

King Holiday Growing Into World Movement

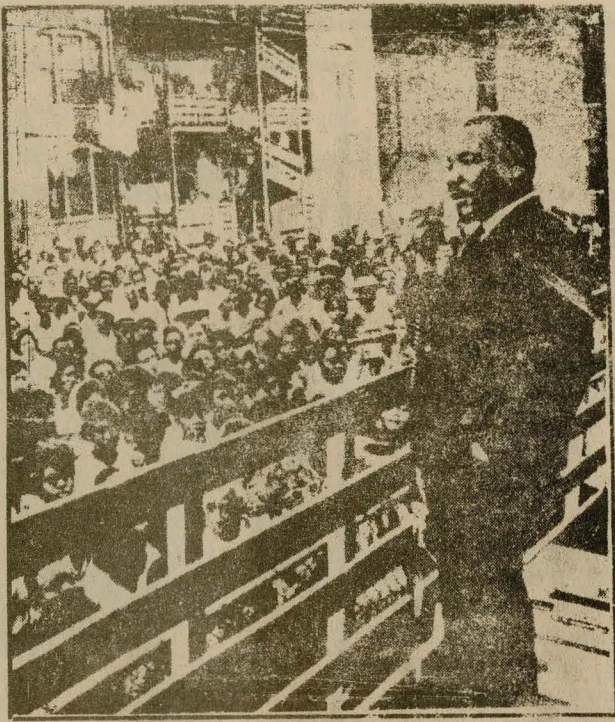
By Larry Still

Wash., D.C. — Republican senate leader Robert Dole (Kan.) and Rep. Mervyn Dymally (D-Calif.), new chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 100th Congress opening here, joined Coretta Scott King in urging support of the second official King Holiday observances in 40 states, 120 countries and thousands of cities throughout the U.S. and world.

Although the observances are continuing to grow into a worldwide movement affecting all peoples, Senator Dole expressed "some disappointment" that the private business sector was not providing more support along with municipal, state and federal agencies, and the United Nations.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development, which maintains the Federal Holiday Commission, and the Department of Defense, ironically, provided much of the logistical and manpower services for organizing 1987 activities, including the annual march-parade, with military units, in Atlanta, Jan. 15-19. (Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday is Jan. 15)

The commission receives no



government grant, but hopes to help raise a million dollars for the King Center to invest in sustaining funds when the agency expires in April, 1989, an official stated, after it was reported \$60,000 short of its \$250,000 budget this year.

However, Mrs. King agreed she would urge the commission to take steps to prevent the com-

mercialization of the observances similar to other national holidays. "Martin was such a moral person, it would be tragic to honor him with a white sale on sheets," she declared in announcing plans.

"We must continue to be on guard against those who would make the holiday a 'Black Holiday', his widow also stated. "Martin's life represented a triumph of all peoples-Black, White, Hispanic, Native Americans, Asians and many others, all of whom joined together in a common struggle for justice and righteousness," she added in emphasizing that his influence "extended beyond the Afro-American Freedom Struggle to every nation of the world."

"We are convinced that the first national observance strengthened... the world's commitment to Martin's nonviolence and will continue to do so with each succeeding year. The unbelievers in time will become the believers", she added in referring to current struggles in the Philippines and Africa.

Secretary of State George Schultz, Dr. Robert Schuller of the 'Hour of Power' television ministry, and the Revs. Joseph Lowery, Jesse Jackson and Benjamin Hooks, NAACP executive director, were scheduled to participate in the annual ecumenical service at Ebenezer Baptist Church, which King and his

father pastored. Other participants include Dorothy Height, president National Council of Negro Women; Dr. Lynne V. Cheney, chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities; British star Michael York and representatives of India. A national symposium on "Economic Justice for African Frontline Nations" will be held at

the King Center

The official holiday theme, "Living The Dream: Let Freedom Ring" will be emphasized by having Freedom Bells symbolically struck in Philadelphia and in 50 states in cooperation with 5,000 radio stations who will carry messages from such stars as Kenny Rogers, Stevie

Wonder and Barbara Streisand. The formalization of instruction on Dr. King and non-violence will be outlined by Secretary of Education William Bennett and the re-establishment of the national student coalition so active during the civil rights movement will be discussed at a conference of college and university students during the five day conference.

Distinguished Lectureship Series:

A View from Within

By Dr. Ali A. Mazrui

Noted Africanist and scholar Dr. Ali A. Mazrui will speak on "The Africans: A View From Within" Jan 14 at the second of the University of Washington's 1986-87 Distinguished Lectureship Series in Foreign Affairs.

Mazrui is research professor at the University of Jos in Nigeria, professor of political science and of Afro-American and African studies at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

More recently, he has been noted as the writer and presenter of PBS' nine-week controversial television series "The Africans." The Wednesday public free

lecture will start at 7:30 p.m. in Meany Theater.

A native of Kenya, Mazrui, 53, is professionally associated with the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) as an author, narrator and presenter.

He is the author of five books, including African documentaries as well as a novel with an African setting. He is a past president of the African Studies Association of the U.S. and a past vice president of the International Congress of African Studies.

Mazrui's causes also have involved him with the International Congress of Africanists, the International Political Science

Association, the African Section of the World Order Models Project, WETA Television, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences, United Kenya Club, London' Athenaeum Club and the Royal Commonwealth Society in London.

He received a bachelor's degree with distinction from Manchester University in England, a master's from Columbia University in New York and a doctorate from Oxford University in England.

DID YOU KNOW?

By Robert N. Taylor

When you are depressed the simple act of smiling can make you feel better. According to experiments at the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine adopting a facial expression — be it a smile or a frown — can trigger a feeling associated with that particular expression.

The fruit most likely to keep the doctor away is a papaya not an apple. Papayas have 48 times more vitamin A, 14 times more vitamin C, three times more potassium and fewer calories than an apple.

There is now a hotel built entirely underwater. It's called Jules Undersea Lodge and is designed for qualified divers. Luxury suites contain TV's, VCR's and personal computers. The daily rate is \$300 per person. It's located in Key Largo, Florida.

The world's largest watermelon was grown in Hope, Arkansas. It weighed 260 pounds.

The fastest growing segment of the nation's homeless population is families with children. According to a survey of 25 big city mayors families now account for 28% of the homeless. A shortage

of low-income housing and Reagan administration cutbacks in social programs have made the problem worse.

This week's favorite quote comes from W. Clement Stone: "When you are burdened by self-doubt, say to yourself: 'DO IT NOW!'"

Applications Are Now Being Accepted For Project Homecoming

Project Homecoming is a unique educational and cultural program that provides the opportunity for Seattle, Tacoma and Portland area high school students to visit Black colleges and universities.

Applications are now being accepted for potential candidates for the 1987 tour of prominent east coast schools.

Any high school student who will be a sophomore, junior or

senior in 1987-88, with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5, and is interested in attending a historically Black college or university is encouraged to apply.

All applications must be submitted by Thursday, Feb. 5.

For additional on Project Homecoming and the application process please contact: James Staples at 644-4071.

Drugged Driving Program Wins National Honors

Kids and drugs aren't usually a winning combination. But one teenage anti-drug video program sponsored by the Washington Traffic Safety Commission is pil-

ing up national honors.

The program is a multi-image presentation, called "Soul Survivor," produced by Seattle's Watts Silverstein. So far it has captured a Gold Award in the 1986 Association for Multi-Image Festival, "Best of Show" in the Best of the EWest Festival, a Gold Award in the New York Film & Television Awards and a Gold Award in the Industrial Film Producers of America annual awards ceremony.

The 14 minute presentation, featuring music by Tina Turner and Glenn Frye, bombards a 9 x 25 foot screen with images from nine slide projectors. The message is clear: mixing driving and drug use is dangerous. The story line hits hard the dangers of peer pressure and the need for sound decision making.

"Soul Survivor"; is shown in high schools statewide with the aid of three State Troopers. It is the newest of three Traffic Safety Commission multi-image programs. The other two award-winning shows promote safety belt use and sober driving under the titles "A Matter of Time" and "Friday Night Live."

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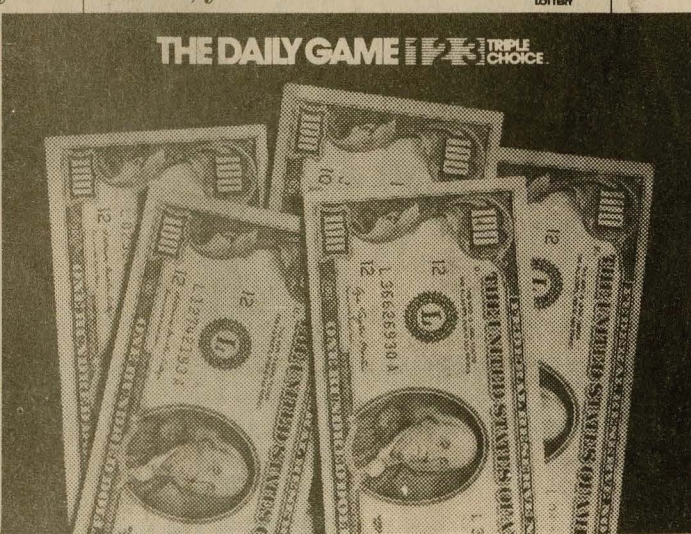
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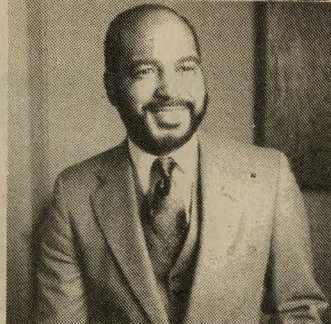
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