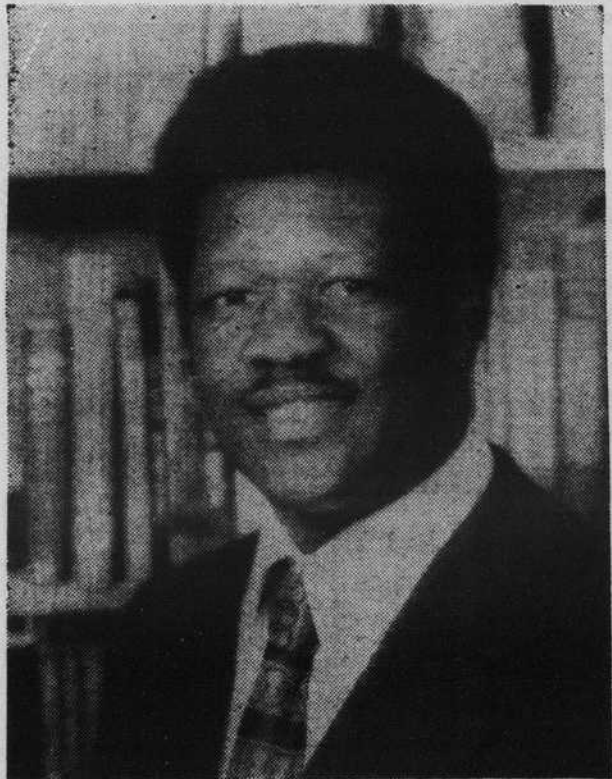


# \*\*V\*A FACTS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

### VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

- Q -- In 1970 I renounced my VA compensation benefits. Can I get this benefit back?
- A -- Renouncement of rights will not preclude any person from filing a new application for compensation; however, a new application will be considered as an original application and no payments will be made for any period before the date the new application is received by the VA.
- Q -- I am moving to Canada. Can I use my VA guaranteed home loan there?
- A -- No. Real property must be located in the United States, its territories or possessions to qualify for the VA loan guaranty.
- Q -- I am in receipt of a nonservice-connected pension. I have two businesses. I have a little profit on one, but a large loss on the other. May my loss be deducted from the profit on the other?
- A -- No. The loss in operating a business, profession or farm or from investments may not be deducted from income derived from any other source.
- Q -- How may a former serviceman obtain a copy of his lost or destroyed report of separation from service?
- A -- Any VA office will provide a form on which he may request a duplicate from the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis. In addition, if the former service person had his discharge recorded with his county upon separation from service, he may be able to get a copy from that source.
- Q -- How much burial expense is paid by VA upon the death of an honorably separated wartime veteran?
- A -- A burial allowance not to exceed \$250 plus an amount not to exceed \$150 toward cost of a burial plot or interment if not buried in a national cemetery. Payment not to exceed \$800 may be made if the veteran's death is found by VA to be service-connected. Additionally, transportation costs are paid in certain instances.
- Q -- May a beneficiary receiving dependency and indemnity compensation reside in a foreign country?
- A -- There are no restrictions to beneficiaries residing in foreign countries, except those residing in 'blocked countries.' Complete information is available at any VA office or American Consular office.



## The Hughes Report

By Thomas F. Hughes



### DON'T TRAVEL SOUTH - Autaugaville, Alabama

I got to stay out of the South. On Monday we flew out of Las Vegas on Delta. At once the southern hospitality hit me in the face. Charming young stewardesses came through with breakfast, an engaging smile and a warm "good morning." Then came the soft easy drawl of the pilot welcoming us to Delta Travel. Breakfast was just over when we were approaching Dallas. After a 20 minute lay-over we took off for Jackson, Mississippi, Montgomery Alabama and then Atlanta. What did I do that for? Everywhere I looked there were gracious people of warmth to greet you. Everywhere I saw smiling Blacks in every conceivable job. Blacks came aboard to remove debris, replace supplies, make technical checks, examine the undercarriage, etc. The Delta attendant arranged for our room and soon their courtesy bus picked us up and delivered us to the Royal Inn at Hapeville, Ga. (Never heard of it but is closest to the Airport.) Tuesday we checked out to go to S.C.L.C., Headquarters and sought a cab at the airport and surprise again. Black cab drivers at the airport Halleluah!!! A very courteous young man acted as announcer on the way downtown and I was very pleased to see "Atlanta Internationale", a multiple story hotel (approximately 12 stories) and be advised it is a black owned beauty located downtown. At the S.C.L.C. director Tyrone Brooks brought me up to date about S.C.L.C. - Dr. Abernathy fully resigned as president in February and is now President - Emeritus. Rev. Joseph Lowery, Chairman of the board is now acting President until an election is held. A round of questions and answers gave me the necessary input for revival of our Las Vegas Chapter. And then a tour - Wheat Street Baptist Church and its 10-12 story apartments plus another large apartment complex, its own credit union, Ebenezer Baptist Church (Dr. King's) and next door the spectacular center for Social and Cultural Renewal - in front the body and tomb of our beloved Martin Luther King, Jr. In front of it you behold a burning eternal flame (similar to the John F. Kennedy Flame in Washington) and all backdropped by an excellent designed building while the tomb was flanked by a pond on each side. Across the street a city-built Martin Luther King Community Center. All this on Auburn Ave. along with Atlanta Life Insurance Co. and offices of Atlanta Daily World - the only Black Daily in the country (per advice). I fell in love with Atlanta and the Black progress evident everywhere. If I don't stay out of the south I will be moving back. No wonder so many Blacks are moving back. (Continued Next Week)

# VOICE EDITORIALS

## Education Is Power

By Thomas E. Wilson, Ph.D.



The end of this school year is fast approaching. Before it ends, we feel that we could do well to consider the progress that our children have made in school this year.

Does it seem that your child can't seem to get down to work at school, although he may have been doing well enough until recently? Are his grades lower? Does it seem that talking about his grades and about doing better doesn't seem to get us anywhere? If you have talked with the teacher he or she has probably told you that the child is not working up to his capacity. He's had occasional difficulties at school before, as all children do, but he can't seem to handle himself now.

Take heart. Children like to learn. Children have curiosity that gives them pleasure when it is satisfied, and a need to use their growing abilities to accomplish things. As they grow into school age we begin to channel their curiosity and capacity to learn into more formal situations. This, plus the need to meet standards of achievement, adds a measure of hard work to the pleasant aspects of learning. Of course, a child may not like school at all when he is having trouble with his school-work. But whenever a child is having continual difficulties in school something has gone wrong to cause it.

It is not reasonable to judge a child "stupid" or "lazy" when his grades fall and he obviously isn't getting his schoolwork done. We need to ask ourselves, "What is it that is taking all the pleasure of school for him? What is holding him back?"

There are several reasons why children may do poorly in school. Some children do poorly in school because they have lost time in earlier grades due to illness, and have a poor foundation for current schoolwork. Some are in poor physical health and simply do not have the energy to do all that is expected of them. Difficulty may occur because a child cannot hear well what the teacher is saying or cannot see the blackboard clearly. Sometimes a child who is generally intelligent may have a specific reading or arithmetic disability, and need specialized tutoring. Some children simply do not have the capacities to do well in their current grade placement.

Any of these difficulties requires expert appraisal and usually special treatment, tutoring or assistance for the child.

Children need the knowledge that they live in a stable and sympathetic home. This does not mean that a home should be without conflict, for some conflict occurs just because we are all individuals and some because children (or parents for that matter) can't always do what they want. Children should know that family fussing is normal. But if conflicts linger and become troublesome, a child tends to worry about them and cannot concentrate on tasks away from home. A supportive home atmosphere permits a child to turn attention and energy on his schoolwork. If a parent dies or leaves home, part of the child's world has been lost, and he may have little energy or enthusiasm for the school routine until he adjusts to the new situation at home. If a new baby coming into the home requires much of mother's attention, the school-age child may feel that his place at home is being threatened, and his grades may suffer. Money problems that worry either parent excessively can be transmitted to the child and cause him to fall behind in his studies. Relocation of the family, change of school, sudden illness of a parent, or even a neighborhood bully can worry a child. Since home is the center of a child's universe any unusual change that upsets the balance there can affect his work at school.

One thing to remember is that your child is like no other. There we must support the child in his efforts to grow up. Black children have especially difficult times for a variety of reasons. They need all of the support from us that they can get.

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