-Happy Birthday America

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gets poor education simply because he or she lives in a poor area.

It might even get propaganda experts from the C.I.A. and U.S. Information Agency to conduct education programs to eliminate from the American bigot his racist attitudes.

Leaflets, radio programs, magazines, television shows, cartoons, scientific studies, movies, and billboards all would be aimed at the tiny brain of the American bigot.

Such an agency is needed. This is not a radical idea. It has been done before. It has simply never been done for us, black folks.

Creating this agency would guarantee minority Americans a happy Bicentennial and eliminate some of the inhumanity and shame which mars America's celebration.

To celebrate or not to celebrate is not even a serious question. We're here and we have contributed mightily to America. The only question is our role. It's the same question faced by Frederick Douglass in 1852 when he was asked to give the main Independence Day Address. He chose to participate—to question, and to condemn the nation.

And so it is that now we must remind America of our contributions, condemn America's immorality, question America's questionable policies and behavior, and celebrate that which is good about America. We must force America to eliminate racism and discrimination. Let's eliminate the night-day cycle of American behavior and have instead one long, bright day in human history.

Dates to remember

SEPTEMBER 13
Attica New York Prison Massacre 1971.

SEPTEMBER 19
Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion Church founded 1839.

TRADITIONAL HABITS of the Oblate Sisters are shown in this AFRO file photo. The oldest black order in the world, the Sisters were trained in the East

Baltimore St. Francis Schoolhouse before opening their present headquarters in Catonsville.

Dates to remember

OCT. 28
Businesswoman Ruth Lowery started a silk industry in Huntsville, Ala. in the mid-nineteenth century.

OCT. 29
In the 1800s, New Bedford, Mass. had a very large concentration of black seamen, most of whom worked in the whaling industry.

OCT. 30
The Atlanta Civil and Political League was organized for the purpose of encouraging black persons to vote, 1936.

OCT. 31
Between 1869 and 1901 twenty-two black men from the South were Congressional representatives.

NOV. 2
Two black cavalry units, the 9th and 10th, were organized in 1866, composed of black Civil War veterans.

NOV. 4
Shirley Chisholm was the first black woman elected to the United States Congress, 1968.

NOV. 5
Jenny Slew, slave of John Whipple of Ipswich, Mass., sues for her freedom and wins, 1766.

NOV. 6
Birth of Absalom Jones, one of the most influential religious and social leaders of the black population during the Revolutionary period, 1746.

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125 YEARS OF COMBINED SERVICE provided an ample occasion for celebration for these three Oblate Sisters in 1970. This AFRO file photo shows (L to R) Sister Noel Belgrave, 25 years; Sister Mercedes Ernst, 50 years, and Sister Philomena Micheau, 50 years of service.

a wish for the next 200 years...

In retrospect, George Washington might have been amazed at all of the events and accomplishments that have taken place over the past 200 years.

Only a country as strong and as determined as ours could have endured all of the "growing pains" we've experienced.

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A great migration of black families from Santo Domingo in the early 1800s found many black children without a place to attend school. Miss Elizabeth Lange began a small school in her home which has since grown to be the Oblate Sisters of Providence.

Through the leadership of the Rev. James H. Nicholas Joubert, Miss Lange and three other black women founded their teaching order. This gave a sense of permanence to Miss Lange's practical educational venture.

The Oblate Sisters of Providence has grown substantially from its humble beginnings with its members becoming involved in social services and nursing as well as education. The Sisters staff schools in Pennsylvania, Illinois, New Jersey, Maryland, the Carolinas, New York and a number of other states.

The order's international mission has taken them to Cuba, Costa Rica, and to some areas where the presence of religious women had never before been known.

In the over-crowded inner city areas across the United States, the Sisters share their goods with the poor, giving of themselves freely.

Mother Mary of Good Counsel is the present Superior General for the Order which is over 150 years old. Their headquarters is situated on 46 acres at 701 Gun Road just south of Catonsville.

Dates to remember

OCT. 5
Sgt. William H. Carney was the first black man to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor. He served with the 54th Massachusetts Volunteers, 1863.

OCT. 6
Birth of Henri Christophe, first King of Haiti. He served with the Patriots during the American Revolution.

OCT. 7
Birth of William Still, head of the Philadelphia branch of the Underground Railroad.

OCT. 8
Dorie Miller won the Navy Cross for bravery he exhibited during the Pearl Harbor attack.

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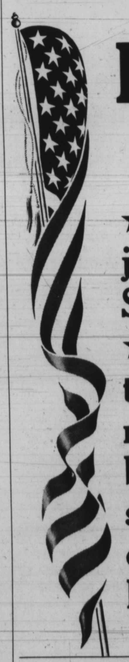

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★ This July 4th we enter the 200th year of our nation's heritage . . . . the birth of freedom! Let's show our colors; rededicate our hearts to this way of life we know in America.

Happy 200th America. MONTGOMERY WARD spirit of 76

Robert Moses Hicks was known as governor of Lafayette Square

Robert Moses Hicks, was a well known civic and community worker for more than 50 years. He was known as the unofficial "governor of Lafayette Square," and formerly lived in 718 Arlington Ave.

His surviving daughter, Mrs. Eleanor "Mimi" Briggs, 67, of the 500 block N. Carrollton Ave., told the AFRO, "My father loved to write poetry and songs. In 1908, he wrote a song about the Baltimore fire but never sold it."

Mr. Hicks was a native Baltimorean. Born May 13, 1881 he was the son of the late Georgiana Floyd Hicks and Moses Hicks Sr.

He suffered a stroke in May, 1960 and family members rushed him to City Hospitals where he died four days later.

Mr. Hicks was also called "Happy Day," by his many friends. His daughter, Mrs. Briggs stated, "Regardless to what would happen to a person, papa would always say cheer up it is going to be a happy day."

He was a very religious person and believed in giving advice to others. The handsome Mr. Hicks, was known to always wear a suit and tie.

Interested in his neighbor's welfare, Mr. Hicks often appointed himself as a committee of one to see that traffic lights and signals were placed for public safety in the Lafayette Square neighborhood.

He elected himself as a guardian and protector of the neighborhood children and in 1952 was awarded a gold plaque by the children of Carver Vocational School then located near Lafayette Square.

Saul Purdue was principal and Mr. Hicks was the vendor of peanuts, pencils and note books at the school door. Mr. Hicks always dispensed words of wisdom to guide the students through life.

When he decided to retire from the corner where weather was "unkind to a man my age," as he said, the children called him into the assembly.

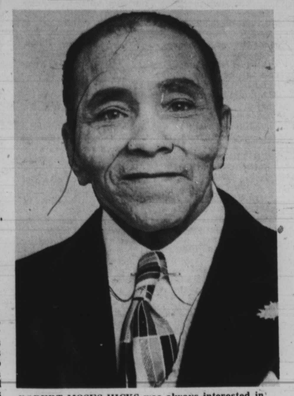
He termed the day, "The highlight of his career as the governor" when they presented him a plaque, a small purse and a brief case.

Many additional honors came to Mr. Hicks and he was often a welcome visitor at City Hall. Among his many honors, was the 1949 letter written to him by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt which served to make Mr. Hicks Baltimore's unofficial poet.

Mrs Roosevelt informed Mr. Hicks that she had placed the poems he wrote to President Roosevelt in the distinguished statesman's Hyde Park Library.

Mr. Hicks was educated in the Baltimore public schools and at one time mixed prescriptions at the old Sennell Drug Store located in the 1920s at the corner of Druid Hill Ave. and Biddle St.

In addition to his daughter, Mr. Hicks has one granddaughter, 10 great grandchildren and six great - great - grandchildren.



ROBERT MOSES HICKS was always interested in his neighbor's welfare.

A brief history of the Maryland State Police

In every State of this Nation, there are a group of dedicated people who spend their lives protecting the lives and property of others. The group may be called the Militia, Rangers, Highway Patrol, or State Police. In Maryland, we are exceedingly proud of our State Police Force, and here is a brief history of events relating to this Agency.

July, 1913 — The Baltimore Sun Paper ran a lengthy article on the need for a Maryland State Police Force. Reasons were: Long stretches of unpatrolled highways, traffic congestion, auto thefts and jurisdictional problems.

March, 1914 — House Bill No. 810 authorized the State of Maryland to employ Motorcycle Deputies to enforce the motor vehicle laws. The Maryland State Police was born.

February, 1921 — The First Maryland State Police Force is formed. It consisted of thirty-five men under the command of Colonel J. Baughman.

February, 1932 — An escort of forty Maryland State Police Troopers lead Governor Ritchie to the Mount Royal Police Station prior to the Democratic National Convention.

June, 1935 — Governor Harry W. Nice signed the law creating the Department of Maryland State Police as a separate branch of State Government.

May, 1942 — Colonel B. Ober, Maryland State Police Superintendent, makes a call for forty new recruits. His call was answered by many prospective applicants. These additional men brought the strength of the State Police up to three-hundred and fifty.

July, 1950 — A decade of progress began with sorrow, as twenty-eight-year-old Lauren Ridge became the first State Trooper shot to death in the line of duty. Hundreds lined up to watch the mile long funeral procession.

March, 1953 — Governor McKeldin breaks ground for the Maryland State Police Academy in Pikesville. This site was formally the Maryland Line Confederate Soldiers Home in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

December, 1956 — The new State Police Cadet Program was formed. It was designed to prepare 18- to 20-year-olds for acceptance into the State Police Academy.

June, 1969 — The Maryland State Police were awarded $307,192 by the federal government to establish a helicopter accident, evacuation service. This service, now called MEDEVAC (Medical Evacuation) was the first of its kind in the nation.

November, 1971 — The executive building was dedicated at State Police Headquarters in Pikesville. This building houses the Maryland Interagency Law Enforcement System.

July, 1972 — The Maryland State Police Troopers spent countless hours saving hundreds of lives, while risking their own, when Hurricane Agnes swept through Maryland.

January, 1973 — To further service the citizens of Maryland, the Maryland State Police reemphasized its policy of minority recruitment. This included the addition of many blacks and women to the professional ranks of the Department.

This is only a brief history of some of the accomplishments of the Maryland State Police. In every respect, their service has made the citizens of Maryland look up with pride to their State Police.

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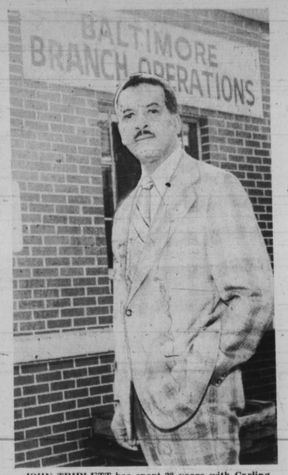
Mr. Ginsburg is now a Senior Vice President of Carling National.

Some of the blacks who hold key positions with Carling National are seen in the surrounding pictures.



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