OFF TO EUROPE

Annapolis teen musician selected for 'America's Youth In Concert'

By Eloise Richardson
AFRO Correspondent

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Miss Lavenia M. Calvin, daughter of the late Rev. James C. Calvin and Mrs. Theresa A.B. Calvin of this city, has been selected to participate in the "America's Youth in Concert" 1975 program, sponsored by the Universal Academy For Music, Princeton, N.J.

The purpose of the program is to demonstrate the outstanding quality of America's youth and music education programs while enriching and expanding the musical and cultural horizons of the young musicians.

Students are selected on the basis of having participated in a nation-wide audition. Following intensive rehearsals in Europe, the students will concert in Rome, Florence, Venice, Innsbruck, Geneva, Paris and London.

The program, composed of several hundred students, will concertize in two groups. Lavenia has been selected to play the string bass instrument in the Symphony Orchestra. The group departed June 26 for Rome and will return to perform in New York City on July 22.

The young musicians will work under the batons of outstanding university educators from different areas of the country. Each year these concerts have received wide acclaim from European audiences and officials of the countries visited for their exceptional musicality and conduct.

Lavenia has been a member of Maryland All-State for the past three years. She is an honor student at Annapolis Senior High School where she studies with Michael Svec and Valerie Mills.

While an honor student at Bates Junior High, she studied with Miss Joyce North, Miss Joneice Anderson and Miss Bonzie Gilbert. She is a private student of James Young of Prince George's County.

Lavenia is affiliated with the Annapolis Children's Theater Orchestra, the Annapolis Youth Symphony, the American String Teachers' Conference and Asbury United Methodist Church.

Last summer she had an opportunity to study with Homer Mensch of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra.

While in London, Miss Calvin will visit with her cousin Michael Carroll, the grandson of Mrs. Gertrude Jenkins of this city. Special blessings were said by her pastor, the Rev. Joshua Hutchins.

LAVENIA M. CALVIN traveling abroad with America's Teens in Concert

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R.S.V.P. with Marie

"This week Mrs. Viola Lewis and I are representing Baltimore at the first of the concurrent annual meetings of Big Brothers of America and Big Sisters International."

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Smith is a founding member and second vice president of Big Sisters Int.)

Here's a refreshing column item: Wish you were in the islands for the 4th of July holiday? Celebrate the red, white and blue with a tall, frosty glass of Strawberry Cooler. This writer has tried it — will have it again and again.

To make it, you'll need 2 tablespoons of frozen strawberries (with syrup), 1½ oz. Jamaican rum (it's the best ever), 1 oz. fresh lime or lemon juice (please don't use bottled or canned). Place all in blender with 4 oz. of cracked ice for 30 seconds. Serve in large goblet. Garnish with fresh strawberry.

Have a good day!

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people he or she manages."

She was particularly complimentary about her immediate staff. Vivian Bailey's retirement brings the total of GS-15 supergrade "sisters" down to seven.

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WEEK OF ACTIVITIES FOR COMMUNITY GIANT

Accolades came from every branch of government at Aris T. Allen dinner

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William Ellery Channing, American clergyman, said:

"The greatest man is he who chooses the right with invincible resolution; who resists the sorest temptations from within and without; who bear the heaviest burdens cheerfully; who is calmest in storms, and most fearless under menace and frown; and whose reliance on truth, on virtue, and on God, is most unfaltering."

ANNAPOLIS, MD. — The Community Salute to Aris T. Allen Dinner, which culminated a week's activities, drew a capacity crowd of more than 500 at the Hilton Inn here on Saturday evening.

The honoree, Dr. Allen, physician, legislator, educator, historic preservationist and community and church leader, was saluted nationally, state-wide and locally by various leaders in government and other organizations.

A partial list of community programs which were held prior to the dinner included an afternoon reception and program, open to the community at Mt. Moriah AME Church in recognition of Dr. Allen's contributions to humanity, which were read at many other areas of worship on Sunday, June 22.

A community reception highlighting his many activities of community leadership and advocacy at Stanton Center on Monday evening, followed by a dance for the youth of the community.

An invitational reception, given by the employes and director of the Anne Arundel General Hospital, when his work in the areas of medicine and public health were highlighted on Wednesday.

A reception given by the Anne Arundel County Board of Education at the board's new building, when his work as a former member of the school board was extolled.

Salutes at the dinner were presented as follows:

"Husband," Mrs. Aris T. Allen; "Father," Lonnie Allen; "Churchman," the Rev. Rodger Reed; "Youth Supporter," Carl Snowden; "Legislator," Col. William Harris; "Businessman," Delegate Elizabeth Smith; "Community Leader," Dr. Delores Hunt; "Fraternity Brother," Mr. Thomas Hunt;

Also "Patron of the Arts," Mrs. Agnes Abernethy; "Civic Leader," John C. Apostol, Mayor of the City of Annapolis; "Historical Preservationist," Carroll Greene; "Education (Basic)," Walter Mills; "Education (Higher)," Dr. Robert Ludlum, president of Anne Arundel County Community College; "Physician," Dr. Stephen Hillabidle, and closing remarks by Robert A. Pascal, County Executive.

Music was by Mrs. Joyce McManus, contralto, accompanied by Mrs. Agnes Abernethy. Special presentations were made by Mrs. Cathryn Johnson for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Thomas Hunt for Aloha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Mrs. Joan Grayston and Mrs. Rachel Brown.

The latter presentation stood out significantly as a work of art, a still life portrait, a crowded, active composition just as the life of Dr. Allen is crowded with momentous events and activities.

Among details in the painting was the praying hands of Durer and the following prayer, changed by Dr. Allen, a clue of his awareness of the present state of the black experience. The prayer read:

"God grant me the serenity to tolerate the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Amen."

The artist, Ernest Tricomi of the Karlsan Studio as a tribute to Dr. Allen, stated:

"No mere painting can express the whole spectrum of people, places and events that populate a lifetime such as yours. This should be seen only as the highlights of a successful career and a warm personality."

The invocation and benediction were delivered by the Rev. Richard W. Hall of Washington, D.C. and the Rev. Mr. Reed respectively. Dr. W. Montague Cobb, Professor of Anatomy Emeritus of Howard University was the Master of Ceremonies. During the coktail hour music was furnished by Licyndiana.

Numerous Citations

Among the many tributes received by Dr. Allen were the following:

Gerald R. Ford, President of the U.S.:

"You have enhanced a very succesful profession by an impressive record of civic and humanitarian service. To this you have further added a strong devotion to the Republican Party. The example you set is an inspiration for those who know you, as well as for fellow citizens across the country."

Nelson A. Rockefeller, Vice-President of the U.S.:

"Your great contribution to the field of medicine itself and to the medical needs of Annapolis area residents is indeed a proud record. Your achievements in medical technology and your thirty years of medical service to Annapolis area residents constitutes a record of pride, not only to you and your family, but to the community that proudly honors you tonight."

Marvin Mandel, Governor of the State of Maryland:

"In recognition of your significant contribution to the betterment of the Annapolis community, your state and your nation, as evidenced by your outstanding service in the Maryland General Assembly, and by your leadership in numerous community and civic endeavors, and as an expression of our continuing admiration and great respect, we are pleased to confer upon you this Certificate of Distinguished Citizenship."

Robert A. Pascal, County Executive:

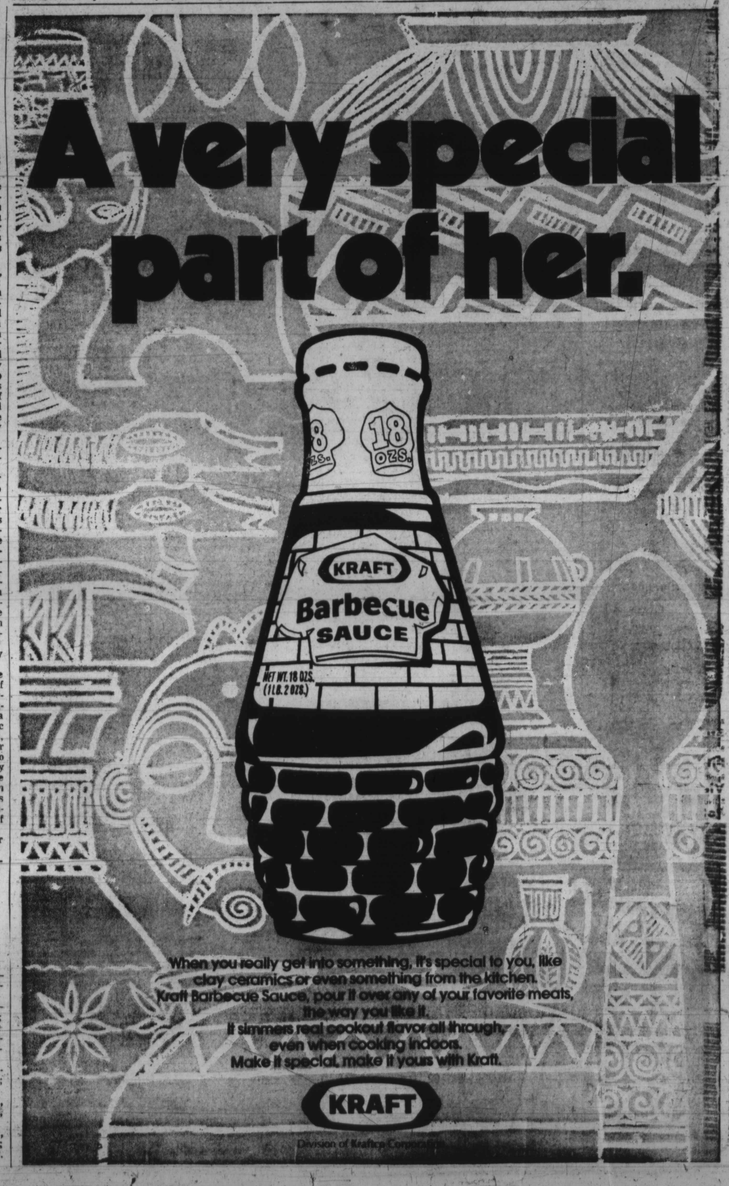
"The County Executive and the County Council of Anne Arundel County recognizes Dr. Allen's combined contributions as a community leader, historic preservationist, legislator, husband, father, soldier and physician as second to none. Therefore the County Executive proclaims June 28, 1975 as 'Aris T. Allen Day' in recognition of his accomplishments throughout the total community of Anne Arundel County."

John C. Apostol, Mayor for the City of Annapolis:

"The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis congratulate Dr. Aris T. Allen for his many accomplishments and contributions to the City of Annapolis and believes the community is far better due to his efforts. Dr. Allen has devoted his entire life to people, their problems, and ways to solve them, and is a person who has made a very high-standing mark in the community."

(More to come.)

DR. ARIS. T. ALLEN



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