Washington Sidelights

By Nikki Nakatani
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The weekend that was, was certainly super. Like Al Sweeney says — it's come and gone, but it will be talked about for several weeks and then you begin preparing for next year.

If you're into that sort of thing there were some interesting, juicy tidbits. . . The fabulous, the chick and the tacky were really to be remembered. Hardly seems possible that this was the ninth annual CBC Legislative weekend and like everyone says — there were folks from the New England States down the eastern seaboard to the west coast — to the Deep South.

It was social but serious for the Black Women's Agenda who sponsored a luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Hotel with more than 500 ladies and gentlemen who marveled about the number of black women officials.

At four o'clock, a number of ladies attended the White House reception given by First Lady Rosalynn Carter. The President came and joined his wife in the receiving line after welcoming the visitors who munched on cheese, pastries, crackers and cocktail breads and their choice of red or white wines.

Here's a bit that is meant only for you. Those in the know were absolutely flabbergasted when the attractive office holder from sunny California Dianne Watson walked down the center of the room along with Mrs. Carter and proceeded to introduce the First Lady. If that wasn't enough, she then turned and introduced The President! Later she stood in the receiving line.

Among those having a chat with the White House couple, who were very gracious . . . Phyllis Patton, young NCNW staffer; Kay Richards of Philadelphia and national president of the auxiliary to the National Medical Association; Judge Doris May Harris of Philadelphia (it was like home week seeing both of them.), Etta Moten Barnett of Chicago, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Martha Lewis of New York, who took in just about all of the events; Jewel Shepperd, Ruth A. Sykes, Gerrude Martin and daughter, Linda.

After the White House, on to Wardman Towers when lovely Patricia Gibson, widow of D. Parke Gibson, who was holding open house prior to the Teddy Pendergrass Disco - buffet dinner at the Washington Hilton.

At the Gibson party it was nice meeting Ellen Hall, after talking to her for years on the telephone; Randy Cameron, George and Mary Weaver, Sharon Ford and Toni Edwards while Miss Dorothy Height was surrounded by people and photographers.

The menu at the Teddy Pendergrass event — Shrimp, steamship round of beef, salmon, fruit, cheese and a magnificent spread. Greyhound's Joe Black, Philip Morris' George Powell, Carl and Maiella Holman, Modeen and George Brown, (he was formerly Lt. Gov. of Colorado); Alexis Herman, Ernie Green were among the predominantly young crowd.

It was in the Miller Brewing suite that a birthday party was given for Ernie Green of the Labor Department and what a beautiful cake. Tom and Jackie Shropshire, LeRoy Jeffries, Harry McAlpin, whom I bumped into all weekend long and it was soooooooo good seeing him; Willie Delaney, had her hands full at the door; Ruth Sykes, Susie Moore, Miss Height extended their best wishes to the honoree - in the sardine - packed room. Ah, what price popularity.

Missed the Black Hook-Up Breakfast — I overslept but did make the CBC Spouses Luncheon - Fashion Show and Audrey Smaltz, as usual did her thing. Everyone of the 2700 enjoyed her, the gorgeous furs, jewelry, clothes and those male models. My, how the luncheon attendance is growing.

Rushing home to change and back for the cocktail reception prior to the dinner — the Jazz Ensemble of the Duke Ellington School of the Arts did a magnificent job and folks were standing - around remembering the great sounds of big bands like Ellington and Basie.

Face Wiggins was one of them and he was a sight for sore eyes. Of course, Stan and Betty Scott were greeting friends but more about them later.

Spotted Nira and Kenneth Long and Valerie Pinson who had Hamilton Jordan, chief of the White House staff, at their table.

Then there were Atty Dovey Roundtree, prominent attorney; Janice Kissner, Robert Hall, Margaret Stewart, Bettye and Charles Thomas, Stephanie Dailey, Eyre and Ruth Saitch, Wanda Washington, Dr. Linda Wharton of Howard University and Dr. Robert LaPrince of New York (his black cape — very dramatic), Ersa Poston, Judge Robert Decatur, Harvey Russell, and Sam Hall of Pepsi Cola; Judge Luke and Dorsey Moore, and Dean of Howard University Law School, Atty. Wiley Branton.

You've heard about the speech Ambassador Andrew Young made and the presentations by Louis Gossett, Jr. and Ben Vereen but the best party after the dinner was the Philip Morris party which featured a disco. The uniqueness of the room's set up was terrific. Streams of friends who came to enjoy and toast their Philip Morris friends — really missed genial host and a swellegant fella — Herb Wright, who is recuperating in his Florida home.

Of course, George Powell, Wanda Washington, Stan and Betty Scott and the newest member (as far as knowing and how much I enjoyed talking and working with her) Sally Baker were excellent in seeing that guests enjoyed and partook of such goodies as crepes — made to order; fruits, delicasies of your choice plus Miller Beer, wines and other liquids which flowed endlessly.

BLACK NURSING SCHOOL GRADUATE — Mrs. Yvonne Butler of Pikesville looks on as Miss Deborah Carrington of Brooklyn is presented her graduation diploma from the South Baltimore General Hospital School of Practical Nursing. Presenting the diploma is Mrs. Constance Kline, R.N., coordinator of the school.

39 graduate from nursing school

Thirty - nine young women were graduated by the South Baltimore General Hospital School of Practical Nursing on August 24. The graduates are now eligible to write the State Board of Examination to become Licensed Practical Nurses.

Seven of the graduates were recognized and presented awards for their accomplishments as nursing students.

Mrs. Mary Tlasek of the Hamilton section of Baltimore was honored by the Women's Auxiliary of South Baltimore General Hospital as the outstanding graduate. She was cited for having attained the highest combined academic and clinical average.

The Women's Auxiliary also honored Mrs. Rhonda Palcher of North Point Creek Road in Rossville. She attained the second highest combined academic and clinical average during the school year. Mrs. Palcher additionally was presented a Donald T. Mills Award for having contributed the most toward the development of the Nursing Student Association.

A second Donald T. Mills Award was given in honor of the hospital's former director.

It was presented to Mrs. Cathy Pifield of Hamilton Avenue in Hamilton for having demonstrated creative and individualized patient teaching.

Mrs. Virginia J. Wagener of Glenshannon Court in Essex was awarded the Faculty Award for having demonstrated the most consistency in her progress toward achievement of the goals of the program.

Honored for having maintained the best attendance record was Mrs. Theresa Hoppe of North Decker Avenue in East Baltimore. She was given the Nursing Service Award.

The Dorothy Anderson Award, presented to the student who best demonstrated outstanding ethical behavior in all areas of the hospital, was given to Mrs. Jeri Micciche of Montgomery Drive in Glen Burnie.

Miss Nancy Lodge of West 7th Avenue in Brooklyn was presented a special Ethel A. Freeman Award, for having in the opinion of the faculty, undergone unusual circumstances in successfully completing the nursing program.

The graduation ceremonies were presided over by Carl Behm director of the hospital.

John H. Funkey, chairman of the hospital's Board of Trustees extended greetings and awarded graduation certificates and pins. He was assisted by Mrs. Helen McCray, director of Nursing Services and Nursing Education at South Baltimore General.

In addition to the seven honored graduates, those graduated include from the Glen Burnie area:

Miss Brenda Baker, Miss Roxie Crawford, Miss Katherine Higgins, Miss Barbara Kelly, Miss Pamela Pease, Mrs. Sherri Puller, Mrs. Leslie Stopfer and Miss Kimberly Vleeschouwer.

Also from Anne Arundel County were: Miss Terry Brumwell, Miss Dawn Dillow, Mrs. Terri Dodd, Miss Sharon Hudson and Miss Carol Lanehart of the Pasadena area; Mrs. Jean Gray of Ft. Meade; and Miss Laura Weston of Severna Park.

From the Brooklyn area were: Miss Deborah Carrington, Miss Dorothy Poseno, Mrs. Robin Sesney, Miss Georgia Stubbins and Mrs. Concetta Young.

Mrs. Deborah Bull and Miss Constance McKenney were from South Baltimore; Mrs. Karen Bocek and Miss Sallie Sullivan were from Dundalk; and Mrs. Nora Senft was from East Baltimore.

In addition, Mrs. Cora Haugh was from Middle River, Mrs. Yvonne Butler was from Pikesville, Mrs. Debra Karl and Mrs. Patricia Woerner were from the Bel Air Road area; Miss Cynthia Smink was from Catonsville, Miss Gloria Soth was from Hampden and Miss Kim Roche was from Baldwin.

Twenty - five of the graduates will join the nursing staff of the South Baltimore General Hospital.

Pacesetters

Cassandra W. Harp

Ms. Cassandra Wendy Harp, a resident of Columbia, Md., has been awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to study Biology at the University of Neuchatel in Neuchatel, Switzerland.

Ms. Harp graduated from Morgan State University with honors in May 1979.

She graduated from Robinson High School in Tampa, Florida and was inducted in the National Honor Society, French Honor Society and listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Ms. Harp will depart for Switzerland in September 1979 to study for one year.

She is the daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Solom Harp III of Columbia, Md. and the granddaughter of Mrs. Minnie A. Mason of Baltimore, Md.

Dr. Sandra O. Johnson
New Medical Director

Dr. Sandra Owens Johnson was recently appointed Medical Director of the Rosemont Community Doctors' Center, 800 Breadith Ave., a group practice center for physicians at Lutheran Hospital.

The center provides an opportunity for patients to receive care from family practitioners.

Dr. Johnson received her M.D. from the University of Florida School of Medicine in Gainesville, Fla.

She interned and did her residency at the University of Maryland Hospital and the Baltimore Veterans' Hospital.

Her background includes specific concentration in outpatient care, both emergency and non - emergency.

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