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convention draws some 15,000 to 20,000 gospel music followers.

"There is no formal school where people can go to study the heritage of gospel music or the various opportunities which are available in this field.

"It's important that we have this type of organization. This is the only way we have to pass down our gospel heritage and train people professionally to work in various fields of gospel music.

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scene for 21 years each, the names Louise Williams — "the Gospel Queen" — and Mary Mason, have come to be synonymous with gospel music.

"Young people in general seem to be more attracted to God than in the past six or seven years," explains Ms. Williams.

Ms. Mason says she's also noticed that as societal conditions — unemployment, inflation, and all around stress — worsens, people turn to gospel music for a spiritual lift.

March 8th marked the 21st anniversary that Ms. Mason, who hosts a popular weekdays two - way talk and music radio show, "Mornings with Mary," has been broadcasting Sunday gospel music.

"And I'm still playing some of the same music I played the first day I was on the air," observes [illegible] Mason, who added that gospel music and records, due to their spiritually uplifting qualities, are timeless.

Besides their regular radio positions, Ms. Williams and Ms. Mason have the added honor and advantage of serving as mistresses of ceremonies at a number of local gospel concerts to survey the gospel scene.

"Gospel singers and their music are relating more to young people. They still have the gospel beat but they have been adding musical instruments, such as more brass, to their music," says Ms. Williams.

Some groups, she says, 'have made the music sound like 'hard rock.' " But in essence it's the same old message, testifying to God's divine love in music and lyrics."

"The presentation has also become broader. We are also seeing more and more younger people moving into gospel music as recordees and traveling from city to city on gospel concerts."

"And this is good news," says Ms. Mason and Ms. Williams.

Gospel music suffered a decline in the 1960s but within the past few years, it's been making a comeback.

"I see the gospel scene growing here," says Ms. Williams.

"I have seen gospel concerts draw 40,000 people when some rock groups can barely attract a few thousand people," adds Ms. Mason.

Here in the City of Brotherly Love, hardly a week goes by that some nationally popular gospel singer or group doesn't appear on a stage in Philadelphia to make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

DAWN SPECIAL REPORT

AFRICA ROUNDUP

By Larry A. Still

NAIROBI, Kenya, East Africa — There is still hope that the recent Organization of African Unity's semi-annual Council of Ministers conference here (in March) will eventually lead to settlement of the Tanzania-Uganda and Somalis-Ethiopis border disputes . . . The OAU ad hoc committee on border disputes met for the first time since it was formed in 1976 and despite the rhetoric and polemics there was quiet, behind the scenes negotiations to find long standing solutions to the African problems. . . . All the delegates respect Mwalimu Julius Nyerere, but some were admitting that the Tanzanian leader's handling of the conflict with Idi Amin and the controversy over the break up of the British formed East African Community was misdirected . . . Basically, Uganda's latest incursion into Tanzania was an internal rebellion aided by Ugandan exile supporters of former President Milton Obote in Tanzania . . . . Diplomats believe there will never be peace in the area until Ugandans get rid of Amin. . . . . and or Tanzania gets rid of O[illegible] [illegible]er.

OAU Secretary General Edward Kojo emphasized during the session that the organization is not designed to condemn African aggression, only to maintain dialogue between the warring neighbors — the same as the United Nations, but African UN representatives insist on condemnation of oppressive nations at the World Body while maintaining a different standard at home. . . . In the words of one former colonialist . . . Our Brothers may have to "pull up their socks" and begin to "sort out their problems" among themselves if there is to be any progress on the Continent. . . . Kenya foreign minister, Dr. Munyua Waiyaki, the new OAU-chairman elect has predicted unity on the fight against South African-racism and neo-colonialist trade policies — but the nations are reluctant to sit down together on their own problems . . . The next session is in June in Liberia . . . .

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American businessman Edward K. Moss hosted a three - day Diplomatic Weekend here for Dr. Waiyaki and some 35 ambassadors in Kenya and their families at the once exclusive Mount Kenya Safari Club — which is now undergoing "an Africanization" policy to involve more Kenyans in the once lily - white resort bastion founded by movie star William Holden and "great white hunters." . . . Africans now run the joint which was once visited by the late ruler Mzee Jomo Kenyatta . . . . in the servant's quarters . . . Moss is chairman of the new corporation which is fueled by what else . . . Arab oil money . . . Popular United Nation's resident chief Robert Kitchen, from Brunswick, Ga., helped arrange the international affair. . . .

Nairobi is certainly the "meetingest" place on the continent, if not in the world — next to the District of Columbia . . . . The International Telecommunications Union (oldest of the international agencies) met here following the U.S. Electronic Industrialization Association's first world wide conference in Africa . . . . and the International Pediatric Association's first regional congress for Africa moved in after the Council of Ministers of the Economic Commission for the Lusaka Zambia based Multinational Operational Conference held to deal with the impact of international business on various local economies . . . . before making way for OAU's top foreign ministers at the elaborate Kenyatta Conference Center . . . .

While activist media groups in the U.S. raise sand over minority use of the air waves . . . . the I.T.U. meeting made shock waves around the world as the African nationals demand a greater piece of the open space spectrum for satellite broadcasting, surveillance and environmental protection . . . . including emphasis on more VHF-UHF frequencies and telephone transmission . . . Now, hear this. . . . The "emerging Third World powers" are talking about sovereignty of the air space for aero nautical and satellite purpose as the western powers continue to dominate the technology. . . . U.S. scientists are beginning to focus on the concerns as such "Brothers" Wendell Harrison of Federal Communications Commission joined the 10-man American delegation drawing up proposed new world wide regulations for broadcast and air space to be determined in September in Geneva. . . . The EIA electronics group brought in a lily - white team here for their half - million dollar exhibit to present a "hard sell" of U.S. electronics products to the African nations, while the I.T.U. exhibitors were more impressive with demonstrations of products to help national development . . . . rather than make a profit. . . .

In nearby Arusha (Tanzania) delegates to the 77 Nation confab on the 1980 trade agreement sessions in Manila (the Philippines) next spring. . . stressed that they are more concerned about improving trade between neighbors (despite border disputes) and eliminating business with South Africa than increasing business with the West. (spelled U.S.A.), . . . But, it is still apparent that the developing countries will have to overcome the confli[illegible]ong themselves while the Firestones, Mobils, Phillips' and Ampexes con[illegible] [illegible] the countries . . .

The various United Nations agencies are really doing their thing in organizing international committees at all levels to aid national development . . . with the bulk of the funds coming from the United States and Germany, but the greatest percentage is contributed by the Scandinavian countries and the Chinese . . . for peaceful purposes. . . . The UN Development Program for Africa provides four times more than the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) budget of $58 million for African programs last year. . . . And the UN is seeking a volunteer development corps twice as large as the U.S. Peace Corps . . . only it will be made up of African nationals instead of mostly U.S. expatriates. . . . This is what Dr. Carolyn Payne was trying to do before she was outsted and Iowa Democratic senatorial loser Dick Clark slated to take her place. . . . Dr. Ermon Karmaru is "settling in" here as deputy director of the Peace Corps. . . . She is already involved as she helped arrange for American Dr. Catherine Blackwell to address the National Council of African Women. . . . Ex-Chicago Disc Jockey Randy Daniels is the CBS's Man In Africa as he moves from one trouble spot to another in between "visits" here with his wife, Jackie, and their new baby. . . . Housing developer Jack Butler of Pittsburgh - Detroit is one of the oldest Afro - American expatriates here with a 10 - year record of aiding government housing programs . . . The National League of Cities should consider Washington as Nairobi's "Sister City" in Africa because of the similarities in bureaucratic and bourgeois lifestyles for some . . . Officials here are anxious for a visit from new D.C. mayor Marion Barry because of his man of the people background . . . The District's chamber of commerce could explore a wealth of new opportunities here by contacting the Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry on trade projects at P. O. Box 47024, Nairobi . . . . Former Cleveland mayor Carl Stokes and ex - Ghana Ambassador Franklin Williams passed through on a Phelps - Stokes education project . . . Attention Don King: — Nairobi promoters are seriously interested in hosting a world heavyweight championship spectacular or exhibition with satellite TV rights waiting. . . . They have the finances and resources . . . Andrew Ngombe has already thrown the city's hat in the ring for the 1988 Olympics after hosting a photographic exhibit on Moscow preparations for 1980 and huddling with Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley on the 1984 games . . . Don't smile — Africa is ready for the athletic spectacular . . . Howard U's George Tobias coached the Kenya Track and Field squad which finished third in All-Africa University games last month after the U.S.'s Mal Whitfield moved over to Somalia . . . The authentic African Heritage Museum here is seeking an exchange program with the newly reorganized African Art Museum in Washington to bring the works of talented Nigerian Bead artist Joseph Olabode and Kiisi stone Carver Ekuna Ongles to the U.S. for exhibit along with fashion show of African beauties, fabrics and hairstyles. . . . Nairobi director Alan Donovan is negotiating with the Capital's Warren Robbins on the project since the D.C. museum joined the Smithsonian Institution. . . . Timothy Jenkins' Match Institution at 2101 S Street, Washington, D.C., 20008 is providing top technical assistance on doing business with "the Third World At home and abroad" . . . Check it out . . . . Nowiu Kwa Heri. . . .