

# NATIONAL NEWS UPDATE

## History's Children Keep Alive Their Famous Ancestors'



Dr. Julius Garvey, a New York City physician, keeps the legacy of his father Marcus Garvey alive through community service.

The descendants of Marcus Garvey, Madame C.J. Walker and other noted Blacks from the 19th and 20th centuries carry on their famous ancestors' accomplishments in many ways, reports the February Ebony.

Dr. Julius Garvey, the son of nationalist movement organizer Marcus Garvey, is a New York surgeon who is president of a local Black physicians' group and serves on a community health clinic board. "If you look at my father, you realize that his first thought was how he could serve his community," he explains. "In a sense, I'm doing the same thing in my own way." A'Lelia Bundles has completed research for a book on her great-great-grandmother, beauty and health care millionaire Madame C.J. Walker. Her brother, stockbroker

Lance Bundles, is a board member of the Madame Walker Urban Life Center in Indianapolis and is now working to raise renovation funds for the center.

These descendants also try to clear up misconceptions about their legendary relatives. Graduate student Robin Barnes used to go along with claims that her great-great-grandfather, educator Booker T. Washington, was a "racial conservative." She says, "It wasn't until the last 10 years, after doing some research, that I began to formulate my own opinions." Mrs. Bundles, through her speeches, reminds people that Madame Walker was not trying to sway Blacks to look European, that she did support Black colleges and "cases and was an astute businesswoman."

## Kurt Schmoke: Baltimore's First Black Elected Mayor

Kurt Schmoke, the first Black to be elected mayor of Baltimore, shows his political power in the February Ebony.

Schmoke, 38, set his sights on being mayor while implementing "much-needed improvements as state's attorney, a position he held for 4½ years after soundly defeating the two-term, White incumbent in 1982. His victory in last year's crucial Democratic primary against the incumbent mayor virtually guaranteed him the job as chief executive of America's 12th largest city. Two-thirds of the Black vote and one-third of the White vote went to Schmoke.

The Baltimore native's educational background from Yale University, Harvard Law School and as a Rhodes Scholar, plus his experience in private practice and as a White House attorney on then-President Jimmy Carter's staff, will help him tackle such problems as high Black unemployment, low-income housing, care for the elderly and public education. The ambitious mayor is optimistic about improving the city



Kurt Schmoke, the first Black mayor of Baltimore, stands tall with the downtown skyline of his city behind him.

and says, "We can achieve success in a lot of these areas because we have a strategy, we have an agenda."

## National Urban League Releases "The State of Black America 1988"

"The stock market crash encouraged a more sober attitude about the prevalence of greed at a time when poverty and homelessness were on the rise," stated John E. Jacob, President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Urban League during the release of The State of Black America 1988 Thursday, January 14, 1988 in Washington, D.C.

Jacob then added that, "While America was riding an economic boom, Black poverty rose, and we have slipped further back from our goal of parity with white citizens.

"In the wake of the market crash, we're hearing about the need for more austerity and more budget cuts. We have to remind Americans that the post-crash austerity must not be allowed to drive still more Black and minority citizens deeper into poverty."

Turning his attention to the 1988 presidential election, John said that the real scandal of the election is "not who sleeps where; not who plagiarized what — but why the people who want to be president are satisfied with lily-white senior campaign staffs.

"Not a single candidate on the Republican side has a minority person in a major campaign role and of the top ten minority campaign staff positions on the Democratic side, none of the candidates has more than one minority person, other than Jesse Jackson, who has five," said Jacob. "That's a shocking indicator of the failure of the Democrats to understand that they can't be elected without Black votes and they are not going to get Black votes unless they've got minorities who understand the Black community from the inside, and who can help shape campaign policies."

Referring to the recommendations that are made in The State of Black America 1988, Jacob said that, "we're calling on the Black community and its organizations to take the lead in actively mounting programs to deal with our problems.

"That's happening today, as Black churches, civil rights and social welfare agencies, and community-based groups are doing a tremendous job of helping to ameliorate conditions in poor Black neighborhoods," he said.

Paying particular attention to the Urban League's education effort, Jacob said that, "The Urban League Education Initiative has already begun to have a real impact on our kids and their schools."

Jacob also told the gathering of media at the National Press Club that other recommendations in the new edition of the document include suggestions for legislation and government action to deal with problems of poverty, hunger, homelessness, and racism.

"The State of Black America" documents the depth of the problems facing Black Americans and the failure of most Blacks to participate in the economic recovery," added Jacob.

The State of Black America 1988 presents eleven papers prepared by experts in the fields of civil rights, education, economics, government, criminal justice and social welfare.

## Jewish Agencies Fight Hunger in South Africa

PORTLAND — In an effort to help relieve the widespread hunger and malnutrition in the Black "homeland" of South Africa, the American Jewish Committee and the American Jewish World Service announced January 5, 1988, a grant of \$60,000 earmarked for eight villages in Lebowa, South Africa.

The joint grant of the Jewish agencies will help provide local residents with tools, supplies and expertise to grow food sufficient to sustain themselves.

The announcement of the grants was made by Theodore Ellenoff, president of the American Jewish Committee (AJC), and Lawrence Phillips, chairman of the American Jewish World Service (AJWS). The Jewish leaders designated the grants as part of the establishment of "the Bayard Rustin Project," in honor of the late civil rights leader.

In making their announcement, Messrs. Ellenoff and Phillips said, "While there is rightly a widespread preoccupation with combating the moral evil of apartheid, we dare not lose sight of the fact that behind the headlines there is a daily tragic reality of tens of thousands of Black men, women, and especially children, who are afflicted with hunger and growing severe malnutrition. They are virtually dependent on themselves for providing food, water, and medical care, and they desperately need outside aid. Our initial grants are intended to call

attention to their plight, and hopefully to inspire other Jewish and non-Jewish groups to join us in this urgent humanitarian undertaking."

Operation Hunger is a South African non-profit organization, formed in 1981 by a coalition of religious and public interest groups. It feeds over 1,000,000 people daily and assists many more through self-help schemes.

Project South Africa, founded by the late Bayard Rustin in 1985, seeks to create cooperative bonds among American and South African groups devoted to the elimination of apartheid and the establishment of democracy in South Africa. Its co-sponsors include Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Dr. Allan Boesak, W. Byers Naude and Helen Suzman.

The American Jewish World Service, founded in 1985, works in partnership with non-governmental organizations within their project countries to fund relief and development projects which benefit the poor and hungry, regardless of their religion, race, or ethnic origin.

Stephen E. Forman, chairman of the Portland chapter American Jewish Committee stated that the AJC is this country's pioneer human relations organization. Founded in 1906, it combats bigotry, protects the civil and religious rights of Jews here and abroad, and advances the cause of improved human relations for all people everywhere.



A new sisterhood of Black women taking the helm as college presidents are Dr. Johnetta B. Cole of Spelman (L), Dr. Niara Sudarkasa of Lincoln (C), and Dr. Gloria Scott of Bennett.

## A Sisterhood of Black Women College Presidents

The new presidents of Spelman College, Bennett College and Lincoln University represent a new sisterhood of Black women at the helm of historically-significant, predominantly Black institutions, in the February Ebony magazine.

"We have a profound sense of responsibility, to a profound moment," says Dr. Johnetta B. Cole, the first Black woman president of Spelman. With a scholarly background, steeped in their Southern and African roots, all three women are pioneers with great plans for their colleges.

Dr. Cole states, "I want Spelman to be known, not as a Black woman's Harvard, but as a school that will immediately connote the very best in intellectual life." Dr. Gloria Scott, the second female president of Bennett, says, "I want to see Bennett women soar." Dr. Niara Sudarkasa, born Gloria Marshall, as Lincoln's first female president, wants to transform students into "academicians who can compete on the cutting edge."

## Former University President and Attorney Joins Staff of United Way

ALEXANDRIA, VA — Lisle C. Carter Jr., a Washington, D.C., attorney and first president of the University of the District of Columbia, has joined the staff of United Way of America as General Counsel.

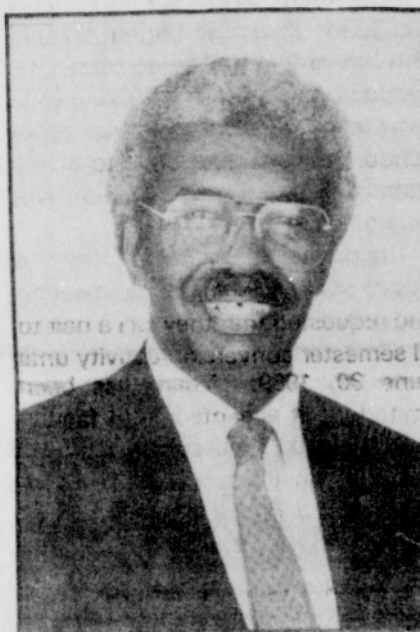
United Way of America is the national service center for the 2,300 local United Ways across the country. United Ways fund more than 37,000 human-service agencies and programs in America — second only to the federal government in funding social services.

As General Counsel, Carter will advise and represent the national service center on legal matters.

Most recently, Carter was a partner of the Washington law firm Verner, Lipfert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand. From 1977 into 1982, he was the first president of the University of the District of Columbia.

Carter has been Chancellor of the Atlanta University Center, Atlanta, GA, and an administrator, as well as faculty member, at Cornell University. He served in several positions with the former U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and was Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Education.

Carter is a board member of the Prudential Insurance Company and



Lisle C. Carter, Jr.

also serves on the boards of the Aspen Institute, Dartmouth College, and Georgetown University, among other organizations. He has served on the national Board of Governors for United Way of America and was chairman of that organization's Executive Committee.

Carter is a Dartmouth College graduate and received his law degree from St. John's University Law School, Jamaica, NY.


## West Germany Awards Grant to Fund Howard Study Tour

The West German Academic Exchange Service recently announced that it has awarded a grant to Howard University to fund a two-week study tour by 30 Howard students in West Germany.

The \$45,000 grant is the fourth such grant the Federal Republic of Germany has made to Howard in

as many years.

The students who come from backgrounds in art, history, architecture and German studies will study German society in forms and documents from the period 1450-1650. They will be in Germany from March 19 through April 2.



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