

Across The Nation

News From Home Folks

This feature is a news compilation from more than 100 black-owned and oriented newspapers in this nation. It deals with what blacks, who are all-too-often under-recognized, are doing to promote full participation in American life by black Americans. It is thus a salute from all of our readers for unsung heroes... and is designed to be a challenge for all of us to keep on doing our very best.

The Macon, Georgia, Courier tells of much of the positive feelings which black Americans have for the altogether racist-criticized brother at the United Nations, U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young. The Courier notes:

Ambassador Andy Young, United States Representative to the United Nations, received the Martin Luther King, Jr. Award from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference at its 21st Annual Convention held in Birmingham, Ala. Rev. Dr. Jesse B. Lowery, SCLC President, announcing the award said, "Mr. Young has used a non-violent approach to promote worldwide peace."

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Award was established by Rev. Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy after the death of Dr. King. SCLC's founder and first President to honor individuals who have given most to promote social change through non-violence.

Young, a former Congressman and leader in the civil rights movement, worked closely with Dr. King during the 60's and was himself an executive of SCLC. He was educated at Howard University and the Harvard Theological Seminary and has served in myriad roles.

Other prominent persons who received awards were Hank Aaron and Randolph

Blackwell. The four-day working session attracted some 1,200 people from across the country.

The Savannah, Georgia, Tribune tells of a local success story which should inspire us wherever we live in our nation. The Tribune relates:

The Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials (GABEO) has elected State Representative Bobby Hill of Savannah as the organization's President for a 2 1/2 year term. Hill was elected during a recent meeting of the GABEO in Atlanta. Hill succeeds Paul Ware, President of the Atlanta City Council.

The Savannah attorney called his election to the presidency "the height of my political career."

He now holds two important posts in Georgia's black political hierarchy. He also serves as chairman of the Black Caucus of the state legislature.

Hill said he felt the presidency of the association was a key post in Georgia politics because the organization "has a statewide network for affecting the conduct of all elected officials in the state, black or white."

The association is made up of 270 black officials and has been in existence for six years. Hill has been in charge of the association's legislative session for the past four years.

Hill said he was elected unanimously Saturday after three opponents withdrew from contention.

Other officers elected Saturday included Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson, vice president; State Rep. J.C. Daughtery of Atlanta, treasurer; and Dolores Brooks of the Macon City Council, secretary. Chosen

as division heads were Macon school board member Melvin Williams, school board section; State Rep. Calvin Smyre of Columbus, legislative section; and Richmond County Commissioner Edward McIntyre, county government section.

The Sacramento, California Observer tells of the creative response of some black local citizens to the passage of Proposition 13, limiting the amount of public funds which may be spent for all causes collectively. The Observer reports:

Representatives from many Sacramento area human service organizations gathered to ask for federal revenue sharing funds from the Citizens Advisory Commission on General Revenue Sharing, which has no money to allocate.

Although the County Board of Supervisors, due to Prop. 13, has placed \$13.5 million in the general fund, leaving the commission none to dole out, the commission took nearly three hours of testimony on the worth of the organizations from representatives.

In fact, the commission's own \$500,000 has been re-appropriated to the county's general fund.

The placement of revenue sharing monies in the general fund leaves department heads the first say in what non-county agencies, such as human service agencies, if any, are subsidized by federal dollars.

Commissioners indicated, during the Wednesday night meeting in the new County Supervisors chambers, that the department heads will be reluctant to appropriate money to the organizations because they will be competing with ongoing county projects.

The Commission, which develops recommendations to the supervisors on which programs should receive funding, considered asking the board for at least \$1.5 million, but the motion died in a tie vote. Dissenting commissioners asked for more time to review the proposal.

The Commission will finalize recommendations during a meeting this week on what groups should receive priority status.

About 200 persons attended the Wednesday meeting, many carrying placards promoting their organization.

Among several persons making pleas was David Davis, head of an informal revenue-sharing coalition formed last month. He made the presentation on behalf of about 24 human service organizations.

"We believe that the country has an obligation to continue to provide some ameliorative service to the elderly, the disabled, the poor and others who need a little bit of help."

During the meeting, Commissioner Les Gary told his fellow board members, "you have no dollars to allocate to anyone no matter what they say at the podium. That is not a viable position to be in."

Our readers may wish to address congratulatory messages and messages of encouragement to the papers which report happenings of interest or concern to us. Such messages may be sent to the editors or other persons directly by simply addressing them, using the name of the paper, c/o Black Resources, Inc., 410 Central Park West, PH C, New York, N.Y. 10025.



LEGISLATIVE ALERT

ANTI-HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEMS SUPPORTED BY AMERICAN TAX DOLLARS: FOCUS ON ARGENTINA

In an 8-part series, we call attention to foreign regimes receiving "welfare payments" from the U.S. Treasury while flagrantly violating human rights.

Part I

Argentina is one of three countries singled out by the Carter Administration for military aid cuts because of human rights violations. The Administration reduced the amount of credits for arms purchases by more than half, to \$15 million. The Argentine military government subsequently rejected this amount, saying that the "reduction showed interference in the internal affairs of our country."

While the Administration did take the initiative in this case, it nonetheless illustrates the role Congress must play in foreign policy. Although Argentina had rejected the money appropriated in order to give the State Department "flexibility" in negotiating with the military junta, the Congress refused to appropriate the funds. The Administration also wanted to continue training Argentine officers at a cost of \$700,000 in fiscal 1978—a program not rejected by Argentina. The Congress also refused to appropriate this money.

Meanwhile, Argentina is still in the grip of violence and repression. The Videla government is waging a war on so-called subversives, a term which includes all opposition leaders and political exiles from other countries who sought refuge in Argentina. The government claims it is helpless to stop right-wing paramilitary death squads, which have been responsible for more than

2,000 assassinations since 1973, according to Amnesty International. Since persons seized by paramilitary groups inevitably appear (if they appear) in military prisons, Videla's claims to lack of knowledge and inability to control are hardly credible.

Black American taxpayers should voice opposition to continued federal largesse to Argentina.

You may write to your Congressmen and Senators at: Congressional Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 or Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. Please congratulate them and let them know where Black America stands on crucial issues.

TO: CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS 306 House Annex Washington, D.C. 20515

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 - By enclosing a check for \$_____
 - By working with my local or nearest black congressional representative in any way that is needed
 - (Please send me literature on the Caucus)

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Media Reviews:

(An inspiring sports book for young people and adults)

YOU CAN!

A review of *Bob McAdoo, Superstar*, by James Haskins, William Morrow, Publishers, N.Y., 1978, 160 pages, Hardcover, \$6.95.

The James Haskins' growing collection of inspiring stories regarding heroic black Americans are ones which should become a basic part of the library of every black home.

Currently a professor of English at the University of Florida at Gainesville, James Haskins has spent all of his professional career teaching in elementary and junior high

schools and in colleges and universities. His basic message both to his students and to his countless readers has remained the same. It is the timeless and timely message which says, "You can!"

All of James Haskins' many books tell of black heroes who made a success of their lives in spite of many difficulties. Such it is with his book, *Bob McAdoo, Superstar*. Here Haskins tells of a black boy who set out at the age of four to do his best with a basketball. He studied hard and kept his "eye on the ball" in practically every task he set out to do. Bob McAdoo played basketball all through his school years and into college. Then, despite his frailty, he entered the big time leagues and became the fourth player in National Basketball Association history to win the Leading Scorer title three years in a row.

Read this fascinating story. Before its end, you will say, "I can!"

FANCY THAT!

America has the busiest airlines system in the world. The average yearly miles flown for people in the U.S. is 770.6 per capita.

America may soon have a more competitive airline system if the government permits Pan Am and National to merge. The newly formed airline could compete more with other airlines around the world and offer passengers more services for lower rates.

WARRANTIES FOR HOMEOWNERS

CHECK YOUR WARRANTY With so many types of insulation on the market today, many homeowners have difficulty identifying the best material for their needs.

A key to estimating the value of a particular insulation—and the manufacturer behind it—is the warranty. But warranties can be confusing, so homeowners should examine the manufacturer's warranty before selecting a product.



A good manufacturer's warranty will cover any damage to your home caused by either the product or the installation, and should be valid for a reasonably long period of time. A qualified dealer handling a reputable manufacturer's insulation should offer this extensive coverage.

According to William Egnor of Aerolite SPE Corporation, a leading manufacturer of urea-formaldehyde (UF) foam insulation, the warranty is a good indicator of a product's integrity. "A manufacturer can offer the protection of a full warranty because the company feels assured of the material's performance, the dependability of quality control measures and the competence of the installer," says Mr. Egnor. "Such manufacturers train and certify their dealers to protect both themselves and consumers."