

PARLIAMENTARY BLACK CAUCUS FORMED IN LONDON

Philip Morris Supports Inaugural Of Great Britain's Parliamentary Minority Caucus Patterned After U.S. Congressional Black Caucus



CAUCUSING OVERSEAS!—Rep. Ronald V. Dellums (D-CA), right, Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), arrives at Parliament in London with members of the delegation he led to the inauguration ceremonies of the Parliamentary Black Caucus. With him are, from left, George L. Knox, III, Staff Vice President, Public Affairs, Philip Morris Companies

Inc., Mrs. Alma Rangel, wife of New York Congressman Charles B. Rangel and Atlantic City Mayor, James Ury, who is also the President of the National Conference of Black Mayors. Four minority Members of Parliament formed the organization, based on the American CBC.

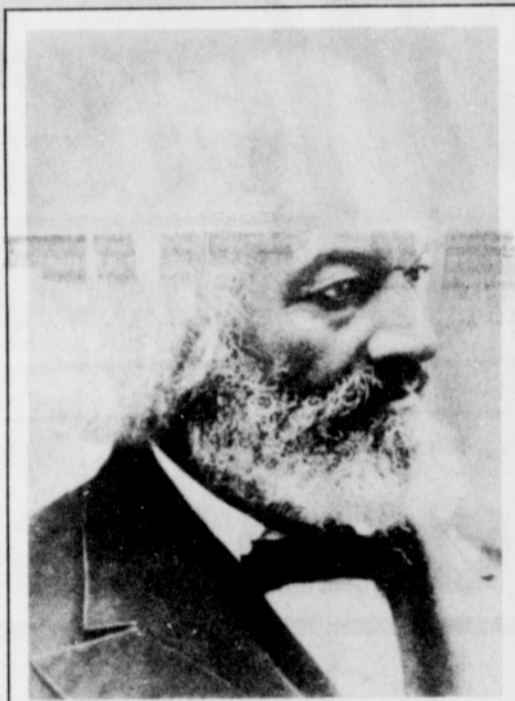


THREE OF THE FOUR MEMBERS of the recently formed Parliamentary Black Caucus are, from left, Hon. Keith Vaz, Hon. Bernie Grant and Hon. Diane Abbott. Each is a member of Parliament serving in the House of Commons. The fourth member is Lord David Pitt, a member of the House

of Lords (not shown). Philip Morris was a contributor to the inauguration events that brought African-American federal, state and municipal elected officials as well as civil rights and business persons to London.

THE FIRST AMENDMENT

CONGRESS shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the Freedom of Speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.



Frederick Douglass



Langston Hughes

Saluting The Black Press

Guardians Of Our Birthright

When the U.S. Constitution was first written, our founding fathers believed that freedom of the press was so important that it was written and guaranteed in the very first article in the Bill of Rights.

From the founding in 1847 of The North Star newspaper by Frederick Douglass to the writings of James Baldwin, newspaper reporters, authors, poets and playwrights have protected, recorded and taught black history to each successive generation.

Freedom cannot function without the free expression and communication of ideas. We salute the men and women of the Black Press and their noble profession. Perhaps Langston Hughes said it best...

*"There's a dream in this land
with its back against the wall.
To save the dream for one,
it must be saved for all."*

Langston Hughes



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