—Burch picks woman lawyer

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complaint of Dr. Opara that he was denied employment because of race, Miss Mathis stated:

"The white power structure has a tendency to pit black women against black men. I was not cognizant of Dr. Opara's application when I applied to the Attorney General's office.

"I hope my appointment was not one of those continual affronts to the black male. I am qualified for the job and I can only say that I was chosen based on my qualifications.

"Dr. Opara, so far as my work relationship has been with him in an adversary setting, has led me to believe that he has equal qualifications. I don't know why he wasn't chosen.

"I would rather hope that this is not an attempt to appease the black community because this would work as a detriment to me and most of all to the community, if it is a failure to recognize my qualifications as a competent attorney, which I am, beyond a doubt."

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Dr. Opara, 46, is an honor graduate of St. Joseph College Rensselaer Ind.; Loyola University in Chicago where he earned his master's degree in social and industrial relations and his doctorate in sociology.

He also holds a law degree from the University of Md. and has taught sociology at Morgan University and Goucher. He and his wife, Marlene, a school social worker, have three young sons.

Miss Mathis told the AFRO that she applied to the attorney general's office the Monday before Thanksgiving and was notified that she had been accepted this past Wednesday.

Of her new appointment she said, "I consider it a challenging job. I find generally that men tend to underestimate the qualities of a female in an adversary position but once they find she is capable, they lose their dominant, superior and sometimes hostile and conciliatory attitudes and become respectful of the female."

A Baltimorean, Miss Mathis, resides on W. Mosher St. with her mother, Mrs. Louise Mathis. Her parents are divorced. Her father, Johnny W. Mathis is a supervisor at Bethlehem Steel Co.

The family attends Union Memorial Methodist Church. She has a brother, Johnny L. Mathis, 26, who is a centrifuger for a local blood bank. He separates plasma from whole blood.

She attended Baltimore public schools and Coppin State College where she received her B.S. in 1970.

Since passing her bar exam in August 1973, she has been a Reginald H. Smith Fellow at the Legal Aid Bureau handling a heavy caseload with regular court appearances.

Her vitae sheet, which covers six pages, shows a variety of work experiences in Baltimore and Washington in her 27 brief years.

Further, she holds membership in a number of professional organizations. Included are National Conference of Black Lawyers, the Md. and D.C. Bar Associations and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

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Deputy Attorney General Henry R. Lloyd told the AFRO: "We are making every imaginable effort to find qualified blacks for lawyer positions, for consumer and investigative jobs. We hope that some good can come out of this for the future.

He added, "Perrhaps we will now have brought to light some qualified blacks where we had no knowledge before. I know Mr. Burch feels very strongly about this."

The three other black persons presently on the attorney general's staff are David Allen and Arrie Davis assigned to the Criminal Division; and Calvin Douglass to Consumer Protection.

Mr. Burch told the AFRO that he hopes to have another opening shortly after the first of the year which he also hopes to fill with a black applicant.

—Leroy Dyett

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officers without results, Mr. Dyett said he tried to warn owners of other cars to move their cars. This, he said, "aggravated the officer so he told me to move my car which I did."

He said he stood in front of the church to warn members against double parking but the officers insisted that he stop it or they would arrest him.

"I warned five more cars. They grabbed me and handcuffed me in front of the whole church members."

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However, according to Officer Kisner's report all double-parked cars moved on warning except Mr. Dyett. As a result, he was issued a ticket but Mr. Dyett began yelling at the officers.

Officer Kisner said he warned Mr. Dyett to move but "Mr. Dyett stated he could not find his keys. Officer Kisner then waited approximately six minutes only to discover Mr. Dyett sneak his keys from his pants pocket as if he just found them under the seat."

Police said they circled around the block and came back to find Mr. Dyett running in the middle of the street yelling at passing cars to move on.

"Mr. Dyett was almost struck one or two times," said police. The two officers, police reports show, walked to Mr. Dyett and told him to leave the street and when he refused to cooperate he was placed under arrest.

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to speak for himself although at that time he was present at the school. Mrs. Emory said she had been advised it was against school administration policy.

No date has been set for a hearing.

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Mr. Mierzwiki was served with official notice of the court action at his home, 3721 Patterson Ave.; the School System, mayor and City Council at No. 10 E. Light St. and Mrs. Emery at Walbrook Senior High School, 2000 Edgewood St.

—Lucky Bucks

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HEW head to speak at Hopkins

David Mathews, U.S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, (HEW) will speak Thursday, Dec. 11 at The Johns Hopkins University.

He will deliver the 1975 George Huntington Williams Lecture at 4 p.m. in Shriver Hall on the University's Homewood campus. The program is open to the public without charge.

The topic of his address is "Toward a New Social Philosophy."

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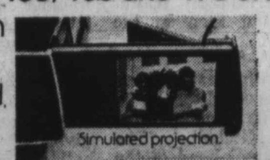
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