community service" at a banquet at St. George Hotel last week.

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FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — Members of the North Carolina Teachers Association last week elevated Richard P. Robinson to president by acclamation. He served as vice president for Two years.

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RALEIGH, N.C. — A veteran member of the North Carolina State Department of Welfare, Dr. John R. Larkins, has been appointed to a 21 - member Citizens Advisory Council to work with President Kennedy's Committee on Juvenile Delinquency and Youth Crime.

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PETERSBURG, Va. — A senior industrial arts major at Virginia State College, James L. Cameron, has been appointed sales representative of the Pepsi - Cola Bottling Co. here. The native of Richmond, who played football and basketball at VSC between 1946-50, is the father of five.

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CARROLLTON, Ga. — A Fort Valley State College junior, Mrs. Susie H. Cobb, a soprano, was winner in the collegiate female division of the recent annual auditions sponsored by the Southeastern region of the National Association of Teachers of Singing. For the first time, competition was on an integrated basis.

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JACKSON, Miss. — Walter Washington, president of Utica Junior College, recently was elected president of the Mississippi Teachers Association at its three - day convention here.

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Samuel W. Bybarm, professor of sociology at Johnson C. Smith University, completed requirements for a Ph.D. degree at the University of Illinois last week. The Mounds, Ill., native holds the B.A. and M.A. degrees from Langston (Okla.) University and the State University of Iowa.

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NEW YORK — Joseph E. Davis, co - founder and president of Harlem's Carver Federal Savings and Loan Association, was honored at a testimonial by friends on behalf of the New York Urban League last week. He was cited for "outstanding community service."

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WASHINGTON — Selected by World Health Organization at Geneva for a second special assignment in Africa, Thomas E. Roberson, public health expert for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, has arrived in Brazzaville, capital of the Middle Congo, for a three - month job.

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WASHINGTON — The head of the department of architecture at Howard University, Howard H. Mackey, has been awarded a fellowship by the American Institute of Architects. He will receive the award at the AIA convention in Dallas in May.

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DALLAS, Texas — Willie J. Smith of Omaha, Neb., was honored recently at Bishop College for being the only student to achieve a perfect 3.0 average for the first semester. The Student Senate president has been interim minister at Jersualem Baptist Church in Marshall since October.

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SANDUSKY, Ohio — The Rev. Leon Troy, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, last week became the first member of his race to be elected to membership in the Sandusky Kiwanis Club. He was inducted on the club's first anniversary.

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PITTSBURGH — Mayor Joseph M. Barr last week announced the promotion of Louis Mason Jr. from deputy director to executive director of the Commission on Human Relations. Michel G. Iskander was promoted to deputy director.

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DETROIT — Mayor Cavanagh recently appointed Mrs. Esther Dawkins as a member of the Welfare Commission and Forest Green to the Parks and Recreation Commissions. Both are newcomers to city government.

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ST. LOUIS — The principal of Westside High School at Lillie, La., Clyde Oliver, served as a discussion leader at the recent 46th annual convention of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. He led the discussion on "How to improve the Educational Program in the Smaller High School."



THOMAS E. ROBERSON — WALTER WASHINGTON

NEW ORLEANS — A Xavier University junior, Miss Patricia Gaspard, has accepted a summer appointment as a student assistant with the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Personnel Administration.

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TAMPA, Fla. — A local attorney who often represents the NAACP in Florida civil rights cases, Francisco A. Rodriguez, announced last week he's a candidate for judge of Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court in the May primary.

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ATLANTA — The Historical Association has named Dr. C. A. Bacote, professor of history at Atlanta University, to the Sydnor Award Committee. The award is made biennially for the best book in Southern biography or Southern history.

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JACKSON, Miss. — A senior chemistry major at Jackson State College, Amel Anderson of Crystal Springs, has been accepted for admission by Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry. He will enroll in the Nashville Tenn., school in the fall.

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JACKSON, Tenn. — The associate director of student personnel and professor of education at Grambling (La.) College, Dr. Arlynne L. Cheers, recently received the Lane College Alumni Award "for outstanding professional achievement."

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RALEIGH, N.C. — A first semester Shaw University graduate, James D. Ballard, has been awarded a $1,400 fellowship from the Protestant Theological Fellowship Fund to study at Duke University Divinity School.

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MONROVIA — (ANP) — A new date has been set for the State visit of President William V. S. Tubman to President Leopold Sedar Senghor of the Republic of Senegal. The Liberian chief of state will visit Senegal from April 30 to May 3.