Capacity crowd hears Libyan debate April 10 at Morgan

By LaMont X CURRY
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A capacity crowd of curious Baltimoreans filled a lecture hall at Morgan State University Thursday evening, April 10 to witness a forum addressing the United States vs. Libya drama and to consider new information.

An historical backdrop and a detailed scenario of current events by Libyan students and other representatives seeded the forum with information that has been missing from traditional media channels, observers said.

The Reagan Administration has pointed to Libya as the source of terrorist activity in the Middle East and Europe. Examples of such terrorism are the recent bombing of a West German Disco and the Athens TWA flight bombings.

In wake of the violent clashes two weeks ago in the Gulf of Sidra between the two nations, observers allege the more recent bombings to be retaliatory strikes against the U.S. There has been no published proof to substantiate claims against Libya, although Khadafy has warned the U.S. he would step up such attacks if Libya were attacked again.

"We are here to serve notice on America that everyday is not as crazy as you think . . . We know who the real mad dog is," said Morgan professor Jesse McDade-Bey.

Other speakers include Dr. Abdul Alim Muhammad, mid-Atlantic representative of Minister Louis Farrakhan, Abdul Haqq Islam and Steven Jackson of Black United youth (BUY), and Tayeb Ayad, a representative from the Peoples Committee of Arab Socialist Jamaihiyria (the State of the Masses), another name for Libya. The forum was moderated by Samimah Aziz, BUY and Manu Apim, of Morgan.

Steven Jackson is currently studying at Howard University. He said that he was in West Germany during the Gulf of Sidra conflict and witnessed on West German television, a report stating two American planes had in fact been shot down. He spoke of U.S. distortion of facts, which claimed no loses in the battle.

"The U.S. claims it wants to rid the world of terrorism and those who would kill eleven-year-old children. . . .

"The South Africans are killing children everyday and America supports that bloodsucking - murderous regime," he said.

Abdul Haqq Islam said that he's visited Libya and described it as a country that submits to God alone and that's why America is threatened by it.

"In the 1969 revolution when King Idris was dethroned like Marcos (for robbing the people), there were 1.5 million people in Libya. Today there are three million, which means—more than half of Libya's population is under 16-years of age.

"America is waging war against a state of youth and they are fearless because they love Allah.

"Libya is an African country—therefore Libya is your land, and you don't even understand what's going on.

"Khadafy will not rest until there is a United States of Africa—which means your rise and others fall. . . .

"When a nation of 250 million attacks a nation of three million, what kind of war would you expect the smaller nation to fight? Another form of guerrilla warfare America calls it terrorism, but it's Vietnam all over again," he said.

Professor McDade-Bey read from a Newsweek article to make the point that Khadafy is viewed as a threat to American interests because he honors the masses above the rich and powerful. The article detailed how this country planned to convince its European allies, etc., that Libya had to be dealt with, despite the lack of evidence to link it to terrorist bombings. . . .

Dr. Muhammad held up two green books.

"One is the Holy Quran and the other, Khadafy's Green Book, which is based on the Holy Quran. White people don't want you to read either one. They both speak to a world system to come in different ways than this one," he said.

Turning to page 100 in the Green Book, he quoted it saying that the black men would reemerge as the leaders of the world.

"The concept of a third world rejects democracy and communism because both have exploited the darker people and denied God. . . .

Khadafy's call for a united Africa is a return to historical traditions—a return to unity. It is also against the imposed disunity that others have profited by.

"When that unity takes place, it ends one world and begins a new one.

"You can't blame America . . . she's fighting for her life. . . ," he said.

Tayeb Ayad, who referred to the audience as brothers and sisters, spoke of those in history who united diverse groups under the banner of Islam. He talked about the strength that Allah gives to believers.

"We are not afraid of the Sixth Fleet. We showed the Italians how strong we could be. They tried to break us for 25 years and failed.

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"They couldn't concur and colonize us and neither will America," he said.

Ayad said that he was a moderate when he first came here to study but has since become radical after experiencing the greed and selfishness of capitalism — the extremes between the rich and the poor here. He said that he realized that America is only interested in other people as a market for goods and industrial products.

"They want to fool you with their stupid movies — concurring the Indians, etc.

"The capitalist wants peoples' natural resources cheap and they want your human resources cheap (take your oil for nothing and have you work it for low wages)," he said.

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Against thunderous applause, Ayad detailed the historical relationship Libya has had with America, which played like a baby growing up to face a giant that grew strong by manipulating the baby. The baby, who wants to grow strong itself, is now being confronted by the giant who doesn't want to see the baby free, strong, and independent.

"Africa will be united . . . You are us, and we are you and we will win," he shouted.

LIBYAN STUDENT TAYEB AYAD ADDRESSES an audience at Morgan State University Thursday, as a student representative, Manu Apim of Morgan looks on.

Pen inmates charge officials with religious discrimination

By LaMont X Curry
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A $170,000 suit was filed recently in U.S. District Court charging the commissioner and officers of the Maryland State Penitenary with religious discrimination.

In March, the Ummat Sunni Community of the Baltimore City Correctional Center, charged correctional authorities with violating their First Amendment rights when they barred a Muslim minister from addressing believers in January.

According to Civil Action File number F86-670, on December 12, 1985, a recognized minister of Islam was approved to address the Islamic community and guests on the topic of black history.

On that occasion, according to the suit, two white officers who were present were offended by what was being taught. The officers told their supervisor the minister was teaching racism and made inflammatory remarks.

A return visit was therefore denied, stating that the Nation of Islam (NOI) not be permitted in the institution ("or this type of teaching"), the suit said.

The suit also stated that on Jan. 22, materials (NOI) were not to be permitted in the site and on Jan. 24, Arabic classes were denied.

Dr. Abdul Alim Muhammad is the Mid-Atlantic regional and Mikal Muhammad is the local representative of Minister Louis Farrakhan, the controversial leader of the Nation of Islam.

According to Paul Miles, Imam (Minister) at BCCC, Dr. Muhammad, who was introduced by Mikal Muhammad, brought a message of freedom.

"He told us that no walls could hold us if we locked into the Supreme Power (God).

"He brought us a message about God given human rights to family, education, money (work) self-preservation and to know God.

"He upset the white guards when he spoke on black history," he said.

The suit names Corrections Commissioner Arnold J. Hopkins, Unit Manager George Redd, Captain Willie Pottillio, Officer Allen Perdue, and Officer John Grason.

Several attempts were made to solicit responses from each individual. The AFRO was referred to corrections spokesperson Beverly Marable.

"We cannot comment on pending litigation," she said.

Walker describes his community as victims of religious prosecution.

"Prisoners have the right, under the Constitution, to meet, study, pray and discuss, those things that our religion dictates," he said.

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Urban Services Agency Child Development Center "Salutes The Week of The Child"

The U.S.A. Day Care Center is located at 2803 N. Dukeland ST. The center is now well-situated at its new location. Theresa Pearson -director- and her dedicated supportive staff and parents arranged and mounted the art and finger paintings by the children in the main hallway of the agency and then throughout the building. Talking about artwork and then some of the children proved it with their cultural development. Their artwork speaks for itself.

Artwork of proudness and dignity and skill. Leadership in value but on their own. Artwork on display by the children turned many heads and eyes upon viewing. Many visitors and employees commented on artwork by the children - "Well done." Just to name a few on display: Lakeia Fernadez, age 3 - finger painting on Spring flowers, Iyanna Brown, age 4 displayed painting on Harriet Tubman, Theresa Gray, age 4 - Spring flowers, Kennard Miller, age 3 - cut and paste picture on U.S.A Child Development Center, Nicholis Thompson, age 3 - salt painting and Chauncey Moore, age 4-sponge painting. African mask age 3 - Kyra Jennings, Desmond Brown, age 3 - Raggedy Ann Doll in a frame box, Corey Watson, age 4 - Animal Pet Farm.

These youngsters with their skillful hands certainly lead one to believe that they are on the right movement towards artistic involvement. Skill acquired by experience. Works of creative minds and skillful hands. The Urban Services Agency Family salutes the children of The Child Development Center of 2803 N. Dukeland St.

I know I'm Somebody 'Cause I Attend The Urban Services Agency Child Development Center

Mock Interview Day

Carver Vocational Technical High School held its Business - Mock Interview in the school's library recently. The interviewers were from various city agencies and local government. Students were being "mock interviewed" for job placements and getting first-hand experiences for interviews for tomorrow and future job placements. VIP Chapter Directors are - Mrs. G.W. Gray - Mrs. B.J. Willis. The welcome was by Wayne Boddie - President Gray's VIP Chapter. Remarks were by the school's principal, Luther Day, Sr. There were outstanding remarks from the interviewers.

Each one had nothing but the best to say or talk about concerning the students. There were approximately 25 Carver senior students to be interviewed. Each one had their resumes upon being talked with and interviewed. The young ladies and young gentlemen from the beginning had it all together. Talking about self-awareness, self-esteem in and outward mobility and what their futures hold for each one were intact. I'm talking about the youth today - Youth in Carver High School. Those young folks have the outlook, the positiveness and have their world in the palms of their hands.

Not one of the students who were closely watched and interviewed had a stumbling block. Each one knew where he or she was headed to and have their minds made up to as far as graduation in June and from then to college. The entire library ranked of "Togetherness." The students have their minds made up about their education and how they're pursuing it. The room was a sound of firmness and each one had its shell of what their dreams would be. Outward appearances, approachment, speaking out - presenting oneself they all were excellent. Talking about colors of decisions and determination, it was there. Self-excellence was there in the Carver Library. No playing around not just running off at the mouth but down to business and talking about getting jobs and furthering their education and from then on "The Mock Interview" was well-planned, well-taken and each student, each interviewer, each VIP business instructor was pleased about the constructed program.

Upon closure, refreshments were served to the students, teachers and VIP's. It was rewarding and an excellent enlightenment. Today we see and hear so much negativeness of the youth about our teenagers. It would have been a great treat to share the positiveness of the "mock interview" to the negativeness.

The parents of these students I know are proud of their children. They have it, they got it and they are certainly on the right track and right movement. Each student spoke so well about their school and their teachers. The week of the Children and A Day with Teenagers - Colors of Decisions was there.

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For Tomorrow I Am A Child Of God. I Am Joyous and Enthusiastic About Life

Minister's sentence reduced in sexual harassment case

By Art Carter

The Rev. John P. Carter will have to wait at least 17 more months before he can return to his life-long profession as a United Methodist minister.

An Appeals Court of the United Methodist Church, which heard an appeal on Rev. Mr. Carter's case in Philadelphia two weeks ago, this week, upheld the minister's conviction on charges of violation of the church's discipline which was the outgrowth of a trial on alleged sex harassment charges.

At the same time, the Appeals Court reduced the original three-year suspension of the minister to two years and eliminated the order that Rev. Carter take psychological counseling and made a public request for forgiveness.

The now celebrated trial, which lasted a week, was held last September, thus the Rev. Carter has already been under suspension for seven months.

One of the minister's associates who followed the trial last year said: "He has suffered immensely throughout this ordeal. He has paid a high price." The Rev. Carter has been working at a part-time job, according to church sources.

The 36-year-old pastor was found guilty last September by a jury of 12 elders of the church on one of two charges relating to sex harassment of five women, two white and three black.

The minister was found not guilty on the sex harassment charges brought by the five women, but convicted on a second count of violation of the church's discipline although the discipline makes no direct reference to sex harassment.

The women involved in the case had either worked for or sought employment with a church project that the Rev. Carter directed. He denied all charges and explained what "happened" in more than an hour's testimony on the stand.

The trial, which marked the first time a United Methodist Minister had been publicly tried on sex harassment charges, was punctuated with charges of "racism" in the church to such an extent that at its conclusion, Bishop Joseph Yeakel, who heads the Baltimore-Washington Conference Methodists, held a "Reconciliation" service to try to bring the adversary groups together.

Neither Rev. Carter nor Rev. Irvin Lockman of Baltimore who represented Rev. Carter at the trial were available for comment earlier this week.

It is up to Rev. Carter or his legal representative, Rev. Lockman, to make a decision on what happens next. As explained by high church officials, the appeals could be carried higher to the church's Judicial Council or could be put before the church's annual conference.

There is no indication that either of these procedures will be followed, although there is discontent with the decision.

One minister, who asked not to be identified, emphasized that the appeal petition, 120-page brief, dealt with many facts showing the trial was "tinged with racism," but the church's Northeast Jurisdiction appeals court said nothing on this issue.

Most church officials declined to make any statement on their reaction to the new decision on the grounds that they had not seen the court's ruling and preferred to delay comment until such time as the papers were available.

Most ministers asked to comment on the appeals court verdict were glad to see the court had dropped the requirement that Rev. Carter be forced "to confess" and undergo counseling. They were equally upset, however, that the "larger and more weighty issues" of racism were not mentioned in the court's decision.

$85 million for cancer research

Society releases 'Facts & Figures'

The American Cancer Society will spend a record-breaking $85 million on cancer research in 1986 — more than any other agency in the world except the U.S. Government.

The massive commitment, over $16 million more than the $69 million spent on scientific studies in 1985, constitutes 30.2 percent of the Society's total budget, the ACS announced today in its 1986 Annual Report.

"The American Cancer Society's actual financial expenditures are more than matched by the expenditures in energy and creativity of our two - and - a - half million volunteers," said Don Elliot Heald, ACS Chairman of the Board. "They carry out our educational programs, visit patients, inform legislators, assist in our offices, and raise funds. Their efforts ensure that contributions to the Society have an impact far beyond dollars and cents."

At the same time, the ACS released its 1986 statistical survey, "Cancer Facts & Figures," in which the Society estimates that 930,000 cases of cancer will be diagnosed in the U.S. in the coming year, and that an estimated 472,000 men and women will die of the disease.

For the second year, breast cancer has fallen behind lung cancer in estimated causes of cancer deaths among women. 41,100 women are predicted to die of lung cancer in 1986, while 39,900 will die of cancer of the breast. Lung cancer is estimated to account for 19 percent of cancer deaths among women in 1986; breast cancer for 18 percent.

The significantly rising trend of lung cancer among women reflects the pace at which women have taken up cigarette smoking, while the incidence of breast cancer in the U.S. has remained fairly constant over the past 50 years.

Lung cancer is also the leading cause of cancer death among American men, with an estimated 100,000 new cases expected in 1986, and 89,000 deaths among men. All in all, lung cancer will be diagnosed in a total of 149,000 Americans this year, and 130,000 will die of the disease, compared to 144,000 new cases and 125,600 deaths from lung cancer last year.

A total of 140,000 men and women are predicted to be diagnosed with cancers of the colon and rectum this year. The disease will kill an estimated 60,000, making it the second most common cancer killer in the U.S., according to "Cancer Facts & Figures."

In order to alert the public to the risks of tobacco, to promote lifestyle changes to reduce cancer risk, and to encourage the early detection of cancers, the ACS will spend $50,904,000 in 1986 on public education. This includes a new program, "Taking Control," designed to help people develop new habits to foster overall good health.

The ACS has committed itself to spending $35,901,000 on its service and rehabilitation programs, including such renowned activities as the Reach to Recovery program for breast cancer patients, and the I Can Cope and CanSurMount support programs for cancer patients and their families.

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