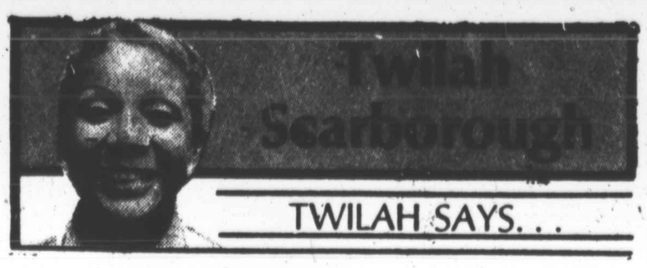

TWILAH SAYS. . .

Recognition Luncheon

Recently, the Urban Services Agency Center No. 9 honored its volunteers with a "Recognition Luncheon." It was held at 1114 N. Mount St. There were fifteen volunteers honored. There were guests from the main U.S.A. home office No. 227 present. Staff members of center No.9 prepared the luncheon and contributed to the gala event.

Mrs. Dorothy Jordan, director of volunteer services, greeted the VIP volunteers with special and gracious "thank yous."

Awards and certificates were presented by Supervisor U.S.A. Ted Hebb. Florence Kerr of the Weatherization Program made contributions towards the afternoon luncheon. U.S.A. Ed Goldman of the P.I.O. was on-hand for the luncheon and took photos for the affair.

The staff of Center No. 9 showed great appreciation towards its delightful volunteers and luncheon. To top it off, it was a big thank you and it showed.

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Talking about Forest Park Senior Center on Liberty Heights Avenue, members and staff celebrated a good ole golden age day at the center. Charles Worthem King was the candidate and king for the day. Mr. Charles became one hundred (100) years old. He is still looking good and so strong. We salute you Mr. Charles Worthem of F.P.S.C.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

A word about North Central Baltimore Health Corp. or NCBHC as the friends and patients of the corporation call it. It was founded in 1972. There was an early bird breakfast held recently at the Sheraton Hotel. Invited guests from various city agencies and city health departments were invited. The corporation chartered its purpose as a joint effort with the community to provide excellence in health care at an affordable cost to underfinanced and medically under-served populations. NCBHC welcomes all members of the community regardless of income - now this means a lot.

Now the NCBHC comprises three community-based health centers in the North Central Baltimore area which include the Homestead-Montebello, Mund-Kirb and Hampden - Woodberry - Remington Health Centers. Now, each community health center is situated for maximum access by its community members and surely operates a 24 hour on call community hot line for medical emergencies.

Now - Locations and hours. Homestead - Montbello Community Health Center, 1600 E. Thirty Second St., 243-3922 - Its hours 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday.

Mund-Kirk Center, 2149 Kirk Ave. 366-0008, 11:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.

Hampden-Woodberry-Remington Center, 3612 Falls Rd., 366-3383.

The center's hours 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Friday Now 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m. are on Wednesday, Thursday.

Medical services dedicated health care team includes physicians, physician assistants, nurses, medical aides, health advocates, mental health specialists and a friendly reception staff. They work together to provide quality primary health care prevention and health education. For more input on this community health center just call 889-6500 and ask for the Director, Edward Madden, or Diane Jones the Senior Citizen Coordinator. A good community health serves not to be missed.

SELF DISCOVERY

My Point of View

All of us are vulnerable to being hurt, rejected or humiliated. Yet, not all of us deny our feelings, try to project an image of superiority and strive for power. Don't be a narcissist, narcissists are always thinking about how people see and respond to them. Now back on to "Self Discovery" Why do you care what others think??? You are no I and you are number one in your life. Look ahead, walk tall, be good to yourself. Be an "Elf to yourself. Priorities: How you feel about yourself. No hangups. The right to be your own boss.

Thought for today

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Jackson urges sanctuary for South African refugees

By Ronald R. Hanna
AFRO Staff Writer

WASHINGTON

Rev. Jesse L. Jackson led a prayer vigil and demonstration outside the South African Embassy Wednesday to protest continued unrest in that apartheid country and to call for political asylum in the U.S. for a group of black South Africans recently which had been denied by the American government.

He further called on the American public to "engage in conscientious civil disobedience" to force the U.S. government to end support of the South African government.

"We in the United States have a special responsibility because these moves by the racist apartheid regime are given encouragement by the constructive engagement policies of the Reagan administration," Jackson said.

Following the protest rally and prayer vigil, Jackson was accompanied by Sharon Robinson, daughter of baseball great Jackie Robinson, inside the South African Embassy to meet with that nation's ambassador to the U.S.

After nearly a half-hour session, Jackson returned to the massive gathering outside to announce that he had requested that an ecumenical body of clergymen from the U.S. be allowed to visit South Africa and meet with political prisoners, including detained activists Nelson Mandela and Bishop Desmond Tutu.

"The U.S.A.'s partnership with South Africa obligates the American people to speak out," Jackson said.

Jackson also informed the group that a request by him to visit South Africa two weeks ago had been denied. Officials, he said, had told him the request was not a denial, but a "delay."

"Justice delayed is justice denied," Jackson added.

Prior to Jackson's address, a number of representatives from various political and social organizations spoke on the current unrest in South Africa, and of the recent denial of political asylum by the U.S. to a group of black South Africans.

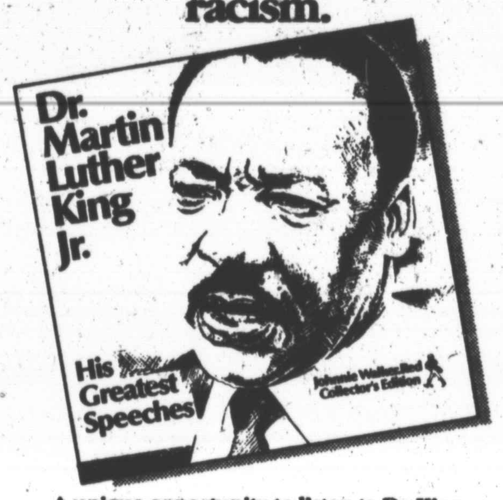
Dumi Matabane, a representative of the African National Congress, noted that U.S. policy in his native South Africa is not only detrimental to American interest at home, but to the nation's human rights image throughout the world.

Speaking of the black South Africans who recently sought political asylum within the British Embassy there but were rejected by the British and American governments, Matabane said: "The U.S. can take in 10,000 Vietnamese, but six blacks aren't worth anything."

Other speakers joined Matabane and Jackson in calling for the U.S. to end support of the apartheid government, many noting that a number of black men, women and children have been slain in recent weeks by South African apartheid forces while the Reagan administration continues to pursue a policy of "constructive engagement" with the racist government.

"The people of the U.S. must hold the Reagan administration accountable for its role in creating the present martial law climate in South Africa," Jackson said. "Our nation cannot provide any moral leadership in this world as long as it pursues a double standard in human rights.

Listen to the doctor who fought man's most crippling disease: racism.



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