Complete Text Of Mrs. King's Summons To Greatness Graduation Speech At Morgan

MRS. MARTIN LUTHER KING
'I challenge you to reject all vestiges of second-class citizenship . . .'

I feel deeply honored and privileged that you have selected me to be your commencement speaker, that you have now conferred on me the honorary degree Doctor of Laws.

I am privileged to join with others who have been similarly honored and certainly because my late husband was honored by this great institution. I consider a very special and unusual privilege to have also now been honored.

I hope that I can live up to all of the expectations that this degree carries with it.

Thank you, Dr. Jenkins. Members of the faculty, members of the undergraduate and graduate classes of 970, alumni, and friends of Morgan State College.

It is a privilege for me to be with you on this auspicious occasion and share the joys of this moment which make a milestone in the lives of the early 650 graduates who will receive their degrees this evening.

I feel welcome to this state without recalling the memory of Frederick Douglass — a slave who purchased his freedom and joined hands with the country's abolitionists working passionately and unrelentingly for the abolition of slavery.

More than a century has passed since Frederick Douglass took the horrible stories of slavery to the North and the continent of Europe, however, the indelible impact which he made as a man when there were no thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth amendments, has been remembered to this day and the forthright courage and fearlessness which he showed when "those unborn had died," have been an inspiration to millions of black people who are not yet free, to millions of black people who must continue to wage an unyielding battle against injustice, oppression, and tyranny; and to the millions of black people who are asking — how long and how many lives will it take before we are truly free?

Significant

I am happy to be with you this evening because this occasion signals two significant events — one a beginning, the other an ending.

May we look first at the significant ending?

Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, the illustrious and distinguished president of Morgan State, will soon be retiring from the presidency of this college. For twenty-two years, Dr. Jenkins has been at the helm of this famed institution and he has steered it through the turbulent waters which have inundated our educational system since 1954.

I have used 1954 because notwithstanding Maryland's geographical location, it has not always chosen well. Unlike her sister states to the south — Maryland, a border state, has had a choice. However, she has too frequently chosen to accept the worst of the south while rejecting the best of the north, thus giving herself a dual personality — the segregation of the south and the hypocrisy of the north. (Applause)

So the position of president of Morgan State — a predominantly black college in a border state, has been a very difficult one. But Dr. Jenkins has performed his duties masterfully, and I can imagine that in the days before these doors were opened to all students, black and white, he appeared before the state legislature and said, "Gentlemen, the cost of segregation is high. If you will not admit us to the University of Maryland, then for each piece of equipment purchased for the university, an identical piece must be purchased for Morgan State.

"For each budgetary increase allocated for the faculty at the university, a comparable increase must be allocated for Morgan State."

I can imagine that Dr. Jenkins said further, "Gentlemen, you are responsible for the deprivations we have suffered, therefore if our students are reading below their class level, it is incumbent upon you to provide compensatory programs which will bring the students up to the standards which you — the Regents — have set.

"So, you see members of the Legislature — segregation comes high. Not only do you have to pay for the psychological damage done to a group of God's children, but you must pay to remove it that is possible, the deeply imbedded scars left by years of humiliation, deprivation, disadvantages, and discrimination."

Well Done

Now, at the end of almost twenty-five years in a crucial post filled with challenges, demands, disappointments, and heartaches, Dr. Jenkins can look back and view a job well done.

When he looks back, he will see an institution which he brought to the close of its first century of service to mankind. When he looks back, he will see a college in which the enrollment has continuously increased, graduates degrees have been added in nine disciplines, academic standards have been steadily raised, and the physical plant has been extensively enladged.

Transcending this, though, has been the invaluable contribution which Morgan State has made to the Baltimore community. Because Dr. Jenkins has had the vision to expand the outreach of this college, when he relinquishes the presidency, he will not be idle. He will take a new helm and steer the new Office of Urban Affairs of the American Council of Education in Washington, D.C.

I heartily commend you, Dr. Jenkins, for what you have done and I wish for you godspeed as you undertake a continuation, but new, phase of your work.

Summons

To those of you for whom this commencement — a beginning — I should like to issue you "a summons to greatness."

Most people would have to agree that we are experiencing one of the darkest periods of our nation's history — as well as the history of the whole world.

This period is filled with cynicism, hopelessness, frustration, bitterness, and hatred which are manifested in many forms of violence. Perhaps the key word here is violence — but violence is not the cause. It is symptomatic of a complexity of interrelated problems with which our nation has failed to grapple. War, inflation, poverty, urban decay and racism have all contributed to the climate of violence which surrounds us.

This year, in unprecedented actions, many of the nation's leading colleges and universities have closed ahead of schedule and cancelled their commencements because of the wanton violence which occurred at Kent State University and JacksonState College.

Violence

Deplorable as those incidents were, we must not let America forget that in 1968 three black students were fatally wounded at South Carolina State College and until this day, there has been no outrage or cries of righteous indignation at the loss of their lives.

America has a history of violence — a history so imbedded in its psyche tat violence has become a form of entertainment grosing billions of dollars for the movie and television industries.

But while these billions were being made, America failed to realize that it was rearing a generation of young people who did not find violence entertaining.

Today's student is not the frivolous, cadefree, young person of yesterday's college novels. The student today is a serious minded, independent thinking individual who seeks to analyze and understand the problems of our society, and find solutions to these problems which are in keeping with the highest traditions and values of our Democratic system. His response to the challenge of this dark period in the history of our nation and the world, is indeed a sobering influence on all of us.

We may not agree with all the tactics and forms of protest employed by today's students, but we would be hopelessly insensitive to overlook the demands they are voicing. We cannot teach the traditional subjects of reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic to students whose lives are being scarred or curtailed by the contemporary degenerates of racism, repression and war.

America, the most affluent and prestigious nation in the world, is painfully learning that no abundance of material good can compensate for the death of individuality and personal creativity.

The eminent columnist, Walter Lippman, speaking of our concern with foreign policy, said in 1965: ". . . let us tend to our own business, which is great enough as it is . . . we have neglected our own affairs. Our education is inadequate, our cities are badly built, our social arrangements are unstalsfactory. We cannot wait another generation."

Students today have shown they will not wait another generation.

Critically Ill

Our society is critically ill when the President of the United States can escalate and expand an illegal, immoral and unjust war. This is why we can't wait another generation.

When thousands of students mobilize in the nation's capital to peacefully protest the programming of their lives by war, march by the White House and see it surrounded by armed guards, our country is close to becoming a fascist state where no redress is permitted.

When a month later, these students, their ranks increased by the over thirty generation, again go to the nation's capital and this time see a cordon of busses isolating the White Houe and its insensitive chief occupant — we know America is in dire need of healing. (Applause)

When the voices of America's finest —its youth —have gone unheeded, and enless violence has been perpetrated against them, there is no need to impanel a blue-ribbon commission to investigate he causes.

The Kerner Commission has clearly told us that racism is the root cause of racial unrest and violence in our society.

The Eisenhower Commission has clearly told us that young people must be given a greater role in determining their own destiny and in shaping the future course of our society.

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DR. MARTIN D. JENKINS
'. . . the invaluable contribution Morgan has made because Dr. Jenkins had the vision . . .'

Public School Lunches

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

MONDAY
Cold Cut Submarine
French Fried Potatoes
Tossed Salad
Sliced Peaches
½ Pt. Milk
or
Turkey Noodle Soup
Cold Cut Submarine
Tossed Salad
Sliced Peaches
½ Pt. Milk

TUESDAY
Cheeseburger on Roll
French Baked Potatoes
Succotash or Cole Slaw
Rainbow Pudding
½ Pt. Milk

WEDNESDAY
Pepper Steak
Whipped Potatoes
Creole Green Beans
Homemade Roll and Butter
Peanut Butter Cookies
½ Pt. Milk

THURSDAY
Meat Loaf with Gravy
Macaroni — Tomato Cheese Casserole
Buttered Kale
Homemade Roll and Butter
Cherry Joy
½ Pt. Milk

FRIDAY
Tuna Salad
Cheese Potato Casserole
Buttered Green Peas
Crispy Cornbread and Butter
Prune Spice Cake
½ Pt. Milk

JUNIOR and SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

MONDAY
Cold Cut Submarine or Grilled Cheese Sandwich
French Fried Potatoes
Buttered Cabbage or Buttered Corn
Sliced Peaches
½ Pt. Milk

TUESDAY
Cheeseburger on Roll or Tuna Sandwich
Whipped Potatoes
Succotash or Cole Slaw
Rainbow Pudding
½ Pt. Milk

WEDNESDAY
Pepper Steak with Gravy
French Baked Potatoes
Buttered Kale or Green Beans
Homemade Roll and Butter
Peanut Butter Raisin Bar
½ Pt. Milk

THURSDAY
Meat Loaf with Gravy or Bologna Sandwich
Macaroni — Tomato Cheese Casserole
Glazed Carrots or Buttered Mixed Vegetables
Homemade Roll and Butter
Cherry Joy
½ Pt. Milk

FIRDAY
Tuna Salad or Barbecue on Roll
Cheese Potato Casserole
Three Bean Salad or Buttered Green Peas
Crispy Cornbread and Butter
Prune Spice Cake
½ Pt. Milk
All menus subject to change

AHA urges drop in fees for elderly

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The American Hospital Association has called for dropping the fee the nation's 20 million elderly Americans must pay to cover their doctors' bills under Medicare.

The fee, now $96 a year for a couple, is scheduled to rise to $127.20 on July 1.

The proposal was offered before a Senate finance subcommittee by Jack A. L. Hahn, president of the Methodist Hospital of Indiana and president-elect of the AHA. He said the poorest of the elderly poor were denied health care because they could not afford the Medicare fee.

The subcommittee, investigating why Medicare costs the government $6.3 billion a year — far exceeding original estimates — received little hope that hospital costs could be brought down or even leveled off.

Medicare, financed through social security taxes, pays hospital costs for the nation's 20 million citizens over 65. But they must pay a $9 monthly fee — scheduled to rise to $5.30 — to get coverage for doctors' fees.

The fact that one million elderly have not signed up for that coverage "is evidence that the costs of doing so is for many of them prohibitive," Hahn testified.

Public invited to RFK memorial

The public is invited to a candlelight memorial service for the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy at the Kennedy graveside in Arlington National Cemetery, at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 6.

Candles will be distributed to the audience. The service will be attended by members of the Kennedy family, friends and guests, and the speaker will be the Rev. John Cavanaugh, former head of Notre Dame and an old Kennedy family friend.

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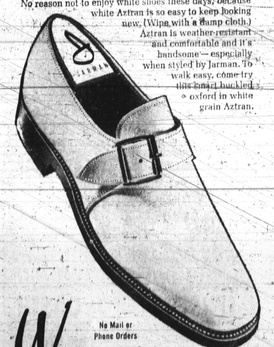

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SCHOOL DAYS for C and P Telephone Co. employees and other students will continue this summer at the building, 801 St. Paul St. Left Panel shows officials of the unique learning center, PROJECT ATLAS (Achievement Through Learning Advanced Skills) Roland Henson, supervisory counsellor; Mrs. Barbara Johnson, employment interviewer and counsellor; James Pavlakis, instructor and Charles F. Fitzsimmons, project manager and head of the school. Not shown is counsellor Mrs. Joan Higbee. Center Panel shows Ed Ledvinka and Tyrone Knight, both employees, studying via phonics learning machines. Right Panel shows the libarary with employees John Ornson, Kermit Golden and Norman Gilyard selecting science books for interesting reading and class preparation.

C and P Offers Learning, Skills And Jobs

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

There is one school in town that will not recess for summer vacation, much to the pleasure of its students.

The private institution located at 801 St. Paul St. is operated by the C and P Telephone Co. for employees who wish to enroll and a group on special arrangement with Dunbar High School.

The self-development program is called Project ATLAS (Achievement Through Learning Advanced Skills) started in October, 1969 and is attended during off hours by employees. The company pays salary and all expenses.

But what makes the school such an unique one and so enjoyable is the fact that classes are small and students may obtain individual help inspiration and assistance toward accomplishment at any time requested.

And, like some exclusive, expensive and elite private school only heard of in books, there is every imaginable machine, book or learning device at hand.

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C and P has named Charles E. Fitzsimmons, staff supervisor, as manager with Roland Henson, a longtime personnel official; Mrs. Barbara Johnson and Mrs. Joan Higbee as counsellors.

The Telephone Co. hired Education Performance Systems Inc., a New York educational firm to develop the special program which is "the latest word."

For the most part, Mr. Fitzsimmons explains, the program is a non-group approach to learning and each student has his own program mapped out by the teacher-consultant.

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Each student works on his own but calls on the teacher to overcome roadblocks or to assimilate special material.

Nevertheless, when group activities are important, the students assemble to focus on, for example, speed, accuracy drills, in mathematics, rate building in reading and problem solving related to job functions.

Over 130 enrollees have been in the program since it began.

At present there are 80 students who may study for as many subjects as they wish (or only one, if desired) and drop out at and time when they feel personal goals have been accomplished.

The purpose is to be able to use the education to rise to a more responsible job in the company, for personal development for use in every day living or just for the sheer joy of learning.

Most of the students are from middle level jobs in all departments of the Telephone Co. while some from Dunbar are learning to help them become employees.

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Statistics show that after only 11 weeks study dramatice progress is shown in arithmetic computation, word knowledge and better reading.

Mr. Fitzsimmons reports that 14 participants have moved on to more responsible jobs, seven of them to supervisory positions; three representatives and four to higher, non-management jobs.

Most students report the program has contributed to greater self confidence and personal growth.

Measurement through tests reveals that some students have gone up two grade levels.

Supervisors report that employees have improved job performance; improved initiative; more positive outlook and attitudes and greater breadth of skills.

C and P provides not only educational opportunities but jobs as well and what they term "interesting and steady work."

The company offers openings as file clerks, cable spicers, linemen, installers, framemen, service representatives, long distance operators, directory clerks, clerk typists, garagemen, mechanics and hundreds of other positions.

All include full pay while learning, paid holidays, vacation, sick pay, hospitaization and other benefits.

Roand Henson, in Personnell at 320 St. Paul Place welcomes persons who wish to apply for employment, discussion of opportunities and encouragement enough to start anyone well on the way to a long, fascinating career.

PHOTOGRAPHED AT the anniversary banquet of the County Crusaders of North Severna Park, recently, are, from left: Mrs. Jessie Anderson, mistress of ceremonies; Dr. Delores Hunt of the Anne Arundel County School Board, speaker; Mrs. Louise Seymour, organization's president; J. Lloyd Rush, administrative assistant, Anne Arundel's Bureau of Community and Industrial Affairs; and Mrs. Stella Benesch, coordinator of the County's Community Action Agency.

OVER 200 WORDS a minute is the pace Official Supreme Bench Reporter Ernest Black keeps on duty at the Court House. He is shown above with Judge Solomon Liss but takes records in all courts. A native of Texarkana, Texas, Mr. Black calls Hempstead, L.I. New York home. He began schooling for the unusual job at the Arctic Business College, Anchorage, Alaska, when he was an Air Force staff sergeant and then attended of General Session.

Kansas State Teachers College by arrangement through the Air Force and completed training at Merchants and Bankers School, New York, the place where champion court reporters go. Before coming to Baltimore courts Mr. Black took down the record for the Nassau County Courts, Long Island and received commendation from the District of Columbia Courts.

Black history exhibit has opening this Sunday

Black History Exhibit opens with "Loose Leaf Pages From the History of Black People of Baltimore," on Sunday, June 7, at the Old Towne Meeting House, Fayette and Asquith Sts.

This is a first and will show a collection of materials running from aportrait of the late MISS Sarah C. Fernendis, the first black social worker in Baltimore, to various artifacts showing beginnings, activities, etc. over a period of 150 years.

In the section "From Attic to Cellar" is a fluting iron used by the donor's grandmother for ironing the pleaded collars of Colonial Gentlemen and Dames; also a punch cup used by Frederick Douglass, an illustrious of Maryland sons.

Other sections will include religion, civics, education, sports and entertainment.

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The Old Towne Meeting House is an historic site in its own right, being the oldest meeting House in the Baltimore.

It was built in 1871 by the Friends who interestedly enough helped runaway slaves in the Underground Railroad Movement.

It has been resolred by the Friends and given to Baltimore City and is under the auspices of the Peale Museum.

Plans for the program of Exhibits began in October, 1969 with a meeting of the representatives of the Peale Board and Citizens Commiestt.

U tour of building and a luncheon were background for an agreement whereby the Committee might use the Meeting House for Exhibits and the staff of the Peale Museum would give technical assistance.

Other Exhibits will follow.

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Members of the Citizen Committee are: Mrs. Pearl C. Brackett, George Brown, Mrs. Glenford Dudley, the Rev. Crayton Dudley, Walter Fisher, Dr. Herbert Frisby, Dr. Walter N. Gantt, Mrs. Lucille Gorham, Clarence J. Gitting, Jr., Dr. Chester W. Gregory.

Also, Clarence Gregory, Mrs. Elizabeth Henderson, Mrs. Kelly L. Jackson, Marshall W. Jones, Jr., Dr. Roland C. McConnell, Herbert E. Nutter, Dr. Saul M. Perdue, Dr. Bejamin Quarle;

And Mrs. Mildred J. Seaborn, Mrs. Ida Murphy Smith, the Rev. Forrest Stith, Mrs. Odessa Thomas, Mrs. Elizabeth Ward, Mrs. Beryl Williams, Thomas W. Wallace.

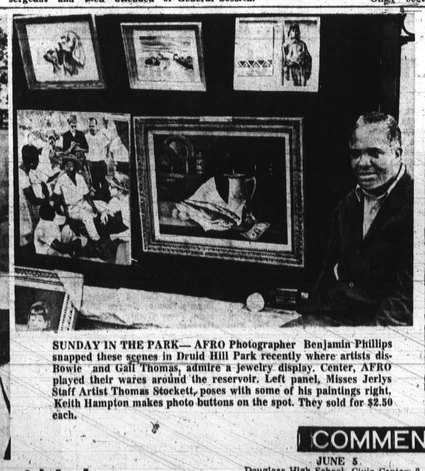
Agency seeking business manager

WASHINGTON

Applications are to be filed now for the $8,391 per year position as accountant-business manager with the Far East Community Services, Inc., the UPO neighborhood development program based at 624 Division Ave., NE.

Application forms may be obtained at that address and must be submitted with experience resume in duplicate copy to Albert Long, the FEDSI board chairman.

VA Chief Donald E. Johnson says volunteer workers contributed more than nine million hours of service last year at 166 VA hospital and outpatient clinics. Yet more volunteers are needed.



SUNDAY IN THE PARK— AFRO Photographer Benjamin Phillips snapped these scenes in Druid Hill Park recently where artists Bowie and Gail Thomas, admire a jewelry display. Center, AFRO played their wares around the reservoir. Left panel, Misses Jerlys Staff Artist Thomas Stockett, poses with some of his paintings right, Keith Hampton makes photo buttons on the spot. They sold for $2.50 each.

Reflections on Druid Lake

Oh for goodness sake
There's an art show around
the lake
And I find something rather
quaint
About people who paint.

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Stark realism, and figures
in black
Etchings/ sketches/
murals in bstract
Wood carvings of primitive
lore
Artists rich, and artists poir.
There are trees/ and flowers and bees
In dazzling pastels and
symmetricts
There are pieces here,
quite high in cost
And some that didn't come
across

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Waxes water colors and
waxed water colors and
stencils.
Inks, and charcoals, and
some of pencils
And here are many art
buffs that I know
That never miss a good art
show.

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So around Druid Hill Park's
lake
There was the pro/ there
was the fake
And I met a stranger,
named Van Gough.
Whose paintings failed to
please, somehow.

PAUL D. McALLISTER

COMMENCEMENTS

JUNE 5
Douglass High School, Civic Center; 8 p.m.

JUNE 7
Southern High School, Civic Center; 3 p.m.

JUNE 8
Northwestern High School, Civic Center, 8 p.m.

JUNE 9
Baltimore City College, Civic Center, 8 p.m.

JUNE 10
Dunbar High School, Civic Center, 8 p.m.

JUNE 12
Edmondson High School, Civic Center, 8 p.m.

JUNE 14
Carver Vocational-Technical, Civic Center, 8 p.m.
Cardinal Gibbons High, 5 p.m. in school gym.

JUNE 15
Forest Park High School, Civic Center, 8 p.m.

JUNE 16
Patterson High School, Civic Center, 8 p.m.

JUNE 17
Western High School, Civic Center, 8 p.m.

JUNE 18
Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, Civic Center, 8 p.m.

Provident Hospital wants new building on Towanda Ave.

Provident Hospital officials are scheduled to appear before the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals on Tuesday to request permission to construct a building at 3100 Towanda Ave. for storage of three vehicles to be used at the new hospital.

Henry J. Whyte, hospital administrator, said the additional building is necessary because such a facility was not included in construction of the new compound.

It is to house a laundry truck, a bus used for transportation of student nurses and a station wagon for hospital business, Mr. Whyte explained.

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Other cases to be held the coming Tuesday, beginning at 1 p.m. in Room 231 City Hall, are these at the following locations:

721 N. Carey St. — use first floor for a day nursery for eight children; 3700 Edmondson Ave. — use basement for radio and TV sales and services; 3507 Powhattan Ave. — continue to house four families;

3501 Edmondson Ave. — cleaning and pickup shop; 925-27 Poplar Grove St. — custom tailoring and draperies shop; 4613 Park Heights Ave. — addition to nursing home; 3912 Duvall Ave. — continue to store two trucks in rear yard; 1758 Park Ave. — cleaning and pressing shop.

Among the cases heard the past Tuesday, the board rejected the following appeals at these locations;

3510 Clifton Ave. — the housing of 16 roomers; 708-08 Whitelock St. — repair and use rear portion in conjunction with confectionary store; 1925 W. Mosher St. —first floor record shop and basement for food storage.

A scheduled case to house three families at 2030 Madison Ave. was reset for June 9.

Social Security

Thousands of young people have been hired by the Social Security Administration to work in its offices throughout the country this summer as clerks, typists, stenographers and assistants to professionals.

Approximately 2,460 youngsters will participate in the agency's Summer Aid Program, which gives jobs to 16-21-year-old children of disadvantaged families so that their salaries may enable them to return to school.

Locally some 500 of the summer aids, who earn $1.60 an hour, will work at Social Security's national headquarters in Woodlawn, a Baltimore suburb.