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BETHEL PASTOR—In his sermon on Sunday morning, the Rev. Dr. John R. Bryant contrasted the South Africa situation with a biblical story taken from the New Testament, I Kings.

'Ain't I Got A Right To The Tree Of Life?'

By Marie P. Cooke
Reflections Editor

Sing children, "Let my people go" — release them from the chains of oppression, discrimination. Moses said it years ago. And today cries are being heard from the rich soils of South Africa — LET MY PEOPLE GO.

On this past Sunday members of the Henry McNeil Turner Society of Bethel AME Church and its pastor, the Rev. Dr. John R. Bryant staged a celebration and liberation service citing the current South Africa situation.

Its purpose was two-fold: Just to bring about an awareness of the continuing fight for the abolishment of the apartheid in South Africa and majority rule. Its second purpose was to raise money for the Organization of African Unity. Some $1,467 was collected during the two scarifical offerings at eight and 11 a.m.

The Sunday service carried an African flair. Members and visitors came frocked in native costumes of various styles and colors. Children too, were dressed for the occasion, as were the spiritual leaders, the Rev. Reeves, of Tabernacle Christian Church, Monrovia, Liberia; the Rev. John Wilson of Baltimore and the Rev. Dr. Bryant, who wore an original white gown.

A poem titled, "Heritage" by Countee Cullen was recited by Cecelia Williams Bryant, wife of the pastor.

Throughout the service, bongos, drums, the piano and the organ played African vibes which bounced off the walls of "Big" Bethel. Folk sang, and shouted and cried. It was a spiritual and liberating extravaganza!

"Ain't We Got a Right to the Tree of Life?" was the topic chosen by the pastor.

His text came from the Old Testament Book of I Kings Chapter 21, verses 2 and 3. Excerpts of his sermon follow:

A Beautiful Land

There is a beautiful stretch of land. It's a land so beautiful that it looks as if God took time out to give it a special kiss.

It's a land filled with predicious mountain peaks and spacious valley floors. It's a land that seems to have been made for the raising of cattle. It is one of the few places on earth that is agriculturely self-sufficient, for only wheat has to be imported.

It's a land whose lakes are filled with fish of all kinds and types.

But as if that were not enough — it was as if God was not satisfied until he placed in this land a special gift and its bowels touched precious wealth. Gold, silver, iron, zinc, diamonds, boxite, copper.

God surely must have stepped back from that creation and responded, "That's good."

Such a beautiful land, but upon observation you see something alarming, today. On this beautiful picture blood has been smeared. It's the blood of old men and old women. The blood of young boys and young girls.

Precious blood — blood given by God runs down the streets and across the boulevards of that so-called land, the Republic of South Africa.

Why in the midst of such a beautiful piece of land is blood being smeared and wasted?

For the answers don't look at the six o'clock news, it's not there. For the answers you ought to just put down the New York Times, it won't be there.

Don't listen to the party line of the government for they would have us to believe it's just the result of too much summer heat or disunity in the black community.

But if you want to know why there is blood flowing down the streets in this land, I point you to an event that took place 855 years before Jesus Christ was born."

The Rev. Dr. Bryant then turned to I Kings and used it to illustrate the answer.

In the kingdom of Samaria there were two men. One was a have and the other was a have-not.

One was born with a silver spoon and the other had no spoon.

The have-not had nothing except one thing — a piece of land. The have-nots' name was Naboth and the only thing he owned was a vineyard.

King Ahab

The have was a king by the name of Ahab who had more vineyards than he could count. He had silver, he had gold, he had armies, he had influence, he had power, he had prestige. He had everything he wanted.

Except one day while resting on his patio he looked out and saw a piece of land that didn't belong to him and couldn't sleep anymore.

He looked out and saw the vineyard and it seemed more precious than anyting he owned and he could have no peace until he went and made an appointment with the poor man by the name of Naboth.

I want you to hear this: 'The king came talkin' sweet — came like a brother. Yes he did, just like a brother. He said, "Naboth, I see you have a very fine vineyard and I'd like to have it. I want to use it for a herb garden.

"Now, Naboth if you'll give it to me, I'll give you another piece of land. (I want to hear South Africa this morning). I'll give you another piece of land and if that's not good, I'll give you some money."

But Naboth looked at him and said, "King, I'd like to do it but I can't. You see this land belonged to my father, and to my father's father, and it has to belong to my children and to my children's children. I can't give it to you.

And the king, I'd like to imagine, said something like this: "Well, you know, I'm a king and you're a commoner — you don't know what to do with that land. I'm civilized and you're uncivilized. You can't cultivate it like I can.

But Naboth said, "No matter what you say, I know that you're a king that sits high and I'm a commoner tha' sits low, but that's my land and that's my father's land and I can't give it to you.

The king got mad and

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SPECIAL GUEST—The Rev. Reeves of the Tabernacle Christian Church in Monrovia, Liberia, was among the visitors who witnessed the historical South African Liberation ceremony on Sunday at Bethel AME Church. The Rev. Mrs. Reeves is currently doing missionary service in Baltimore.

POSITIVE VIBES came from the bongos, piano and organ.

AFRO photos by Benjamin M. Phillips

BETHEL MEMBERS—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson (Mary) came dressed for the occasion. Both are longtime members of the church.

HAND CLAPPERS—Carolyn Wright and her sister, Patricia motored from Washington, D.C. to attend Sunday morning services at Bethel AME Church.

GREET VISITOR — Two Bethel members, Dalila Speights, center, and Joan Wharton, right, greet one of the many visitors who came out on Sunday morn. The little brother in front also served as an official welcomer.

WOMEN OF THE YEAR

Deadline nearing; send ballots today

BALTIMORE, Md. — Who will be Woman of the Year? The answer to that question will definitely not be known until after the Sept. 18 voting deadline.

The Woman of the Year Contest is co-sponsored by the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers and Greyhound Lines, Inc.

For three weeks, AFRO readers have been submitting their nominations to a distinguished panel of five women prominent in community affairs. The judges announced today that the nomination competition to decide a winner and two runners-up has been so close that a "photo finish" is in the prospect. Votes have been pouring into the AFRO offices for nominees from all sectors of the community such as family life, social work, community relations, politicians, and the professions. All categories so far have been strongly represented.

Since the voting has been so close, the judges re-emphasized today that all ballots to be considered must be postmarked no later than midnight, Sept. 18. For those readers who haven't voted, ballots appear in this edition of the AFRO.

Additional entries may be made on forms similar to the printed ballots. The judges explained that from entries received thus far, the only certainty seems to be that the winner and her Court of Honor will be from the Baltimore area and will have made substantial contribution to the community.

Joe Black, Vice President-Special Markets, The Greyhound Corporation, or Chuck Smith, Assistant to the Vice President-Special Markets, The Greyhound Corporation, or Carole Thompson, Manager Community Relations Special Markets will be toastmaster at the luncheon honoring the Woman of the Year. Mr. Black or Mr. Smith or Ms. Thompson will present a silver bowl to the winner and similar awards to the two runners-up.

The judges said each ballot must contain the name and home or business address of the nominee and a statement explaining why she is being nominated for the award. All ballots become the property of the AFRO and Greyhound. The decision of the judges is final.

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My choice for the 1976 AFRO-Greyhound Woman of the Year is:
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Community calendar

Sept. 11

Wedding of Miss Bernadette Moody and Maurice Ward, Friendship Baptist Church, 2 p.m.

Frederick Douglass Senior High School Class of February 1957 20th year reunion. The members will meet at the Poets' Club 918 E. North Ave., 8 p.m.

Sept. 12

The Deacon Board of the Knox United Presbyterian Church will celebrate their anniversary. The Rev. Willie Wood of Trinity AME Church will deliver the sermon. The Rev. Lonnie J. Oliver, pastor, 7 p.m.

Epitome of Beauties Bull Roast, Blue Waters Musical Hall, Cherry Hill Rd. and Waterview Ave.

Sept. 17

Maryland Classified Employees Association, Big Disco Dance and Cabaret, St. Cecelia's Parish Hall, Hilton Street and Windsor Avenue, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.. For ticket information contact any Model Cities member or call Jim Lewis or Cleatter Robinson at 383-2196 or Naomi Ellington at 234-2523 or 2805.

Sept. 18

Wedding of Miss Darlene Savage to William Davis Jr., Macedonia Baptist Church, 3 p.m.

Tri-State Association of I.B.P.O.E. of W. Inc., Md., Del., and D.C. sponsor a bull roast in Houston, Del., Call 624-4794 for information.

Wedding of Miss Genevieve Davis and Faustino Poquez, Mount Hope Baptist Church, 2 p.m.

Sept. 19

The Second Annual Garage Sale of United Order True Sisters will be held from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the Owings Mills Fire Hall, Reisterstown Rd.

Sept. 25-26

Love Knots sponsor trip to New York City to see Broadway musical "The Wiz." Call: Cynthia Spence, 669-7053 or Norma Smith, 728-7714.

Sept. 25

Shades of Black, Dinner Dance, La Fontaine Bleu, 3120 Erdman Ave., 10 p.m.-2 a.m. For tickets call Mary Fields, 728-3633 or 523-0685.

Sept. 26

The Senior Choir of Bethel AME Church will present Miss Camilla Williams, internationally known soprano of New York City in recital, 1300 Druid Hill Ave., 5 p.m. Tickets available at Bethel AME Church office.

East Baltimore Deliverance Center holds Fashion Show and Tea, 1001-05 N. Caroline St. Benefit of the Women's Day, call 276-6487 for information. The Rev. C. Phillips is pastor.

The Men of Knox United Presbyterian Church will present the Cornelius Thomas Chorale at Holiday Inn, North, 5 p.m. Call 276-6786 for further information.

Sept. 26-Oct. 3

Spirit of Chesapeake Lodge No. 1107 and Temple No. 761, IBPO Elks of the World celebrate 33rd anniversary, Ebenezer AME Church, 3 p.m. Gala street demonstration and week-long open house. Call 624-4794.

Sept. 28-Oct. 1

Don DeGrate and the DeGrate Singers in Revival, East Baltimore Deliverance Center, 1001-05 N. Caroline St., 7:30 nightly.

Oct. 2

The Willing Jewel Tones of the Morning Star Baptist Church, Catonsville will be having a mini-carnival. The mini-carnival will have entertainment, food, prizes, games. Proceeds will benefit the building fund of new church. Noon-6 p.m.

Oct. 10

Lakeview Association Dinner and Play at Bolton Hill Dinner Theatre, For information call: 669-1176, 225-7118 or 463-2068.

Speaking of women...

(A look at what black women are doing locally.)

Among the list of women of Maryland who were recently named as 'Outstanding Young Women of America' is the name of Mrs. Laura Hardy Henry.

Mrs. Henry is the assistant to the vice president of Academic Affairs at Coppin State College in Baltimore. Her previous professional experience includes both administrative secretary and administrative assistant to the dean of Coppin State College and part time teacher at Cortez Peters Business School.

Mrs. Henry is a 1974 graduate of Coppin State College with a BS degree in Early Childhood Education and she received her M.Ed. in Administration in 1975 also from Coppin.

Involved in civic and community efforts, Mrs. Henry is a member of the Methodist Ministers' Wives of Baltimore Conference, National Council of Negro Women, Phi Beta Lambda Business Club and NAACP.

In addition, Mrs. Henry serves as a staff representative of Coppin State College Dean's Council, Academic Affairs Advisory Committee and Developmental Studies Committee and advisor for Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society, Interfaith Council of Coppin State College and co-founder of Coppin State College Gospel Choir.

She graduated cum laude and is a member of Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society and received a certificate of Outstanding Service from Governor Mandel for outstanding community service in the state of Maryland during the United Community Campaign.

Mrs. Henry is the wife of the Rev. Arnold F. Henry, pastor of Buckeystown United Methodist Charge and lives in Buckeystown with her husband and daughter, Lori Darleia, where her hobbies include traveling and relating to people.

MRS. LAURA HENRY

Do you know a dynamic woman — an outstanding community leader, church worker, businesswoman, mother, club woman — who is great in her own right? The AFRO wants to know about her. Send a brief biographical sketch and black and white glossy picture (or we can arrange to take a photo of her) to: Speaking of Women, c-o AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPER, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md., 21203. Sorry, pictures can not be returned.

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