CELEBENIT with JEANNE PARNELL

Q — I should like to know if Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Jr. retired as a four star general?

Clifton Jones,

Chicago, Ill.

A — No. Gen. Davis retired as a three star general. He is currently U.S. Transportation Secretary Brock Adams' chief spokesman.

Q — I haven't seen Sidney Poitier since "A Piece Of the Action." What is he doing right now?

> Rita McCann, San Francisco, Ca.

year contract with Columbia pict. Articipate either as a producer, director, writer and/or star as well as help develop some television series and formats for Columbia through his own company, Verdon Productions. He's also expected to direct the next "Pink Panther" series.

Q — Everybody knows that Sammy Davis Jr. converted to Judaism years ago. But I've never heard of him doing anything in connection with the faith. How about it?

Washington, D.C.

A — Just recently Sammy Davis
participated in a lecture series
sponsored by the Congregation
B'nai Jeshurun in New York City.
There he fielded questions for
about 90 minutes on his career,
his conversion to Judaism two
decades ago and his future
aspirations.

Q — What's the status of John Amos' dispute involving his new television series "Onward and Upw....

Jay Miles,
Cleveland, Ohio

A — The series now called

"Mister Dooley" is expected to premiere sometime in March. Amos had encountered "creative" problems with TAT Communications and had been released from the series. But producers could not find a

differences" were apparently settled.

Q — Have any blacks headed a professional school in any of the lvy League Universities?

C. Marks, Balto., Md.

A — Yes. Lloyd Richards has just been named dean of the Yale School of Drama. Richards is expected to assume post in July. He is the first black to head a profession school at the lvy League school.



Sammy Davis Jr.

Q — How much has the movie "The Wiz" made so far?

Sean Michaelson,
Miami, Fla.

A — "The Wiz," released by Universal, has at last count grossed over \$7.2 million.

Q — What's the latest on the two Guyana suicide movies?

Bob Martin, Brownsville, Tex.

A — The movies have been merged into one to be called the "Suicide Cult." Production on the film has already begun.



Benjamin O. Davis

All letters should be addressed to Jeanne Parnell, Dawn Magazine, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21201. All questions are welcomed, but while Jeanne cannot provide individual answers, questions of general interest will be used in this column.

NATIONAL ROUNDUP

By Larry A. Still and Art Carter_

its 15th anniversary of independence from colonial rule, Kenyans took pride

in the fact that their country is setting the pace for peace, progress and unity

among the emerging, new African nations on . . . Much of this achievement

is obviously the legacy of the late Jomo Kenyatta, who like Martin Luther

King Jr. in the United States, preached love, unity and forgiveness in

rallying his people to oppose colonialism and racial injustice in a spirit of

Harambee (Togetherness) . . . Both King and Kenyatta were disciples of

NAIROBI, KENYA, Bast Africa - As the Republic of Kenya celebrated

Q-I want my children to grow up knowing their black history. Are there any movies that might help them in this regard? I've already started them out on several books.

Marian Bonds,
Newark, N.J.

A — AT&T has just produced

six films for the NAACP documenting the cultural contribution of blacks in politics, literature, medicine, music and other arts. The films are being circulated for the Petersen Productions primarily for school use, so I would suggest that you check with your school.

Christ and Mahatma Ghandi's spiritual, massive disobedience philosophy in seeking the liberation of oppressed peoples in their respective countries . . . But, Kenyatta did not interpret massive disobedience as completely non-violence in his culture . . . He constantly reminded his people that it was their tradition to fight for their land and freedom and justice — and that turning the other cheek comes after liberation . . . a point Ambassador Andrew Young, another disciple of Dr. King, must remember, in dealing with African peoples.

Like other liberators on the continent, Kenyatta mixed ancient traditional customs with modern western techniques for his people to achieve their goals and his country continues in this pattern as Kenyatta's successor, President Daniel arap Moi talks of reviving African Socialism with a New International Economic Order (massive western economic aid) to bring independence to the new states of East, West and South Africa . . .

As the only peaceful nation, surrounded by strife in Ethiopia, Somalia, Uganda and now, Tanzania, in East Africa, Kenyans to know where they are going at the 15th anniversary of Independence . . . While the nation is committed to helping bring independence of struggling neighbors, Zimbabwe and Nambia and stability to nearby Zaire and Angola, the leaders of Kenya know they must keep their own house in order . . . first . . . And as Kenyatta preached since 1963, all Kenyans and all Africans should seek peace with love, unity and dignity, but be prepared to fight and die for Freedom, if necessary.

Kenya, along with Malawi and Botswana, remain the only peaceful states in East and South Africa, while on the Western Front, Nigeria is once again emerging as the powerful peacemaker among the reigns of Ghana, Mali and the Central African Republic . . . The French speaking African republics appear satisfied in their partnership with France as they seek reapproachment with the North African states in developing promising trade relations along the new Trans - Sahara highway . . . which follows the six thousand year old Arab trade (and slave) route from the Mediterranean to the interior .

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