For The Record

By Frederick I. Douglass

If Leroy Hutson's face looks familiar, it is because he is the man that replaced Curtis Mayfield with the Impressions in 1970. Hutson had just graduated from Howard University and was being asked to fill some very big shoes. But he did it, moving from a music student to the leader of one of the country's major groups and further establishing himself in the music world. At this time Hutson was not really a newcomer. While a student at Howard he and his roommate, Donny Hathaway, co-composed Hathaway's smash hit "The Ghetto" and a number of songs recorded by Roberta Flack including "Trying Time" and "Gone Away."

Hutson did some great thing with the Impressions, but found that he would have to keep on stepping in order to broaden his musical horizons. He left the group on friendly terms to perform as a single. Before long he had recorded three albums entitled "Leroy Hutson, The Man," "Leroy Hutson" and "Love Oh Love." The title track of "Love Oh Love' was released as a single and is his biggest hit today.

Now Hutson is blasting away on the airwaves with goodies from his latest album "Feel the Spirit," a recording which gives him ample talents to display his talents as a producer, composer, arranger and player of all keyboard instruments. "Feel the Spirit" is one of the mellowest albums that this writer has heard during this leaping year. It features some really funky party music and some sweet cheek-to-cheek jams that will be right on time during the spring and summer months.

The meanest track on the LP is "It's the Music," a rock steady jam that features a laid back horn arrangement, slick vocal acrobatics, and a finger popping, up tempo beat, the kind that the brothers and sisters were dancing to centuries ago in the Motherland of Africa. I predict that "It's the Music" will gain Hutson considerable airplay and will climb high on the Top-40 charts.

One of the mellower cuts on the LP is a sweet thing entitled "Let's Be Lonely Together," a jam that is beautifully arranged and includes a virtual conversation between the voices, horns, bass and drums. "Lover's Holiday" is a similar types of jam and has a catchy beat that will pull a lot of play if the tune is released as a single. "Lover's Holiday" is the prettiest song on the album. "Don't Let Get Next to You" is the other ballad on the album, filling out the mellow groove. "Feel the Spirit," the title track of the album is a really slick up tempo jam with a bi-centennial theme. This cut is particularly interesting because it illustrates Hutson's ability to make unique combinations of voices, instruments, rhythms and contemporary musical trends to create memorable music. "Feel the Spirit" is a jam that you will undoubtedly be hearing a lot of this summer. You will also be hearing a jam entitled "Never Know What You Can Do," a mellow uptempo thing that sounds very much like some of the tunes Curtis Mayfield used to write for the Impressions.

LeRoy Hutson has a brilliant future in the music world. An indication of his ability as a performer is the fact that he actually hung in there with Larry Graham and Graham Central Station during a recent performance at the Beacon Theatre in New York City. You should have heard Hutson and the members of his band get down on a wide open, cooking with all burners version of 'Butterfat,' the only tune on the album that was not written or co-composed by Hutson. What really amazed me about Hutson's performance is that he can really jam on the keyboards. Look out for LeRoy Hutson. If he ever gets a hold on your mind, he will make you "Feel the Spirit."

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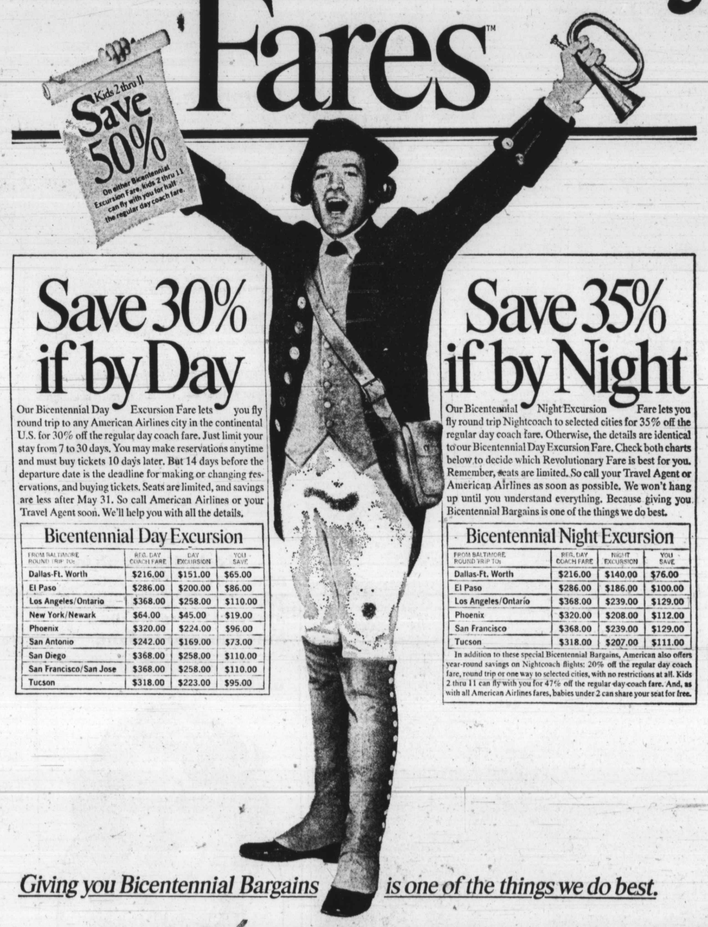

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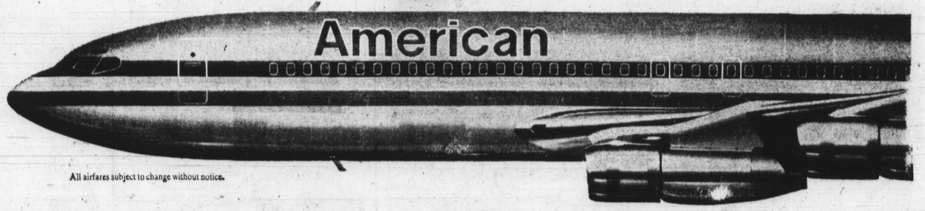

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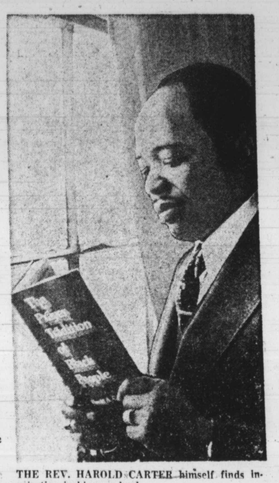

THE REV. HAROLD CARTER himself finds inspiration in his own book.

AGE OLD HABIT STILL LIVES

The power of prayer found relevant today

"The impact of the black (citizens) prayer tradition has been so powerful that it has colored the life-style of this people and has surfaced as a spiritual pillar in support of all their efforts in liberation and community development."

This is a statement of the Rev. Harold A. Carter, a Baltimore minister, in his rapidly selling book, "The Prayer Tradition of Black People"

The book which is in essence "the power of prayer" is circulated nationwide with great success, he reports.

Two questions which may be firmly answered "yes" can be phrased, "Is it because of the high holy season of Easter when all people resort to prayer or is it because of hard times, economic depression and joblessness today?

The book, superbly written by the 39-year-old pastor of New Shiloh Baptist Church, is inspirational and highly interesting.

The act of prayer, as he reveals it, stems from Africa and follows through the years of slavery as it trickles down into this era's daily life.

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The Rev. Mr. Carter's scholarly work focuses on the recorded and oral utterances in public prayer and includes interviews with elderly black persons.

Of special note is the Af-

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Missing girl found in Delaware

Other local children have dropped out of sight

A phone tip from a concerned friend ended Thursday a frantic search for a Northeast Baltimore teenage high school student reported missing from home nearly 60 days ago.

Search for quiet and pretty Mary "Bunny" James, 16, took her anxious mother, Mrs. Mary James, to every corner of the Baltimore metropolitan area, ending with a last desperate trip to Wilmington, Del., Thursday morning.

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With her daughter home at last Thursday afternoon, Mrs. James told the AFRO in a phone conversation: "Mary is now home and doing fine. I am happy my daughter is safe. She said she was afraid to come home beause she thought I would beat her."

Mrs. James told the AFRO the teenager was found in Wilmington residing with friends.

She said her daughter was found based on a tip given by a Baltimore friend.

That tip ended the anxiety and tension that caused the Jameses to post $500 reward for information leading to the finding and safe return of their daughter.

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Miss James, a Northern High School student, suddenly left home unannounced one February evening after a family quarrel in which "her brother slapped her in the face," according to relatives.

Hoping that she might have spent the night in a friend or a relative's house, few eye-brows and fears were raised when Miss James did not come home for the night.

Then the case took on a serious complexion after a day or two when nobody heard from her.

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Mrs. James states she reported the incident to police who treated it like any other "run-away" case. According to relatives police pestered them with several questions. Some of them frankly annoying, ending with the usual remark "Maybe she has run away with a man."

But things were getting desperate for the Jameses who called the AFRO. When the second AFRO story appeared Tuesday announcing a $500 reward, a young lady called offering to tell the family Mary's whereabouts without taking the reward.

"That's the most beautiful call I have ever had all my life," said Mrs. James, adding, "I was not so sure about the tip that Mary was in Delaware, but I was anxious to make the trip anyway."

Happy Mrs. James voluntarily added, "I'm going to treat them to something great. Mary and her friend. I'm going to take them to a movie and then a dinner."

MARY "BUNNY" JAMES
back home

Solomon Rose missing 4 years

It was four years ago April 1 when Mrs. Charlene Gray left her son only a few moments at Mondawmin with her seven-year-old niece while she cashed a check.

When Mrs. Gray, 26, returned, her niece was watching TV at Sears but her three-year-old son, Solomon Gomile Rose III, could not be found.

"We are still hoping and praying he will be found and someone will bring him back home," his grandmother, Mrs. Daisy Jackson, told the AFRO this week.

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Solomon is now seven years old and his mother, Mrs. Gray, feels he is "still alive and being taken care of."

Mrs. Gray claims she was away for only two minutes and within this time Solomon vanished.

She said, "Two months after my son was reported missing, the police stopped looking for him. He just might be living in Baltimore because most people have forgotten him."

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Police reported to the AFRO, there still is no lead on the whereabouts of Solomon. For several months, detectives abandoned their search hoping for a lead.

Solomon was object of an

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Dr. Crew picked as superintendent

By Clarence W. Hunter

What came as no real surprise to some of the citizens of Baltimore, was the recommendation made Thursday night by the School Board's Search Committee that Dr. John L. Crew Sr. be made permanent superintendent of public instruction.

All that remains now is for the mayor and the City Council to confirm the nomination.

The recommendation came one day after the original deadline set by the committee for selection, and four days after the decision of U.S. District Court Judge Joseph H. Young, who ruled against Dr. Roland N. Patterson in his $1 million suit.

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Dr. Crew assumed the $50,000 a year post as interim superintendent July 17, 1975, after the board fired Dr. Patterson. It was not until early December, 1975, that Dr. Crew officially applied for the position.

Before applying for the post, he discussed it with his wife, Bronkie and his two children, Larry, age 10 and Kimberly, age 7.

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Born on a farm in Westminster, S.C., on Nov. 2, 1926, Crew has been with the Baltimore School System for 17 years.

A graduate of Morgan State, he went on to receive his master's degree from New York University,

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DR. JOHN L. CREW

Teen, 15, missing

An eighth grade Houston Woods Junior High School 181 pupil has been missing from home since March 29.

Mrs. Joan Brown, mother of 15-year-old Donna Graham told the AFRO, "Donna was staying in Philadelphia with relatives for a week because she had been ill."

Mrs. Brown revealed when her brother came home from work, Donna had left a note saying, "she was gong back to Baltimore."

Donna is 4'9" and weighs 103 pounds. She was last seen wearing a short blue coat trimmed with white fur.

DONNA GRAHAM
still missing

SOLOMON GOMILE ROSE, III
gone 4 years

Jennifer's work not the reason behind search for replacement

Robert Hillman, Civic Center Commission chairman, said Wednesday that the commission's search for a new general manager in no way reflects the performance of Harold Jennifer Jr. as director.

Jennifer, who told the AFRO recently he would announce his retirement sometime in April, stated that he believes the commission is making a the nationwide search in order to find a replacement before he leaves.

Civic Center officials placed an ad in the March 24 issue of "Variety", a nationwide weekly newspaper that covers the entertainment world.

The ad offers a salary in the $30,000 range. In order to qualify the applicant must handle simultaneously major theatrical presentations, shows, meetings and exhibits.

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Hillman told the AFRO that although Jennifer is accustoned to the policies of the old 1974 commission he has been a good general manager, cooperative and responsive to the new commission's policies.

Hillman the new director will be more in line with commission. He said the manager will be more in line with the new the new commission. He said the manager will be innovative, dynamic and ready to follow those new policies.

Hillman said center officials are still taking applications and will start interviewing sometime next week. He would not comment on whether there would be a selection by the time Jennifer retires.

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HAROLD JENNIFER JR.
plans to retire

Sunshine bill 'cloudy'

By Ben Philips
AFRO Bureau

Annapolis — For almost a week the House of Delegates has considered an open public meeting bill, better known as the Sunshine Bill.

S.B. 299 would require public bodies in exercising legislative, quasi-legislative or advisory functions to hold open meetings.

Earlier the Senate had much debate on the bill. Black senators were successful in tacking on amendments such as the one for the Board of Bar Examiners to be required to hold open meetings. The Senate finally passed it.

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There are 13 sections in the bill which exempt certain bodies from holding open meetings.

It is this area which has drawn opposition. Del. Kenneth Webster, (D-4th) opposes the bill for this reason and states, "It is not truly an open public meeting bill."

The bill says a meeting can be closed when discussing the acquisition of real property for public purposes, discussion con-

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Bicen Bits

Joseph Lee, one of the many black inventors of the 19th century, received his patent for a bread crumbing machine on this day Friday, April 2, 1895.

I DO, I DO, I DO

WITH THIS RING — The Rev. and Mrs. Jessie Boykin were married last Sunday in Baltimore's largest wedding. For photos of the 1,000 guests and the impressive rites, see inside.

Flower Mart now open, bricks on sale

The Flower Mart now open for the benefit of Orchard Street Church is located at the old slave church, 510 Orchard St. just off Druid Hill Ave.

Easter plants and spring flowers for inside and outside are available at below-cost. Also on sale are souvenir bricks complete with the church picture and history.

The Flower Mart is sponsored by the Committee for the Preservation of Orchard Street Church Inc., Mrs. W. A. C. Hughes, president; Mrs. Mildred Kington, vice-president; Mrs. Mary B. Adams, director of programs; Norman Ross, treasurer; Mrs. Viola Jackson, secretary.

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