

# NEWS AROUND THE NATION

## Reverend Sharpton Becomes Columnist For National Alliance Newspaper

Reverend Al Sharpton, the Brooklyn-based civil rights leader, has begun writing a weekly column "The People's Preacher" for the National Alliance newspaper. In his first column, which appears in the issue of the Alliance dated Feb. 1, Reverend Sharpton charges that Mayor Marion Barry of Washington, D.C. who was recently arrested for using drugs was the target of a government "sting" operation. Reverend Sharpton argues that the entrapment of Mayor Barry is part of a larger effort to "destroy" progressive Black leaders.

"Marion Barry comes out of the civil rights movement and he has maverick tendencies regarding the poor, the Black, the gay and other oppressed and disenfranchised groups in the United States," writes the leader of the United African Movement in his first column. "It is for that reason and the fact that he is not one of the more dependable Black mayors to the hierarchy of the Democratic Party that made him a target in the first place. Had Marion Barry graduated from the school of mediocrity with Douglas Wilder and David Dinkins, with the same allegiance to keeping his eyes covered and his ears closed on anything distasteful to white ruling class America, I am sure they would not have gone to this effort and to this degree to sting him."

In his introduction to "the People's Preacher" senior editor Michael Klein welcomes Reverend Sharpton to the pages of the Alliance, identifying the controversial African American leader as a member of the "new opposition" in New York City. Along with civil rights attorney Alton Maddox, Jr., New Alliance Party chair Dr. Lenora Fulani and Dr. Fred Newman—who recently appeared with him at a New Alliance Party-sponsored forum on "blacks

and Jews in New York City"—Reverend Sharpton, said Mr. Klein, "offers something more than hollow talk about unity." That is why, he said, these leaders "have become so beloved by their supporters and so despised by the powers that be."

The National Alliance is published by the Castillo Cultural Center, an independent cultural collective made up of artists, photographers, actors, writers, craftspeople, journalists and researchers who are all political activists.

## Harlem Globetrotters

The mere name of the Harlem Globetrotters is synonymous with ball handling, razzle-dazzle, court comedy, laughter and the whistling refrain of "Sweet Georgia Brown." No team has played more games in more places before more people than the Globetrotters. They have dribbled and dunked their way through more than 103 countries while playing well over 16,000 games. They bring their entertaining brand of basketball to Portland Memorial Coliseum, Sunday, February 11, at 5 p.m.



U.S. Representative Cardiss Collins (D-III) (left), chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Government Activities and Transportation; Deborah Dillon, president, Dillon Telecommunications, Inc.; and William Lindsay, manager, Purchasing Materials Management, US Sprint take part in an historic videoconference which brought together more than 300 minority and female suppliers in 15 cities with US Sprint and United Telecom's purchasing decision makers.



A TALK OF ADVERTISING—Charles Reid, (center), director of urban affairs and equal employment opportunity, Kraft General Foods, joins a discussion between Bernie Foster, publisher, the "Skanner," of Portland, OR, and Gina Gallovich, manager, communications for Kraft General Foods. The trio attended the National Newspaper Publishers Association's (NNPA) Mid-Winter Workshop in Riverside, CA., where the company announced a \$1 million corporate advertising budget for the black print media. A Kraft General Foods statement issued at the workshop said of the Black press: "Each publication is adept in delivering a critical service to its readership by recognizing the specific needs of the community it serves."

## Rev. Sharpton, Dr. Fulani, Attorney Alton Maddox Join Yonkers Minister At Head of Anti-Segregation March

Nearly 1,000 people marched last Saturday in the largest civil rights protest ever held in the city of Yonkers. The Rev. Darryl George, pastor of Yonkers' Messiah Baptist Church, led the protest. He was joined by the Rev. Al Sharpton, president of the United African Movement, Dr. Lenora Fulani, chairperson of the independent New Alliance Party, civil rights attorney Alton Maddox, Yonkers activist Stonewall Odom, and Moses Stewart, the father of Yusuf

Hawkins, the young Black man who was brutally murdered in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn last August. Saturday's protest was held to mobilize a grassroots challenge to the long entrenched pattern of racial segregation in Yonkers. The civil rights demonstrators are demanding that the mayor and city council act in good faith to carry out a housing desegregation order issued five years ago by the U.S. Department of Justice.

In 1985 a federal court ruled that housing and schools in Yonkers are intentionally racially segregated and ordered the city to build 200 units of public housing and to plan additional subsidized housing. In 1988 four members of the Yonkers city council refused to vote in accordance with the federal order and were subsequently fined for contempt of court. This month the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the fines.

"History is being carved out in Yonkers," Rev. George told protestors at a rally held after the march in a park on the city's east side. "All week the community leaders condemned us, telling us to stay home, yet we marched today because the masses are ready for a change in Yonkers. No longer can we allow a plantation mentality to exist."

Expressing his appreciation for the support of Rev. Sharpton, Dr. Fulani and Mr. Maddox, Rev. George noted, "Certain Negro leadership called me and said, 'Why didn't you call on us? If I'm drowning, why do I have to call you to come and help me? We've been drowning in Yonkers for too long. We needed somebody to throw a life line out to us.'"

"We will not be here just today," Rev. Sharpton pledged in his address to the rally. "We'll be back over and over again and at the next city council meeting. They have insulted our nation as a people by what they have done in the Yonkers decision. We have shown our self determination and we've shown that we will stand up."

"It is outrageous that in the 1990s Black folks are marching because they can't live in a particular area 20 years or more after Dr. King's death," said Dr. Fulani, charging that New York's Governor Mario Cuomo "just doesn't believe that the government has the obligation to provide people with decent housing. They do, and until we get it we have the right to fight both against the discrimination and also against homelessness."

### Walt Disney's World On Ice

Children of all ages love the famous Disney heroes and Walt Disney's World on Ice brings many of them to Portland's Memorial Coliseum from February 21 through 25. Mickey Mouse will be celebrating his Diamond Jubilee with help from Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck, Daisy Duck, Goofy, the Three Little Pigs and Pluto along with everyone's favorite villains—the Marvelous Madame Mim and Captain Pete. This fun-filled show chronicles Mickey's career from his first cartoon, Steamboat Willie, to his current globe-spanning, continent-hopping experiences as an international superstar. Regular ticket prices for the show's eight performances are \$11.50, \$9.50 and \$7.50. Call 248-4496 for ticket information. Or, have more fun for less money. Get together a group of 15 or more people and save up to \$3 per ticket. Call 230-6702 for group sales information.

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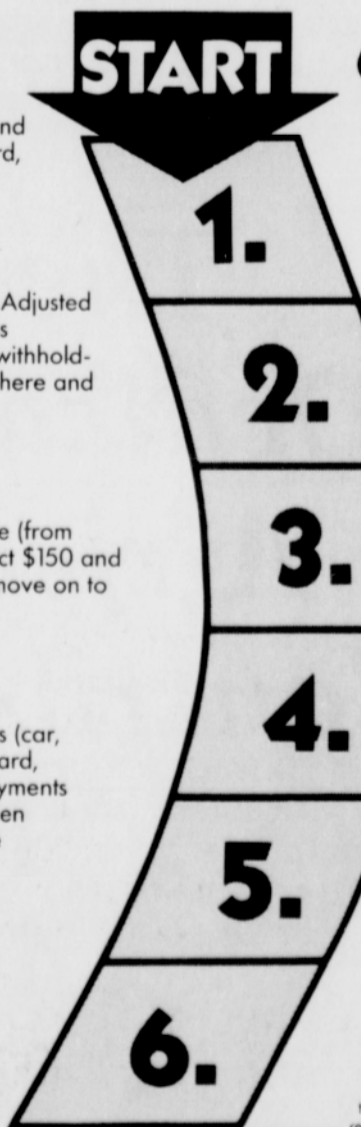
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