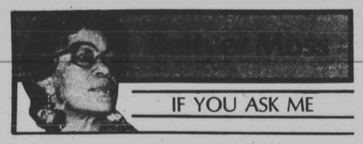
AT KING BREAKFAST

Sellout crowd welcomes Dr. Dorothy I. Height

The soaring voices of the Morgan State University Choir lift almost to the Pearly Gates as guests watch in appreciation. Scene was 10th Annual Martin Luther King Breakfast Tuesday morning at the Hyatt Regency.

Greeting the King breakfast guest speaker, Dr. Dorothy I. Height, president of the National Council of Negro Women, are Charles G. Tildon, Jr., president of the Community College of Baltimore, and J. Sydney King, master of ceremonies.



IF YOU ASK ME

King breakfast

Dr. Dorothy I. Height, the internationally known women's leader charmed Baltimore early Tuesday morning.

She had the 1,300 persons attending the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast in the palm of her hand from the moneht she went to the podium until she finished her learned address 45 minutes later.

The event was the tenth annual celebration arranged by the Baltimore YMCA and the King's Landing Women's Service Club, held at the downtown Baltimore Hyatt Regency at 730 a.m.

It was appropriate that this year's speaker was minus the fire and brimstone of previous years.

Dorothy Height was authentic...she did not have to rely on what others said or knew. She was there with Martin Luther King when he and other leaders gathered early in the struggle to plan strategies of the civil rights era. She was there when they met to counsel parents and relatives of youngsters slain in the Alabama church...to comfort those who boycotted public buses. Her legitimate observations impressed the packed ballroom. Even the help stood in awe as she spoke in a quiet and unemotional manner.

Applause

There was applause when she remembered:

"It was a great experience working with him"...he had a deep appreciation for the contribution of women..when the children were killed in church in Alabama he called me so that we could meet with the women and children and mothers and talk about the problem. He was such a strong person and had such a respect for women that I think he must have been the role model for whoever in the women's movement "said a man of equality does not fear women who want equality."

And more when she observed.

Martin Luther King, in relating to the masses, I think, reminds us that those who think we have made it, and some think we've made it to the top, that the best way to stay at the top is to take time and reach back and lift the bottom."

Of the day's celebration, Dr. Height emphasized, "This is a day of remembrance of what our struggle has been...a day of commitment to the dreams of Martin Luther King Jr. I cherish the fact that for several years I had the opportunity to work side by side with Dr. King.

She observed that King's "you couldn't sit with him for five minutes without getting the feeling that here was a man who was totally committed."

Much to do

She said the words identity, involvement, inspiration and institutions characterized Dr. King's work and cautioned the interracial audience, "there is much unfinished work to do before racial equality is a reality..."

Laughter: There was unrestrained laughter when Dr. Height related how Dick Gregory once said, "sometimes we are like crabs in a basket. If one starts climbing up, another pulls him back in the basket...but Dick Gregory says we all forget the hot water we are all in, in the first place."

She added, "In a sense that is what Martin Luther King helped us to understand...the system is the condition we are all in...somehow the systems...the structures so deeply embedded with racism have to be changed...the black man needs the white man to free him of his fear and the white man needs the black man to free him of his guilt..."

Laughter

As usual the celebration was arranged by a steering committee of Y and King's Landing women, with WBAL's Sydney King, Judge Robert Watts, Mrs. Bernice White, Mrs. Dea Kline, Y President Larry Alvey and Y coordinator Connie Whittington co-chairing.

King's Landing president, Gwen Clarke, got the biggest laugh of the morning. As she has for the past 10 years, it was her job to introduce guests who were more distinguished than others.

No easy task...she did well identifying members of the judiciary...Congresswoman Barbara Mikulski, Governor Hughes, Comptroller Louis Goldstein, State's Attorney Kurt Schmoke, NAACP-Enolia McMillan, Urban League's Ben Whitley, Senator and Mrs. Troy Brailey, Del. Larry Young...and then someone reminded her she had overlooked a regular breakfast guest.

There was sympathetic laughter as she explained, "I missed the mayor...he was sitting right next to me. I'm sorry, our good mayor, William Donald Schaefer and the president of our City Council, Clarence Du Burns. After getting out of that, she brought the house down when she cracked, "I hope Reagan isn't here!"

Orchids

Members of the Morgan State University Choir, directed by Dr. Nathan Carter, provided music for the breakfast, just as they did ten years ago.

The audience gave standing ovations to the two gospel numbers and the original King song they've performed nationally.

Orchids to Dr. Robert Lloyd, chair of the Druid Hill YMCA Centennial Committee which presented a unique film marking the branch's 100th anniversary...tying it in artfully with the King celebration.

Other program par-

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TWILAH SAYS...

BLACK AMERICAN HISTORY ASALH

"The Association for the Study of Afro Life and History." "Black American History" will be celebrated in the month of February.

"The Euble Blake Branch" will have its first kick-off for ASALH. Its first annual luncheon will be held on Feb. 10 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. It will be held at the La Fontaine Bleu, 3107 Erdman Ave. There will be many treats and special guests and honorees. The music will be provided by Dennis Fisher and Jennifer Jones.

Friends this kick-off luncheon is one you really don't want to miss. Let's make this event a must and treat yourself and your family to "The Afro-American Family Luncheon." Reserve your table now.

It's a good start for the new year. This Black American History event is a biggie with style and taste. So don't be left out, get your tickets early. For more details and tickets, call 383-0727 or 383-0634. Be an early bird for the ASALH-National Black History Luncheon to be held Feb. 10. See you there!!!

CONTINENTAL SOCIETY OF BALTIMORE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

As a result of its annual Christmas Charity Ball held recently, the Continental Society of Baltimore, Inc., was able to award $1,000 scholarships to three local high school graduates.

The scholarships went to Charlie Lee Chase, a graduate of Frederick Douglass High School, now attending Loyola College; Terrie B. Washington, a graduate of Walbrook High School, now attending Coppin State College, and who has plans to enter the nursing profession; and Cecelia Richardson, a graduate of Western High School, now attending Hampton University in Hampton, VA.

ARE YOU TEN YEARS AHEAD OF THE PACK?

Don't let the rest of the world slow you down!! An extraordinary spirit and energy are emerging in women today. "We have acquired a strong appetite for the full experience of life." Does that statement ring a bell? How is that spirit holding up? Stronger, I think, despite a few tenacious ghosts of tradition that sometimes make women doubt their new selves. Most generally we think of ghosts as the dead-and-buried who return to haunt us and in a way that is what these traditions do. They sneak back to spook us for several reasons.

Number I — First there's often a lag-time between doing what we instinctively feel is right for us and coming to terms with what we have actually done. A woman may know, for example, that she wants a career more than a child, but still she feels she has to justify and make peace with that decision. Second when our new roles don't work out just as we envisioned them, there's a tendency to backslide.

If the career is going pretty well, but the marriage isn't, or there's no marriage at all, no relationship in the wings, it is tempting for a woman to think that maybe she has traded her feminity for her career. It's easy to forget that if she worked as hard at love as she does at her job she'd be as successful there too. But it takes time to accomplish two things at once.

It is important that we understand how these ghosts work on us. There are actually at least two kinds, and both of them, like many of the feelings that tend to hold us back, are irrational.

It is like taking them out of the dark where they thrive and sort of exposing them to the light of rational examination is usually all that is needed to make them disappear.

Now let's remember and not put all our eggs in one basket. You and I are not a statistic, or a generalization, or an abstraction. Statistics predict or describe sometimes usefully, sometimes totally incorrectly, what large numbers of people may do or think or feel. But statistics are not helpful in forseeing what you and I can do, and especially not what we ought to do.

All over the U.S. women are individuaHy reinventing feminity, motherhood, love and success to meet their new role challenges.

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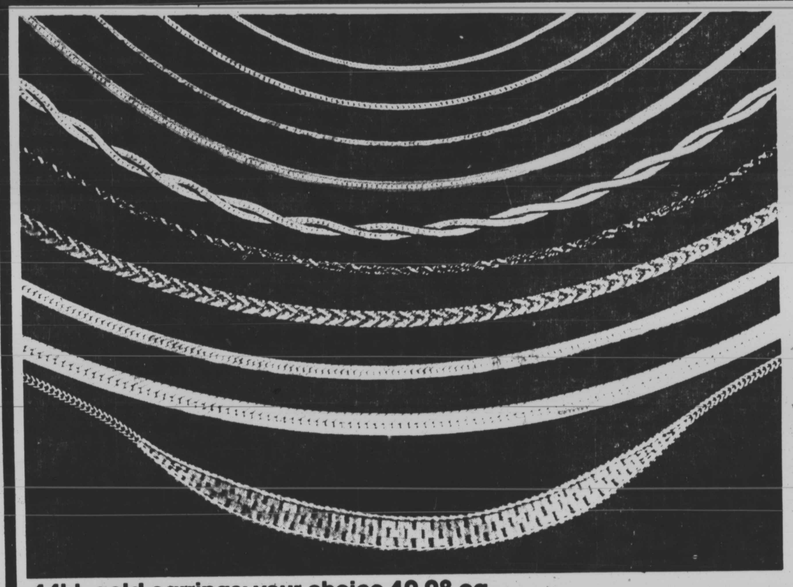

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