Del. Larry Young salute June 25

Supporters of Del. Larry Young are planning a reception for him on Sunday, June 25, at the Hilton Hotel in Pikesville.

Young, 28, represents the 38th District in the State Legislature. He has completed his first term, and is seeking re - election in the September 1978 Democratic Primary.

Cocktails begin at 5 p.m., and buffet at 6:30 p.m. The Lawrence Parker models will exhibit, and there will be music for dancing by the Henry Sampson Trio.

There will be remarks by community leaders, including Rep. Parren J. Mitchell; Local 1199E president Ronald Hollie; Coppin State president, Dr. Calvin Burnett; Anthony Robinson, Esq., and state Sen. Clarence Mitchell, who is chairing the committee to re - elect Young.

Other co - sponsors of the event are members of the Citizens' Democratic Organization Inc., of which Ruth Kirk is president. Other officers are, Vernon M. Young, vice president; Mable Payne and Carmena Watson, secretaries. Treasurer is Jeffrey Paige.

Other sponsoring groups are, the Health Advocates for Larry Young, co - chaired by Curtis Wrenn and Ronald Hollie; the Neighborhood and Community Group for Larry Young, co - chaired by Shirley Fisher and Carmena Watson.

First elected to the Md. House of Delegates in November 1974, when he was just 24 years old, he is still the youngest black lawmaker in the state.

He serves on the Maryland General Assembly - House Environmental Matters Committee. He chairs the city delegation's sub committee on health.

In January 1977, he was named to the statewide Health Coordinating Council, and to the Humane Practices Commission.

After the 1978 session, he was one of two legislators named 'Legislator of the Year,' by the Maryland Public Interest Group.

He serves on a number of boards and commissions, including the West Baltimore Community Health Care Corporation Inc.

Young is a graduate of Edmondson High and Goddard College. He is an active member of New Shiloh Baptist Church.

He is president of the Joint Center for Urban Environmental Studies, headquartered in Washington, and a former director of the National Izzak Walton League of America Office of Urban Environmental Studies.

Sojourner Truth award to Mrs. Allen

Mrs. Martha P. Allen, wife of Supreme Bench Judge Milton B. Allen, was the recipient last week of the Sojourner Truth Award, the highest citation of the Baltimore Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs Inc.

The occasion came at the annual founders' day breakfast observance of the group which also gives its other coveted awards each year to a woman for exceptional community service, another for professional excellence and "The Man of the Year" plaque to an outstanding male citizen.

The 1978 Community Service recipient was Mrs. Camilla M. Sherrard. Mrs. Vivian Pendleton received the professional plaque and Leon Bridges the "Man of the Year" award.

Mrs. Sherrard, a patron of the arts, campaigned for funds and set up a successful plan which resulted in the purchase and renovation of the Arena Players Playhouse.

Mrs. Pendleton was cited for her work as administrative nursing supervisor of the Western Health District.

Mr. Bridges, architect and president of the firm which bears his name, was cited for many successes in his field and as principal architect on many local, state and federal projects and his widespread community activities as well.

Mrs. Allen's varied community services include successful leadership in the United - Negro College Fund Drive, in her Sharp Street United Methodist Church, the N. M. Carroll Home for the Aged and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

In addition to her husband, among relatives present were their sons, David, an attorney and certified public accountant; Peter, a commercial photographer and Milton Jr., regional manager for United Artists Records, New York.

The AFRO's citation went to the club president, Mrs. Edith M. Thomas, to mark the organization's 37th year.

Mrs. Mary C. Allen presided. Others on the program were Mrs. Janice Forest, the Rev. Kelly L. Jackson, Mrs. Ethel Day, founder; Mrs. Evelyn Chapman, soloist; Mrs. Candace Daisey, Mid-Atlantic District governor; Mrs. Virginia White, Mrs. Hattie Tyler, City Councilwoman Victorine Q. Adams, who gave the council citation.

Tribute to Blount set for Sunday

Friends and associates in the 41st Legislative district will be paying tribute to Sen. Clarence Blount on Sunday, June 18 from 5 to 7 p.m.

The event will be held at the Holiyday Room at the Village of Cross Keys, 5100 Falls Road.

An educator with 23 years in the Baltimore city schools, Blount has served in the Legislature since 1959.

He is presently the majority whip of the Senate and vice chairman of the Budget and Taxation committee.

When the 1979 General Assembly begins and the new president of the Senate is chosen, Blount could be given a major committee chairmanship and could be appointed majority leader, making him the first black to hold a major seat in the legislature.

Besides his job as lawmaker Sen. Blount holds a post at the Community College of Baltimore, is a board member of the Metropolitan Senior Citizens Center and member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

He is also, chairman of the Baltimore city delegation; member of the Commission to Study the Public Service Commission and a member of the Advisory board to Provident Hospital.

Married with three sons, Blount has been elected to the Hall of Fame of Douglass High School is listed in the Ebony Success Library in Who's Who in America and Who's Who in American Politics.

He served in World War II with the 317th Engineer Combat Battalion of the 92nd Infantry Division the Mediterranean Theatre.

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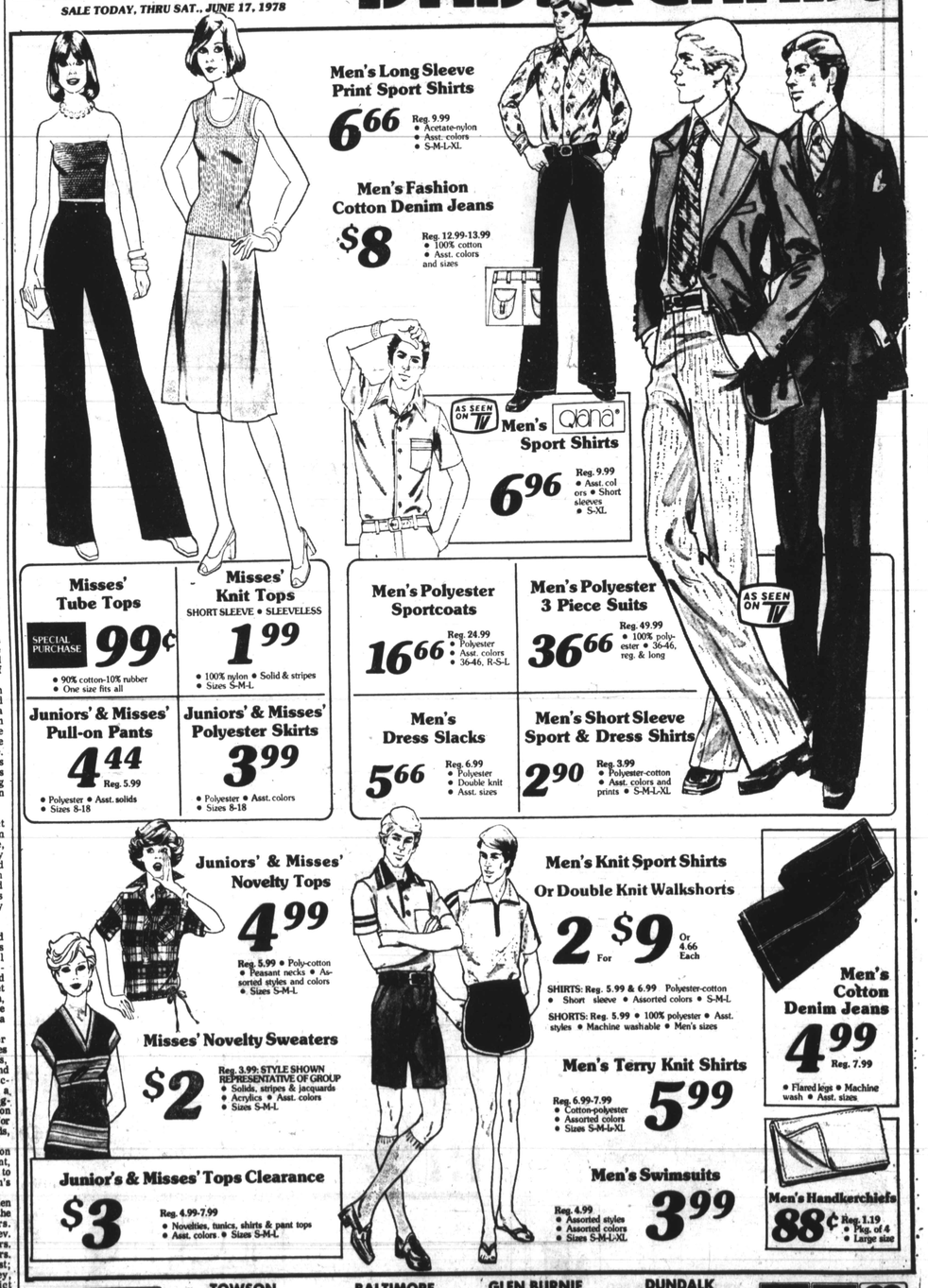

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—That NAACP Unity Ball speech

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Speaking from his Macon, Ga. home, Rev. Hope, newly appointed Director of Religious Affairs for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was preparing to move from his Georgia home to his new job at NAACP headquarters in New York City when contacted by the AFRO.

The former pastor of the First Baptist Church in Macon and a native of Mobile, Ala., Rev. Hope replaced the Rev. Benjamin Hooks as guest speaker for the Unity Ball in the 99th hour when coordinators of the Ball headed by Mrs. Marie Henderson were notified that Hooks would be in Hollywood, Calif. for the NAACP's 11th annual Image Awards on the day of the Baltimore affair.

Hope's first Baltimore appearance in his new position created instant outrage. No sooner than he had reached the Unity Ball podium to deliver his speech to the 1,000 persons who had paid $25 each to attend the Ball and said, "The worst enemy the black man has in the year of 1978 is the black man himself," he was in trouble.

At that moment moans came from the audience and many walked out of the ballroom in dismay.

Others, though shocked, remained to hear Rev. Hope's speech through. A disenchanted Sen. Verda Welcome said: "Rev. Hope's speech was behind the times. It was an untimely speech made at the wrong time in the wrong place to the wrong audience.

"It's the type of speech that shouldn't have been made before this type of crowd. It's the type of speech that should have been made behind closed doors with just a group of people letting their hair down and not before 1,000 persons or more.

"I regret he's with the NAACP and I'm going to recommend to the NAACP that they drop him."

On the other hand, Mrs. Enolia P. McMillian, president, Baltimore Branch NAACP agreed with Rev. Hope's remarks and said, "There was nothing wrong with his speech.

She continued, "He gave us some ugly truths about ourselves — nothing that our white guests did not know about us already. Rev. Hope acknowledged the advancements blacks have obtained, but refused to make excuses for our shortcomings which are currently impeding our progress. He gave a religious emphasis that some persons resented.

"How be it, an assessment of our past progress reveals the fact that the advocation and practice of Christian principles and conduct has been a vital force in our attainment of whatever measure of freedom, justice and equality that America enjoys.

"Our Baltimore Branch tries to do its share in helping blacks [illegible] correct our [illegible] attitudes and [illegible] [illegible] for all [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a truly [illegible] for all, and an [illegible] reassessment and commitment in this 'Our New Day Begun.'"

Back to Rev. Hope's speech, he said: "How can we as black folks have so much fun and have such a good time when we are so enamored by these folk in a society of racism."

By this, Rev. Hope told the AFRO he merely meant that blacks are wasting their time killing each other instead of dealing with the common enemy.

His speech continued: "We must admit as black folk in 1978 we hold world's record in everything in comparison to what we should be doing when we consider ourselves running loose around black folks and poor black folk in employment, housing, education and politics, etc.

"We as black folks must never forget that he who is behind must run faster to catch up. Too many of us as black folk become satisfied with nothing — we forget too soon."

There were numerous other criticisms of Hope's speech including that of which came from Mrs. Mary Clayburn, Public Affairs Director, WWIN Radio. She said "I've heard a lot of speeches in my life, but this was the worst. The spoeech was very detrimental to black people and was highly inappropriate for the NAACP Unity Ball.

"I cannot believe that a national representative of the nation's oldest black civil right organization would come before us and make those statements."

Last but not least, the AFRO contacted Travis Vauls, executive director of the Baltimore Urban League. Mr. Vauls too was appalled by the speech delivered by Rev. Julius Hope and stated, "It (the Ball) had all the aspects of being a beautiful affair, but Rev. Hope made it quite different. I'm sure that there were persons there that agreed with him and a few of his points I could agree with, but surely they were said in the wrong setting.

"Many persons I spoke to afterwards have vowed to drop their support of the NAACP because of his minstrel performance. I endeavored to convince them that the organization cannot be judged by the actions of one person and it cannot always be determined what a speaker will say.

"All in all, in my opinion he was horrible, in poor taste and did nothing to enhance Ben Hooks or the NAACP. I don't believe Mr. Hooks would endorse Hope's actions. He should receive a talve so that he can hear how poorly he and the organization were represented."

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