

King teaches non-violence

Grassroots News, N.W. - On February 12, 1981, Clark College was host to Yolanda King, daughter of slain civil rights activist Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Yolanda King, 25, has a master's degree in Fine Arts from New York University and is currently directing a play in that state, written by one of the greatest Black literary figures of our times, Langston Hughes (1902-1967). Here are excerpts from her address.

"The racial differences of Black and white has been used and conditioned into the psyche of humanity to keep far too many of us fighting over the scraps. For the majority in this country, it's not even a question of getting a slice of the American pie, for by the time the pie gets around to them, there's nothing left but crumbs. Though my father was taken away before beginning the Poor Peoples Campaign, it did groom and it launched the phase of the continuous movement for social change that we find ourselves facing now. And that is to revamp the economic system and priorities of this country.

"Despite the paranoid call that we're hearing today for renewed military strength at the expense of peace in this country, it has been proven that it is the military budget which is one of the chief causes of inflation. The military industry creates fewer jobs because machinery is the focus, not people. Thus, labor is displaced. On the one hand, it fails to produce consumer goods, therefore, our money chases fewer goods and the end result is the bidding up of prices.

"We're living in some confusing uncertain times. Apprehension about what President Ronald Reagan is going to do; apprehension about the Klu Klux Klan, and in Atlanta, even the children are afraid. Yet, despite the discouragement and confusion of today, I still believe in tomorrow because I believe in people. The possibility of good within humanity is limitless. But it has to begin with people like you and I. Social systems are a result of collective in-



YOLANDA KING

dividualism. The elimination of poverty, racism and war, from the face of this earth, can only begin with the individual wherever she or he is, right now.

"Sometimes, even I get a little discouraged, however, when those moments of disillusionment arrive, I choose not to escape in front of my T.V., set, but rather I tune in to my history set. I recall the evil images of slavery and find my people to have endured. We are here tonight because our foreparents refused to give up. They stumbled and sometimes they even fell, but they got up and they kept on marching, and they kept on praying, holding fast to a dream of a better life for their children.

"We must work together. If we utilize the power of nonviolence, we can make a difference. It doesn't matter if you don't have hundreds of thousands of people behind you. What empowered the early civil rights workers to such magnificence was the power of nonviolence which is linked to a spiritual force in this universe. While on one hand, non-violence requires noncooperation with the evil, and on the other, it also requires cooperation with the constructive forces of good. The forces of good that are in this universe are there, just waiting to be tapped."

Next Week we'll bring an exclusive interview with Ms. Yolanda King.

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Ask Aunt Bea

Dear Aunt Bea:
My younger sister has been involved in a racially mixed marriage for about a year now, and even though both she and her husband are still very much in love with each other (I've talked with both of them), there are problems that can't seem to be resolved in spite of countless effort on their part. Now, Aunt Bea, although their courtship was rather short (3 months) it certainly seemed they were both well aware of the consequences of a mixed marriage. They obviously missed something. And perhaps you can shed some light on the subject. I love them both a lot. They are sweet kids, and I'd like to see them grow old together.

This includes family rules, values, and experiences. You did mention a short courtship which I'm sure did not give each family, including the couple mentioned, ample time to become well enough acquainted with or understand each other's cultural background. You are familiar with the saying, "out of my class," well, where marriage is concerned, it's worth considering; not that it can't work, but it does need to be recognized and worked on.

Good luck dear, to your sister and her husband.

Aunt Bea.

Dear Aunt Bea:
This June I'll be 19, and plan to be married. Just recently while having lunch with a favorite aunt, I happened to mention that I would like to start my family right away and grow up more or less with my children.

however, I really would like to let her know my feelings and intentions to start an early family, as my fiance feels the same way. What do you suggest?

R.S.
N. Portland

Dear K.S.
Take your aunt to lunch again, bring up the subject of starting an early family and just be honest in expressing your intentions and your fiance's. Explain why you feel this is a good idea. If your aunt respects your wish to be married at an early age, she surely should understand and respect your desire to start a family at an early age.

Congratulations and best of luck growing up with your children. May your problems be little ones.

Aunt Bea.
(Share your problems with Aunt Bea, Box 3137, Portland, OR 97208.)

Allen Temple youth celebrate history

The month of February is designated as a month to celebrate Black History. Blacks throughout the U.S. celebrate Black History and their contribution to development of America. In keeping with this spirit of celebration, Allen Temple C.M.E. Church, 4236 N.E. 8th will present a Black Cultural Awareness Program, February 28, 1980 at 7:30 p.m., at the above address.

The program is being sponsored by the CYF (Christian Youth Fellowship) Department and the agenda will consist of musical presentation presented by the young people's choir of Allen Temple C.M.E. Church; the sermonette from New Hope Baptist Church; solo by Shirley Barber; and solo by Chris Jenkins.

There will also be special reading of poems and excerpts from the writings of famous Black men and women.

The program will climax with a dialogue of Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have A Dream" and a musical selection by the Smith Chapel Choir.

J.B.
N.E. Portland

Dear J.B.
It sounds like something was overlooked. All too often because of society's prejudices, a mixed couple will spend all of their energies trying to overcome the color differences dictated by society and completely ignore the difficulties that arise simply because of family cultural differences (which is present in all marriages, not just mixed ones).

Outlaw racism in USA

(Continued from Page 2 Col 6) condemned and resisted."

"Racism is not a matter of debate..." Aptheker said. "Racism's every tenant has been refuted without shred of doubt. Racism was created to justify exploitation and oppression and in its name children have been tormented, women assaulted, men butchered, and an entire people crucified. This is not a matter of debate; this is not a matter of so-called free speech; this is a matter of outlawry.

"The history of racist ideology and its promulgation shows it is never an abstraction or a mere discussion, rather, that ideology and its promulgation always are part of a sustained campaign for intensified racist practices.

"All the world has agreed that chattel slavery is wrong and all of the world finally has banned it;

most of the world agrees that racism if wrong and much of the world has banned it. In both cases it is those who extirpated the evil and prohibited the evil that represent the best of humanity. They are the real and effective friends of actual freedom."

Aptheker urges mass action by Blacks, Chicanos, Jews and trade unionists to seek legislation banning racist propaganda and activity before it is too late.

The House Committee on Aging and Minority Affairs will hold a public hearing on the Governor's racial harassment bill on March 5th, in the State Capitol Building.

(Tapes of the full text of Aptheker's talk can be obtained at the John Reed Bookstore, 519 SW 3rd Avenue, 227-2902).

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