Letters to the Editor

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HISTORICAL OVERSIGHT

Washington, D.C.-Asa Phillip Randolph died May 16, 1979. In the Dec. 1979 Black Culture quiz in DAWN Magazine, the belated union leader was described as alive and working with the A. Phillip Randolph Institute.

DAWN magazine is an essential information source. It is important that the record is clear and straight on Afro-American history, especially if it is the answer to an educational question.

I am distressed that such an error could escape your perusal, and hope you print a correction.

IMANI CROSBY Consider us chastened and apologetic. We offer thanks to our

sharp-eyed reader, and hope all concerned note that indeed the founder of the union for railroad sleeping car porters and civil rights leader died last year as reader Crosby stated.

SUCCESSFUL SUCCESOR

Washington, D.C.-I have read the current astrology series by Amali, and think her knowledge and style on the subject is very good. I did not realize we had so many excellent minds in our

She is a very fine successor to Michael.

Incidently, I will be looking forward to the printing of the booklet on this ancient science. GIDEON HAYES

The Editor's Desk

Conference.

On the cover this month is a portrait of Frederick Douglass. Yes, THE Frederick Douglass, but as a young man. The picture dates back to the days when he would sign all of his writings simply F.D., so that readers wouldn't suspect the writing was done by such a young person.

The painting is by DAWN staff artist Thomas Stockett, who also researched and found this rare photo of the noted abolitionist.

When we first received the Black History Month story about federal judges, we warily raised an eye, and told the author that perhaps the story was a bit too political, since it lauded the current administration's doings.

Was told in no uncertain terms: "A federal judiciary more representative of the nation's racial mix long has been a goal of black organizations.

"Their campaigns have focused on presidents of both political parties, the Justice Department and the U.S. Senate. Member publications of the National Newspaper Publishers Association have crusaded on the issue and spotlighted resolutions and positions taken by others.

"Among the more vocal supporters of more black federal judges have been the National Bar Association, the NAACP, the PAGE 2

National Urban League and the Southern Christian Leadership

"The NAACP's longtime Washington bureau chief Clarence Mitchell, Jr. who did not support the nomination of Griffin Bell as U.S. Attorney General, recently credited him with having played an important role in carrying out the Administration's policy on appointing more minorities and women to federal court judgeships."

Couldn't argue with that-thus we include the story in our history series, written by noted editor Moses Newsom.

Next month, DAWN Magazine will spotlight Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Patricia

Detroit, Mich.-In a previous issue of DAWN Magazine, you gave us to understand that a publication of a booklet containing all of Michael's astrological writings would soon be complete. Further, it would be made available if there is enough interest. Please give me notice of such, as well as the cost. ETHEL MAE

The response has been overwhelming requesting the publication of a booklet containing all 12 of the astrological pronouncements of Michael which appeared in DAWN Magazine over the past year.

Can report that the booklet is expected to be completed within six weeks, and notice of how to obtain it will be printed in your DAWN Magazine—so watch for

MISPELLINGS

Vauxhall, N.J.-In the December 1979 issue of DAWN Magazine, there was a pictorial essay on James Weldon Johnson (page 18).

In the top middle picture frame, you indicate that his mother was a school teacher in the "grammer" school for Negro children.

I believe that word is "grammar" not "er." NELSON T.

What sharp eyes you have Nelson. Of course, you are absolutely right—sent us scurrying to find out whether or not a goof occurred. It had.

Since these cartoon panels come

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olt's In the Stars, Page 14.

BACKUP SINGER

Cleveland, Ohio-In the January issue of DAWN Magazine, in the story about Ashford and Simpson, there was a picture of Valerie singing. I couldn't help but notice the backup singer.

She looks familiar. Is she someone I might know from something else? LARRY OWENS

The singer is called Ullanda, who has recorded under her own name, and is a prolific writer of

has been a studio singer, doing background vocals for many other

Houston, Tex.—There was a letter to DAWN Magazine about Robert Guillaume's record album, a reader wanted to know if he had done one and where it is available.

I can tell you it was a disco recording on the Tomato Records label, and not an album but a 45rpm single called "I Who Have Nothing."

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