Letters to the Editor

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TOP BRASS

Los Angeles, Calif. — Thanks to DAWN Magazine and Major Mosby. If my great-grandchildren don't learn to read, (God forbid) they will see pictures of Top Army Brass who marched into my Black History scrapbooks.

I have been happily informed too about black generals in the army. Motivating our children is easier when we are seen in the good news.

And, why not fashion articles? Something yummy and light is needed for dessert.

HARRIET C. GRAHAM

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Brooklyn, N.Y. — Your supplement of January 1981 was very uplifting for minority youth in the portrayal of 25 black generals in the Army.

The article will be very useful for our youth to give them incentive to try to reach the top.

However, I found one thing missing, a succinct history of their background is order to show the effort necessary to reach the top.

MS. GEORGIA A. PEACHEY

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Philadelphia, Pa. — There appeared a listing of the currently active black generals of the U.S. Army in the January 1981 DAWN Magazine.

I am preparing an exhibit on black personalities in Ohio and would appreciate receiving large photos of the generals you included in your article.

W. C. TEAGUE

The limitations of space prevented our using more than a cursory sketch of the black generals in the army. These are typical responses to the "Top Brass" article.

For the many people who wrote in requesting photographs and other material on the generals, the best place to possibly get them is through the public information office of the army.

The author of our piece, Major Ernest W. Mosby, is in the PIO office at Ft. George C. Meade, Md.

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NIGERIA CHRISTMAS

St. Louis, Mo. — The article entitled "Christmas In Nigeria," in the Dec. 1980 issue took me by surprise. As a Nigerian, I find it extremely uneasy to accept the blanket generalization by Nweze Akpah, that the celebration of Christmas in Nigeria is not a religious ceremony as it is in Christian-majority countries.

No true Nigerian will accept such a claim as a matter of fact. While I may agree that Christmas is a country-wide celebration in Nigeria, I find it rather misleading to accept the view that Nigerians do not understand this celebration to mean the commemoration of the birthday of Jesus Christ.

EBONG UKPONG

Akpah, who is from Imo State, Nigeria, does not deny that Nigerians understand the true meaning of Christmas.

He was particularly interested in reporting the way non-Christians see Christmas since the christian way of celebrating Christmas is similar everywhere in the world.

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FASHION WORLD

Baltimore, Md. — Please continue to give us the Wonderful World of Fashion by Paula Brooks. It will help us to keep up with what style is best for us to wear.

NELL SHERIDAN

Los Angeles, Calif. — Congratulations on the Wonderful World of Fashion piece. It will be most revealing and I know it will be received by a wide readership.

One thing might be considered, in these times of inflation and such, information regarding the creating of one's own garments should be timely.

BIL HOWARD

Enough! We are convinced. The fashion and good grooming features will continue to be a part of DAWN Magazine.

OLD FILMS

Newark, N.J. — Here is some information for the reader who wishes to acquire films of the old "Amos & Andy" shows.

Two companies offering some of those old favorites for sale are:

Real Images, 495 Monroe Tpk., Monroe, Conn. 06468. They offer 18 titles of the TV shows — cost $139.98 for a 25 minute film. One feature film offered.

Niles Cinema, 1141 Mishawaka Ave., South Bend, Ind. 46615, they offer three of the TV shows and one feature film.

MARK ANDERSON

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BLACK LAND

Baltimore, Md. — An article appeared in DAWN Magazine a few months ago entitled "40 Acres and a Mule." My family and I are having a similar problem such as was mentioned in this article about the heir property.

There seems to be some large corporations that want this land anyway they can get it. Could you refer us to some type of legal help or some kind of organization that may help us?

MRS. C. D. DOUGLAS

We contacted the Legal Aid Bureau, which offers services to those unable to pay, and was told that you might try reaching one of the bureau offices in the area where the land is located.

There was no indication that they handle such cases, but at least they will be able to give you some information.

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POETRIE GALLERIE

Culver City, Calif. — I am quite delighted that my poem, "A Plea To the Tyrant," was included in the January 1981 DAWN Magazine. Publication in such a highly-esteemed magazine is a treasured honor.

Unfortunately the spelling of my name created a problem for the printer, evidently, many people already question my authorship. My last name is - Nolcox, as opposed to the Nolxoc which was printed.

NOBLE NOLCOX

Letters to the Editor

Alas, one of your favorite features is missing this month — It's In The Stars, by Amali.

As deadline time approached, Amali was totally involved in moving to new quarters, as well as planning a move from the Washington, D.C. base where she lives, to the West Coast.

Hopefully, things will be sorted out in time for the next edition of DAWN Magazine. We regret the inconvenience.

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The response to the article about black generals in the army has been nothing less than overwhelming. It was geared to appear just before Black History Month, and provided an up-to-date accounting of progress in the armed services.

A great preponderance of the letters received wanted pictures of military personnel, top enlisted as well as officers. Although we would like to assist our readers in this respect, we do not have the material requested.

All military installations have a public information office, and this is the best contact for information about the services.

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This month, we continue a look at the military, with a look at some of the things the army is offering in its recruitment efforts.

On the cover is Specialist 4 Theresa A. Perry who is in the process of testing a radio wire integration system. She is a radio installer at Fort Hood, Tex.

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