**Mildred Johnson Speaks**

**Friends, let's not forget the great man Martin Luther King, Jr.**

"I have a dream that one day in the red hills of Georgia, sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood. I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice. I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood. I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice."

*The Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church at 540 Clarissa Street presented a beautiful program entitled "Rejoice" at the Christmas Eve Service, Saturday, December 25, 1988 at 11:00 p.m.*

The service was telecast live by Station WXXI (Channel 21).

A Fellowship Hour was held from 9:45 p.m. to 10:45 p.m.

Rev. A.N. Gibson, Pastor.
Rev. William C. Gipson, Assistant Minister.

**American Dominican Mission sponsors world-wide pilgrimage in honor of black saint, Martin De Porres**

The USA delegation was sponsored by Dominican Father, Bartholomeus De La Torre, O.P., of the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D.C. Cities of departure were Washington, D.C., New York, Miami, Chicago and Los Angeles.

Additional information may be obtained by writing to the Saint Martin De Porres Pilgrimage, c/o of the Coordinator, William Jefferson, P.O. Box 844, Temple Hills, MD 20748 or call 301-630-3870.

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**From Maxine Childress Brown City Councilwoman**

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Rochester, New York — First city in United States to provide interpretation for the deaf at city council meetings.

Rochester is home to the Rochester School For The Deaf, one of the oldest such institutions in the nation, and the internationally recognized National Technical Institute For The Deaf at the Rochester Institute of Technology.

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City Councilwoman Maxine Childress-Brown, an advocate for the hearing-impaired, observed, "Rochester and Monroe County hold the highest per-capita percentage of deaf and hearing-impaired people in the nation, and consequently have a highly developed network of communications systems to serve them. Numerous public facilities and social service organizations provide interpreters, TTYs, and audio loops."

"We believe Rochester is the only city in the U.S. to provide interpretation for the deaf at city council meetings. We take pride in our efforts to ensure that public affairs are conducted in such a way as to be accessible to all people," Childress-Brown said.

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**CELEBS HELP UNVEIL 1989 BLACK ENTERPRISE/ANHEUSER-BUSCH CALENDAR AND CONVENTION PLANNER** — Entertainer, comedian and writer Bill Cosby (far left) was one of many celebrities who turned out for the Third Annual NAACP Great Black Artists Gala, held at the New York Marriott Marquis Hotel. The affair honors a great black artist each year. This year, the NAACP honored painter and humanist Jacob Lawrence. The Black Enterprise calendar and convention planner, which is unveiled annually at the Black American Artists Gala, is presented in conjunction with Anheuser-Busch, Inc., and lists the annual conventions and meetings of the country's major black organizations. Also pictured (left to right) are: Benjamin L. Hooks, CEO/executive director of the NAACP; Bobby Short, singer and pianist; and Henry H. Brown, vice president, marketing development and affairs, Anheuser-Busch, Inc.
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United States Senate
Washington, D.C.
September 24, 1960
Mr. Howard Coles
Suite 316, Powers Building
Rochester 14, New York

Dear Mr. Coles,

This letter is to invite and urge you to participate in the National Conference on Constitutional Rights and American Freedom which I am calling to meet in New York City on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 11 and 12.

The purpose of the Conference and a rough outline of the agenda are contained in the attached release which I issued earlier this week.

The Tuesday, October 11, meeting is scheduled only for the evening, convening at 8:00 p.m. and recessing at 11:00 p.m. The Wednesday, October 12 meeting and activities will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will be completed by late afternoon.

I am planning to meet with the working panels and to receive their recommendations on Wednesday, and also to address the Conference and the public that afternoon.

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey will serve as Chairman of the Conference. Others already scheduled to participate include Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, former Governor Herbert H. Lehman, Governor C. Mennen Williams, Senators Joseph S. Clark and Philip A. Hart, Representatives Emanuel Celler, William L. Dawson, Charles C. Diggs, Robert N. C. Nix and Adam Clayton Powell, Mayor Robert F. Wagner, who will be host to the Conference, and Mr. Harry Golden.

The working sessions will take place at the Hotel Park Sheraton 55th and 56th Streets at 7th Avenue, New York City. A detailed agenda will be mailed to you within the next week.

However, it is important that we know as soon as possible whether or not you will be with us. A self-addressed postcard is enclosed for your convenience in letting me know your plans respecting attendance.

I hope that you will be able to be with us. We need the benefit of your counsel and I am looking forward to seeing you. With every good wish, I am Sincerely,

JOHN F. KENNEDY
Did You Know?

The African Methodist Episcopal Society, and later the African Methodist Episcopal Church, came into being in 1827. These energetic black pioneers soon built a neat little edifice on Sofia Street, close to the present site of the A.M.E. Zion Church on Favor Street. But they lost it when hard times came. This did not deter them for long, however, and in March 1832, the church was incorporated under the laws of the State of New York. All this was achieved under the leadership of Rev. Thomas James, ex-slave and first pastor of the church. From the One Hundred Sixtieth Anniversary Committee.

The Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association, Inc.

Dear Trustees and Members:

We hope that you had a happy and healthy year.

The Annual Meeting of the Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association was held on Friday, September 23, 1988 at the Visitor Center of the Frederick Douglass Home at 1411 W. Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20020.

Dinner was served at 5:00 p.m. Business of importance was discussed. If you plan to attend the 1989 dinner please call or write the secretary, Minnie M. Nelson, 1111 Favor Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20020.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

M. Maxine Boyd, President
Minnie M. Nelson, Secretary

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HAROLD HACKER PRESENTED AWARD

Harold Hacker received the New York Library Association's Outstanding Advocate of Libraries Award for 1988 at the NYLA Conference in Buffalo. NYLA President Julie Cummins made the presentation of the award, which is given to an individual or group who by sustained or extraordinary activity has given distinguished service to the development and extension of library and information services to New York State citizens.

Mr. Hacker was President of NYLA in 1946-47 when the Association's first legislative campaign was launched, and helped draft legislation in 1950 which became the first major library and state aid law in the nation.

He was instrumental in the formation of the Library Trustee Foundation, later renamed the New York State Association of Library Boards. In 1949, and served as a volunteer officer for 20 years. He was appointed to serve on every Commissioner of Education Library Committee since 1956, and chaired two Commissioners Committees on Library Development which resulted in landmark reports.

Previous recipients of the NYLA Advocacy Award include Citizens to Save Libraries (Buffalo), Laura Bradley Chodin, Nat Nentoff, Brooke Astor, Gordon Ambach and Elliott Goldstein. Founded by Melvil Dewey in 1890, the New York Library Association is the nation's oldest and largest state association devoted to the promotion of public service and professional excellence in the library field.

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Dear Editor:

We ask your assistance in the efforts of Columbia's Graduate School of Journalism to recruit promising minority students and to find sources of financial aid for them. These efforts grow out of the concern of the School's faculty with the small number of minorities entering American Journalism.

In our determination to increase the number, we seek to extend our contact with potential candidates who Mansa Kankan § Mansa Mussa— King of Mali *(1812-1377)

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Mandinka — King of the Mandinka *(1600-1620)

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Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,
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Closing date for completed applications: January 15, 1989 at 5:00 p.m.

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Monroe County Sheriff's Office
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Go placidly amid the noise & haste, & remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly & clearly; and listen to others, even the dull & ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud & aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain & bitter; for always there will be greater & lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.

Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity & disenchantment it is perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue & loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees & the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors & aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery & broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy.

Found in Old Saint Paul's Church, Baltimore; dated 1692.