South African talks about home

By Fred Hines
AFRO Staff Writer

I met Tebelelo Mazile at a party two months ago. Talkative and appearing to enjoy herself, she told me she was from southern Africa and in time she would return.

Next month, Tebelelo will be graduating from Morgan State University as an economics and accounting major and returning to her native country, called the Republic of Botswana.

This week, we met again and she was asked had she ever considered staying in the United States after her education was finished.

"Coming here and staying?" she questioned loudly, her facial expressions giving away what she was about to say.

"No way. I feel I am more needed at home than here. When I get home it won't take me more than a week to find a job. I would be more useful for my people at home than the people here."

In the course of an hour she talked about a lot of things, including religion, television, and African-American perceptions about the continent she was born in.

At age 22 she admits to being mixed up about religion and the role it plays in her life. She says that during her early education she had to spend six morning a week in prayer service.

"I have a problem about religion. I feel black people have been sold through the church. They (whites) came to these people (blacks) and told them they were barbaric and at the same time they were exploiting them and their resources," Tebelelo began.

TEBELELO MAZILE
"I am more needed at home."

"I am confused. I don't know who God is. I tried to find out who he is. Whenever I deal with things I want to know who I'm dealing with."

While the Republic of Botswana is in southern Africa, it is not a part of the South African government of Rhodesia that practices separation between black and white races.

Rhodesia is ruled by whites despite the fact that they are the minority in the country.

Botswana, on the other hand, is ruled by blacks and had an estimated 600,000 population in 1976. The Bantus (eight main tribes) make up the majority of the country and the Bushmen occupy the remainder of the land.

To give an idea about the income and the land makeup, the annual income in 1974 was $340 a year and only 12 percent of the land is urban, with an average of three people to every square mile.

But Botswana is dependent on South Africa and Rhodesia for many of its imports. Because Botswana is so near Rhodesia, Tebelelo was asked her viewpoint about whites.

"When I was very young I experienced a need to become white. You know, you grow up and whites had better things than blacks," she said.

"We were being taught in English that if it wasn't for whites we wouldn't be here. It's not that my parents gave me the impression that whites were better, but it's just that white people were better in my mind.

"But that feeling has been gone since I was seven. My parents then became my heroes. Never ever would that earlier feeling come again.

"I feel some white individuals are fantastic, nice people. But after reading about the white race as a race, I think they are weird. They are very interesting people because it seems to me that everywhere whites and blacks have been together whites have dominated."

After that, Tebelelo paused a minute. Then she switched the conversation once again to answer the next question.

In many developing nations there is an absence of much of the technology the western world is used to such as television. Botswana is no different.

"At home we don't have television as such," she began. "There are no television stations in the country. Television breaks up the family, especially the black family."

She continued by saying that it exploits people who really don't have the money to buy the things that are advertised, so it would probably make matters worse in Botswana if introduced.

"First off, I don't think it's a good idea to have television there. Because it breaks up the family and the family makes up the country," she said, reemphasizing the dire need for the family.

Finally, here is her opinion of the students at Morgan and the awareness or lack of awareness that exist there.

"At Morgan the only problem is that you have people who don't know anything about Africa. Most of their attitudes are formed by looking at television," she said.

"It's strange but white people know more about Africa than blacks. As long as people have a negative image about Africa they won't go there.

"I feel Morgan should have more of a role in developing a curriculum that includes African history. Morgan should try to have that as a requirement."

But many times African students who attend college in the United States are often ostracized for various reasons. How does she deal with that?

"This goes on everywhere," she answered, "some people are just nasty. I've met people who looked down on me because I was African, but I've also met people who lifted me up because I was African."

Tebelelo's accent sounds very American and although she does not like to talk on-the-record about how many of her relatives hold high positions in her native land, she let it slip out that one of her chief goals in life is to become a diplomat.

Mrs. Stewart appointed D.C. AFRO sales head

Mrs. Janice R. Stewart, a former AFRO advertising representative, has been named advertising sales manager of the Washington AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper, it was announced this week by publisher Arthur M. Carter.

Mrs. Janice R. Stewart

A native of Baltimore, Mrs. Stewart joins the Washington staff after serving three years on the Baltimore AFRO sales staff.

A graduate of Loyola College with a degree in business administration, Mrs. Stewart will supervise the Washington AFRO advertising sales staff in special promotions and regular advertising. She is also responsible for the departmental planning and program monitoring.

Mrs. Stewart believes that a person "measures success in this business by production.

"When you exceed your quota, you're an asset," she said "If not, you are a liability and thus face difficult future in sales."

She resides in Baltimore with her husband, Vince O. Stewart.

Nubian Baby Book winner

Curious Kinte

KINTE LAMIN JONES, shown here at the age of 3 months, was born March 2, 1977. He is the son of Delaphine Green and Brian Jones. Dad is a Maryland State policeman and mom teaches math. Proud grandparents are Idell Green and Freda Jones.

Curiosity

I never chased rainbows
Or wished upon a star
Fact is, I don't know what they are
Grownups talk about them every day
What mystery are these things that
That make them laugh that way?

by Dorothy C. Alves
from "Of Dreams and Reality"

Marijuana could be poisonous

TOWSON, Md.—A non-profit community group, which found four cases of poisoned Marijuana in the Baltimore area, says there are dangerous risks involved in smoking Marijuana bought in the city.

The Brotherhood of Man, which is based in Towson, confirmed last Thursday that four of 60 analyzed samples of Marijuana contained Paraquat, a herbicide that is sprayed on Mexican Marijuana and known to cause serious lung damage.

Paraquat is designed to kill the Marijuana plants but is not fully effective when sprayed plants are kept out of the sun.

Board of estimates defers decision

CCB child care center delayed

The Board of Estimates has deferred a decision on whether the Community College of Baltimore can build two child care centers on their Liberty and Harbor campuses.

The five member panel held off on making the ruling Wednesday after it determined that CCB officials would have to meet with the City Solicitor to see if the college can obtain the deed on the land city owns.

No date has been set on when the board will make the final decision.

The proposal to build the two one-story centers was made by Dr. Rafael Cortada, CCB president April 21 who said both centers would be run without city or state funding.

According to Dr. Cortada, the college would lease approximately two acres of ground to a developer for a term of about 25 years.

The location of the sites, said Cortada, would be subject to college and city approval.

"We are the only school in the area without some sort of child care facility," he said. "About 65 percent of our students are women and there are about 230 children a day roaming the campuses, so the center is extremely important."

Cortada told the AFRO he does not expect any difficulty in getting the child care centers underway and hopes they will be ready for operation by September.

"I see no problem," he said. "The college is anxious to proceed because day care is a top priority. The Department of Social Services is willing to guarantee sufficient slots to make the centers viable economically."

He added the college plans also to sub-lease the building to Early Learning Inc., a non-profit educational corporation for the operation and management of the center based upon guidelines and standards acceptable to CCB.

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save 51¢ foam hot-cold cups — reg. 65¢ — 2 packs 6.1 oz. bag of 51 — 79¢ — white styrofoam for cold, no wax drinks.

save 1.73 insulated travel mugs — reg. 4.99 — 3.26 — 12 oz. 1 oz. with safety lid, keep beverage hot or cold.

save 1.94 bonne bell 10-0-6 lotion — reg. 5.71 — 3.77 — 16 oz. antiseptic complexion care.

save 38¢ bonne bell lip smackers — reg. 2.37 — 1.99 — 0.36 oz. in fabulous new flavors, gloss and moisturizer.

save 53¢ caress bath soap — reg. 51¢ — 3 for 1.00 — 4.75 oz. bars.

save 40¢ sugar twin packets — reg. 1.19 — 79¢ — 100s, sugar replacement.

save 1.00 scotch-gard aerosol — reg. 2.97 — 1.97 — 16 oz. stain, dirt repellent.

save 10.09 beta c.b. receiver & am/fm radio — reg. 24.97 — 14.88 — portable that receives 23 c.b. channels, #2933

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save 20¢ mrs. ihrie's natural potato chips — reg. 89¢ — 69¢ — 6 oz. bag.

State NAACP banquet human rights awards

Members from the 23 Maryland branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) were joined in a banquet salute to human rights agencies and workers April 22. The event at the downtown Hilton Hotel was highlighted by the appearance of Mrs. Eleanor Holmes Norton, the first woman ever to chair the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Appointed by President Carter in June 1977, Mrs. Norton, married and mother of two children, charged the audience of over 500 persons to get America back on the right path to know the "affirmative action is not a free gift to blacks nor a move to give blacks something for nothing."

She asserted, "This nation can only survive if there is an EEOC and the NAACP."

Clarence Mitchell Jr. chief of the Washington Bureau NAACP and "the 101st U.S. Senator," was given the Roy Wilkins Human Rights Award for service of over 30 years and "civil rights contributions beyond any other citizen."

Silas Craft, national board and Montgomery County NAACP official, made the presentation of the plaque which was established this year as a tribute to Roy Wilkins, the executive director emeritus.

The Bishop Spottswood Leadership Award went to Elbert L. Gillory, the former director of the Maryland Commission on Human Relations who valiently fought discrimination despite adverse conditions. Cooperating with the NAACP, he promoted filing of many successful civil rights complaints.

Mrs. Salome Howard was the recipient of the Dr. Lillie M. Jackson Award. The president of the Charles County NAACP brauch, Mrs. Howard and her members led the fight which resulted in her county sheriff's department having now 22 percent black personnel.

Some 30 Charles County citizens were present at the banquet.

The Bishop Spottswood Award bears the name of the AME Zion prelate who spoke nationwide for the NAACP and civil rights causes. The Dr. Lillie Jackson Award honors the late Baltimorean who was president and national officer nearly three decades.

The 1977 Superior Program Award will be presented at the NAACP State Convention, at the Pikesville Hilton Oct. 28, 1978 to the Maryland branch which shows the greatest acievement on the civil rights battle front.

Miss Edie House was mistress of ceremonies. Guest speakers were Republican State Central Committee chairman Dr. Aris T. Allen and Dwight Pettit, president of the Monumental Bar Association.

Commissioner Norton received the AFRO citation for accomplishment from City Editor, Elizabeth M. Oliver and the Mayor Schaefer citizens award from Mrs. Margeurite Campbell.

Others on the program were Revs. John Holland and J.C. Mills, both NAACP state officials; Wilfield M. Kelly Sr., Prince Georges County executive; Nathaniel K. Smith, president of the NAACP state branches; Mrs. Catherine Milner, Charles County official who chaired the affair along with Wesley H. Queen.

Other officials are Joseph Bond, Norman Brailey, Delores Brooks, Mildred Browne, Ellen Buford, Sarah Davidson, Suzanna Davis, Swanyce Hawkins, Pearl Lomax, Fred Price, Leila Price, Marilyn Queen and Barbara Smith.

The state branches open their voter education workshop in May.

Branch presidents are Allegany — Harry J. Bunch; Anne Arundel — Jean W. Creek; Baltimore County — Garland Brown; Calvert County — Ruth Harrod; Caroline — Tindley Pinder; Cecil — George Harris; Charles — Salome Howard; Dorchester — Hershell Johnson; Dundalk, Sparrows Point — Leroy Whitmore; Frederick — Lod Nickens; Harford — Walter Smothers; Howard - James W. King; Kent - Rev. Joseph Williams; Montgomery - George H. Sealey Jr.; Prince George's - Sylvester Vaughn; Queen Anne's - George Gould; Somerset - Sam Doane; St. Mary's - Mary Mitchell; Talbot - Haywood Turner; Washington - Rev. N. Howard Johnson and Worcester - Saunders Marshall Jr.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY NAACP members present at the State Conference of Branches banquet were among those from Maryland's 23 counties. The successful affair last Saturday witnessed dancing until the wee hours after a full course dinner and awarding of plaques to distinguished citizens. (L to R) Mr. and Mrs. James Madison; Mr. and Mrs. Reese Jefferson and Mr. and Mrs. Tunstall.

U.S. COMMISSIONER Eleanor Holmes Norton, the main NAACP Branches banquet speaker, (L) chats with A. Dwight Pettit, Monumental Bar Assn. president; Del. Troy Brailey and Mrs. Katherine Milner, banquet chairman and member of the Charles County NAACP Chapter.

New Shiloh to hold NAACP drive

A mass NAACP membership drive and voter registration drive will be held at New Shiloh Baptist Church, April 30, 6 p.m. at Fremont Avenue and Lanvale Street.

The Rev. Dr. Harold A. Carter is pastor.

Rev. Dr. Carter is serving as chairman of the churchwide NAACP committee and stated that after several committee meetings with leading clergy and political leaders and lay persons, it was decided to have a mass membership drive.

The goal of the rally will be to review overall community commitment and interest in the work of NAACP. Also, to send teams into the city to recruit voters and to activate delinquent voters.

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Baltimoreans in the Armed Forces

Away From Home

U.S. ARMY COMPLETED TRAINING

Gerald T. Minnick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Minnick, 5410 Morello Road, recently completed seven weeks of advanced individual training at Fort Benning, Ga.

The training included weapons qualifications, squad tactics, patrolling, landmine warfare, field communications and combat operations. This qualified him as a light weapons infantryman and as an indirect fire crewman.

Pvt. Jeffrey V. Goodson, son of Mrs. Veronica Goodson, 7919 B Trappe Road, recently received a parachutist badge upon completion of the three-week airborne course at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

Goodson entered the Army last November.

PROMOTED

Paul A. Anderson, Jr., whose wife, Patricia, lives at 2912 W. Garrison Blvd., recently was promoted to Army sergeant while serving as a teletype operator with the 102nd Signal Battalion in Frankfurt, Germany.

The sergeant attended the Community College of Baltimore.

Ronald G. Harrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harrison, 746 Bartlett Ave., recently was promoted to Army Specialist four while serving as a radio operator with the 64th Armor in Schweinfurt, Germany.

He entered the Army in June 1975.

RE-ENLISTED

Spec. 5 Mary E. Byrd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Anthony, 2116 Penrose Ave., recently reenlisted in the Army for five years while serving as an administrative specialist with the U.S. Army Communications Command in Tehran, Iran.

Byrd attended the University of Maryland, Catonsville.

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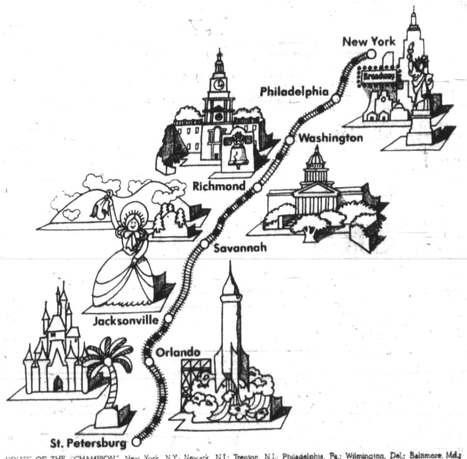

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