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Judge Rejects Dr. King, Jr. Way Opponents; Boycotts To Begin

By CONNIE CAMERON and GILLIE HAYNES

A group of concerned people from the community are threatening to boycott several businesses on and near Martin Luther King, Jr. Way (formerly Empire Way), because the businesses are opposed to renaming the street after Dr. King.

The group says that those against the name change "have shown a lack of respect to its multi-racial neighbors. Don't shop where you can't get respect."

Four of the businesses on a list of those to be boycotted have also filed suit, seeking a temporary restraining order against the city to rename the

eight-mile stretch from Madison Street to the South city limits.

Those named in the suit are Donald Heider, owner of Four Star Building Supply, 9132 Empire Way South; Anthony (Sonny) Sternod, owner of Chuck's Exxon, 5620 Empire Way South; Sandra Martin, owner, 25-Hour Grocery, 5418

Empire Way South; and Virgil Fox, owner, Fox Plumbing and Heating, 5907 Empire Way South.

The suit was filed in King County Superior Court on August 9. It also lists the Empire and Graham Merchants Association as plaintiffs. It says there are approximately 36 members of this group, but does not

give their names. The merchants claim the act would mean money out of their pockets for changes in stationery and other minor things. However, one local businessman stated, "The cost of changing a few documents and stationery from a comparative standpoint, certainly would cost a lot less than an unwarranted lawsuit. I do not understand their economic theory. So, it's obvious from their own act, that it is more than a monetary relief they are seeking. And I would fur-

thermore suggest that racism perhaps is the underlying issue."

The Medium has learned that several of those once allegedly affiliated with the Empire and Graham Merchants Association, may have withdrawn their names and possible support.

The City Council held several public hearings for people to voice their opinions "for" and "against" the name-change before voting unanimously on July 19, 1982 to change Empire Way to Martin Luther

King, Jr. Way. The name change became official when Mayor Royer signed the measure on July 24, 1982.

(This just in: The motion seeking a temporary restraining order was denied by King County Superior Court Judge Jerome Johnson, Wednesday morning, August 18).

Attorney Pat J. Sferra, representing the merchants opposed to the renaming, argued that the city had violated the merchants' right of referendum. He plans to return

to court to seek a temporary injunction. Their ultimate goal is to have the new name declared invalid, he said.

Sean Sheehan, assistant city attorney, said renaming Empire Way was an administrative act and not subject to voter referendum.

Meanwhile, a spokesperson for the boycotters, said pickets of the businesses will begin Saturday. Volunteers are circulating fliers about the boycott throughout Central and South Seattle.

Classy Salon Opens In Central Area



Open House was held Sunday, August 15, for Hair Fair, a new and classy hair salon that recently opened in Seattle's Central Area at Promenade 23, 2301 S. Jackson. From left to right: Brenda Cook,

operator; Shelly Tomito, receptionist; Annie and O. Thomas Harper, owners; Boyce Johnson and Dee Dee Miller, operators. —Staff Photo by Gillie Haynes.

Nine Years Of Good Gospel Music...



FAME Young Adult Choir celebrated nine years of good gospel music last Sunday, August 15. Shown above is Little FAME who was among other choirs such as Jubilation and Northwest Connection

who honored FAME at First A.M.E. Church, located on the corner of 14th and Pine Street. See additional photos on Page 10. —Staff Photo by Gillie Haynes.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

KKK - CAN IT HAPPEN HERE?

Rev. C.T. Vivian, chairman of the National Anti-Klan Network and 20-year veteran of civil rights struggles, will speak on the Resurgence of the Ku Klux Klan Nationally and Locally, and The State of the Anti-Klan Movement at the Empire Plaza, 820 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way South, on Monday, August 30, 7:30 p.m. The Total Experience Choir will perform. \$2.50 donation requested. Childcare provided. Sponsored by: Seattle Anti-Klan Network, National Lawyers Guild, National Anti-Racist Organizing Committee and the Northwest Committee Against Repressive Legislation. For information call 622-5144.

RED CROSS COURSE FOR YOUNG BABYSITTERS

A Red Cross Babysitting course for upper elementary and junior high school students is scheduled August 30 and September 1 at Montlake Community Center, 1618 E. Calhoun St. Hours both days will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Certificates will be awarded students who complete the course. To register or for further information, students should call Red Cross Nursing and Health Services, 323-2345.

SECOND ANNUAL FAMILY REUNION

The Harding, Codrington and Dickerson Second Annual Family Reunion will be held Saturday, August 21 with a picnic at Tacoma's Spanaway Park. The reunion will begin at 8 a.m. Friends are welcome. For more information contact Julia Goodwin at 325-4655 or Richard Harding at 322-8817.

BLACK FIRE FIGHTERS TO HOLD DISCO

The Seattle Black Fire Fighters Association will hold a disco Friday, August 20 at Campion Towers, 914 E. Jefferson from 9 p.m. until. The attire for this B.Y.O.B. affair is casual. Donation will be \$5 at the door and no one under 21 will be admitted. Music will be provided by Master Jam.

SOFTBALL TEAMS FOR YOUNGSTERS

Garfield Community Center has softball teams for ages 10-12 and 13-17. Volunteer parents are encouraged to assist as coaches and in any way they can. Games will be played in the mornings and afternoons. For further information, please contact the center at 625-4178.

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Dr. Roland Patterson

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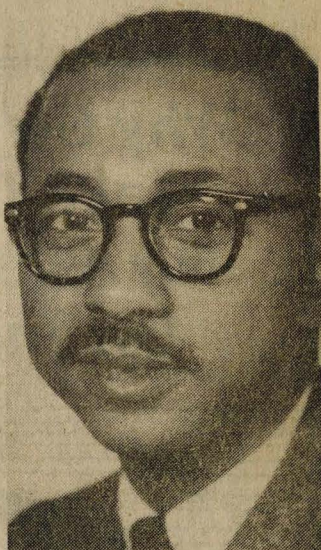
Memorial services for Dr. Roland Patterson were held Monday, August 16, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. He died August 9, 1982. He was 54.

Dr. Patterson had a lifelong love affair with hard work. In 1960, he began a career in educational administration, serving as principal at Montclair, New Jersey Public Schools, and then as an area superintendent of Seattle Public Schools.

In 1971, he was appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction for the City of Baltimore. Colleagues expressed dismay at his departure, recalling his appointment as the first Black principal and later, area superintendent. They predicted that his capability as a "master organizer" would stand him in good stead in his new post.

Baltimore, then the eighth largest public school system in the nation, hailed Dr. Patterson's arrival in October, 1971. At the beginning of "a new breath, a new vision" for the city and its schools, Baltimore was not disappointed. Within two years, with broad base community input, the school system was reorganized, and its administration decentralized under Dr. Patterson's leadership.

Other innovative and creative programs he initiated included the Right to Read Program, the Program for the Gifted and Talented, Parent-Infant Centers, Regional Parent



Dr. Roland Patterson

Advisory Councils, Office of Student Relations, Office of Staff Development, Magnet School Program, and the use of the management by objective throughout the school system.

Dr. Patterson's impact upon the Baltimore City Public Schools remains. Colleagues credit him with laying the ground work for today's improved achievement test scores and parent involvement through the regional structure. Recognizing his wealth of knowledge and outstanding leadership qualities, a number of organizations utilized his talents as consultant until 1978 when he was asked to head New York City's largest community school district, a post he held when he died August 9, 1982.

A week before his death, New York City's Mayor Koch and School Board President Jerome Green saluted him for his "dedicated leadership."

Soon after arriving in Baltimore, Dr. Patterson and his family became active members of New

Shiloh Baptist Church in 1971. They were guided by their former minister, Dr. Samuel Berry McKinney, pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church.

Dr. Patterson had many educational interests. He was one of the founders of the National Alliance of Black School Educators and a member of the National Education Association, Phi Delta Kappa, Kappa Delta Phi, Sigma Pi Phi, and the American Association of School Administrators. He was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the Boule, the Selective Service Committee of the U.S. Army, and the New York Chapter of the Rotary Club.

He won numerous awards and citations for his distinguished service, including the Afro-American Newspaper 1972 Honor Roll for superior public service without thought of personal gain. He served on the Boards of United Way of Central Maryland, Boy Scouts, the Advisory Board of the Baltimore Area Council on Alcoholism and the Advisory Board of the Doctoral Program of Education of Atlanta University.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Roland Nathaniel Patterson, Jr.; a daughter, Doris Louise; five brothers, Walter, John, Leonard, Russell and Everson Patterson; three sisters, Veryl Martin, Joan Lewis and Jacqueline Grogan; uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Everson Conyers; a mother-in-law, Mrs. Jimmie Scott and many other relatives.

3 Blacks Slain; Reward Offered

By CONNIE CAMERON

A \$2,000 reward is being offered by the Seattle-based Citizen's Council Against Crime for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of the person or persons responsible for the deaths of three young Black women and two White women, found in the Green River near Kent between July 15 and August 15.

Authorities have only been able to identify three of the victims. The body of one of the victims, 16-year-old Wendy Lee Coffield of Puyallup, was discovered July 15. She was strangled, and had been known to work as a prostitute.

The other White victim, Deborah Lynn Bonner, 23, of Tacoma, was found Thursday, August 12. Police say the woman had at least one prior arrest for prostitution on her record. Both White victims had several tattoos

on their bodies.

Only one of the Black victims had been identified at press time. The Medical Examiner's Office identified her as Marcia Faye Chapman, 31, also known as Belinda Bradford. She lived in an apartment near the Sea-Tac airport. King County Police said she had been arrested at least once for prostitution. Police have not disclosed how she died, but said all three Black women found Sunday appear to have died the same way. None had been stabbed or shot.

King County Police believe that all of the victims may have been killed by the same person.

A 25-member task force headed by King County Police was organized Monday to look into the deaths. It includes officers from several other police departments in Seattle, Tacoma and Kent. The investigation is being focused mainly along Pacific

Highway South near the airport. This is the biggest murder investigation since the "Ted" slayings in the mid-1970s.

The bodies of the three Black women were very badly decomposed and had been in the river for three to five days, the Medical Examiner's Office said Monday.

The five bodies found over the past few weeks make a total of 12 similar slayings in King County dating back to June 1981, according to King County Police. Ten of those murders are still under investigation. Several of the victims were prostitutes or lived "fast lives." They ranged in ages from 15 to 31.

Anyone with information on the deaths are asked to call the King County police communications center at 344-3883 or the Citizen's Council Against Crime at 623-1498. You do not have to give your name.

Unsafe Infant Seat Recalled

The Consumer Product Safety Commission announced Tuesday the recall of an infant carrier seat that could malfunction and allow the child to fall out.

About 15,000 of the carriers were sold nationwide between 1975 and 1980 under the name "Tendercare" model 412, and also by Sears,

Roebuck under the name "Winnie-the-Pooh Rocker-Carrier" model 36511, the commission said. The carrier cost about \$20.

The recall is being conducted voluntarily by the manufacturer, Pines of America of Ft. Wayne, Ind.

The combination infant

seat and carrier has a removable leg rest and many adults carry the product by holding it under the leg rest. When this is done, the commission said, the leg rest could come off and the child could fall out.

The manufacturer said it had received two reports of such incidents.

BLACK HISTORY TRIVIA . . .

QUESTIONS: Who was the first Black publisher elected first vice president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association in the Pacific Northwest? When? Where? What papers does he publish?

ANSWERS: Christopher H. Bennett of Seattle was the first Black publisher elected first vice president of the NNPA from the Pacific Northwest in June 1981 in Baltimore, Maryland. He publishes The Seattle Medium, Seattle's Metro HomeMaker and the Tacoma True Citizen newspaper.