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In Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Seven

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Roland Hayes

EDITORIALS

The death of Roland Hayes, pioneer international concert tenor, whose dedication, hard work and determination aided him to overcome many barriers of poverty and prejudice, will bring a sadness to many persons.

UNITE!

This talented young black singer was rebuffed by the manager of the Boston Symphony in 1920 who brutally informed Hayes that no one of his race would every be accepted in music. This particular's manager's name has long since been long in the misty memories of numerous yesterdays. But Mr. Hayes, who sang Lieder and folksongs in English, French, Italian and Afro-American religious folk songs ained international fame and accalim

first season and 125 concerts the next season.

In the years that followed, Roland Hayes appeared with the Philadelphia, Detroit, and New York Symphonies.

Over the years, Mr. Hayes received many awards and citations, inlcuding eight honorary degrees, inclusion in Who's Who in Colored America in 1928-29 and the noted Spingarn Medal for the most outstanding achievement among blacks in 1925.

Perhaps the most notable highlight of his 75th anniversary was his performance at Carnegie Hall in 1962 at which time the audience rose, to sing "Happy Birthday" to him.

The contributions made by this

"Big Government"

Benjamin L. Hooks

For nearly four-and-one half years I have been a member of the Federal Communications Commission. I have been carrying within me a nagging sense of a doubt. You know the feeling. It is one that says you ought to believe what a good number of people are saying - many whom you respect and admire - but somehow deep in your guts you just can't reconcile what they say with what you perceive to be the truth.

It is uncomfortable; but wishing won't make the sense of guilt brought on by doubt, go away. At some point it must be dealt with.

That is how I have been feeling about charges that "Big Government" is responsible for most of the "mess" in Washington. That "Big Government" is growing bigger, fatter, less responsive to the will of the people, thus the rising disillusionment and the public feeling that the only way to straighten things out is to break up "Big Government" and start again from square one.

Once you accept the assumption that "Big Government" is all the bad things that happen in our lives, that it is a Dr. Frankenstein's monster, of our creation that is now turning with malevolent fury on its creator, threatening to destroy us, it is very easy to take that additional mental step and say, "let's do it in before it does us in."

But I could never buy the first assumption so I certainly would never arrive at the conclusion. Too many things I see with my own eyes here at the Commission, for example, kept getting in the way of "the truth" of the "Big Government" charges.

To Be Equal

For example, the FCC is mandated by Congress to regulate the communications industry of this vast and prosperous country of ours. But to implement this massive responsibility the FCC has never employed more than 2,100 people, and its annual budget last year - the highest in its history -- was a platry \$51 million.

The men and women who work for the FCC must deal with vast, powerful corporate entities, for instance, AT&T, that hire millions, with billions of dollars in capital outlay, many more multi-millions in operating capital and billions in assets.

The paperwork that flows through this small but important agency would boggle the mind of even the most sophisticated bureaucratic paper shuffler. And determined efforts on the part of the Commission to eliminate some of it, invariable ends in frustrated failure.

For much of the paperwork, is essential to our regulatory function: there are forms, contracts, petitions, licenses, etc., that simply cannot be eliminated. Attempts to modify them often end in more than rather than less influx. But we are still working at it and some day this work may pay off.

But the prodigious amount of work this small work force must put out just to stay abreast of issues, events and problems in the burgeoning industry called communications which is one of a country's most important sends the mind reeling.

So when I hear the talk from so many in the public sector about "Big Government, fat, irresponsive" etc., I simply can't reconcile it with my pragmatic everyday hectic existence here at the Commission.

Commissioner

And now comes usbstantive support in the form of a well researched speech delivered by Gary Hart, US Senator (D., Colo.) made before the Western Electronic Manufacturers' Assn., earlier this year.

Senator Hart presents a reasoned analysis of the "Big Government" charges, complete with a huge array of facts and statistics that even the most impassioned believer of the "Big Government" charges will have to take note.

His essential theme is that the public belief that "Big Government" bloated with ever grow-ing numbers of federal bureau workers, expanding, creating a mess in Washington and in the daily lives of our citizens, imposing ruinous taxes etc., is illusory.

His conclusions that the real villians are states and local governments which have expanded like mad in the past three decades, that most of the Federal government workers are employed in social welfare (medicaid) and social security (taking care of the elderly) and on the local level most employees are in local schools (more than 11.7 million) and in protection (firemen and police) are bound to create gasps of astonishment.

So is his assessment that the real villian springs from citizens' - all of our attitudes and expectations. (NNPA) "HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR"

Choices For The New Year

1977 will be a crucial year. It begins with the country in a seemingly intractable recession that's a major Depression for poor people and for black people, and with a new Administration entering office whose every move will be scrutinized for hints of how it will deal with the nation's problems.

President-elect Carter has said that even before his inauguration he will announce his plans for getting the economy back on the right track. The basic decision revolves around what sort of stimulus the economy needs.

Everyone, regardless of the ideological tag worn, believes some sort of stimulus is needed. Production is way below what it should be, unemployment is rising from an intolerably high

need it least. People who are jobless, who are poor or near-poor, would not benefit at all.

Third, whatever stimulus a tax cut brings to the economy takes a long, long time to show itself. The full economic impact of a tax cut is not seen for many months while sharply targeted direct government spending can boost the economy immediately.

Fourth, and far from least, it would be unconscionable to cut taxes at a time when public needs are so great. How can taxes be cut when teachers are being laid off, city health facilities closed down, and public transportation systems deteriorating? In the face of unmet public needs and growing unemployment, it would be a tragic mistake to add to the enormous budget de by cutting taxes, thus reducing the very revenues the government needs to do its job properly.

By VERNON E. JORDAN **Executive Director**, National Urban League

That's just one indication of the huge demand for schools, libraries, stadiums, bridges, sewer systems, and other necessaries. And those projects aren't ones dreamed up by Washington bureaucrats, they're projects being asked for by local governments on behalf of their citizens.

While such public works programs are construction-oriented, public service jobs are not. The limited number of such jobs now available show that there is work to be done, that people can be hired to do it, that the costs are low since the newly-hired workers pay taxes and don't require capital expenditures in the form of machinery to support their jobs, and finally, that there's an important ripple effect. This consists

with the outpouring of his music.

However, like many other outstanding black artists who have since followed him Hayes went to Europe and was highly accalimed. He sang in London, Paris and for Queen Mary and King George V in Buckingham Palace. He also became acquainted with such musical greats as Paderewski, Rachmaninoff, Casals and Kreisler.

Hayes' overseas accomplishments and high successes made Boston Symphony hire him for thirty concerts the outstanding concert tenor whose hard work, diligence to the task and firm determination to succeed in spite of the many obstacles can and will provide incentive and motivation for other aspiring musicians throughout the ages.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Charles Harris, well known Durham pianist, was accompanist for Roland Hayes for many years. Mrs. Africa Hayes Lambe, his daughter, was a music instructor at NCCU for several years.).

base, and public and private needs are goin unmet.

That's why many are advocating a hefty tax cut. The idea is that cutting taxes will put money in people's pockets and get them spending again, leading to higher production levels and more employment.

That's a tidy package. The only trouble with it is that it is wrong.

A tax cut would be a wrong decision for several reasons. First, experience shows that people don't spend their tax cuts, which often amount to only a few dollars a week anyway in the average paycheck. After the last tax cut, the savings rate rose sharply, and that doesn't lead to more production or more jobs.

Second, a tax cut would go to those who

The way to get the economy moving again is through a program of job-creation that avoids the tortured indirect, inefficient mechanism of a tax cut. Immediate federal spending on public works programs and public service employment should do the trick.

Last September Congress voted a \$2 billion public works program designed to create jobs. This month it was reported that applications for 25,000 projects from state and local governments amounting to \$24 billion had already been received by the agency in charge of disbursing those funds. And those applications are still pouring in!

of added jobs in the private sector through the need to produce goods and services for people once out of work and now spending their paychecks.

In addition, broad programs to hire and train out-of-work youth, along with carefully considered subsidy programs to enable private industry to hire and train more workers are called for.

With people who call themselves conservatves now calling for \$15 and \$20 billion in tax cuts, it makes more fiscal and human sense to put that money into programs that put people directly to work. President - elect Carter's decision on this choice - tax cut or job-creation will shape the basic outlook for this Administration.

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soft-spoken Dr. Edelin was

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woman's life.

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Erroll Garner

Erroll Garner, famous jazz pianist and composer who made his debut at the age of seven, died of a heart attack last Sunday. Garner was frequently described as one of the world's most distinguished jazz musicians and composers.

He had many best selling records and albums. Garner had performed in France, Switzerland and other European countries as well as in Hawaii, Japan, Australia and New Zealand. Along with these performances, he performed with the major Symphony orchestras including National Symphony Orchestra, Washington; Symphony, Lousiville, Honolulu Detroit, and Indianapolis Symphony Orchestras.

Among the more than 200 compositions credited to him are such songs as "Misty", "Dreamy", "Solitaire", "Dreamstreet", "That's My Kick", and "Feeling is Believing."

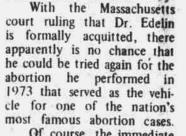
Many honors came to Garner for his outstanding works. They included American Federation of Music Keys to various cities, Errol Garner Days proclaimed by Mayors of Pittsburgh. (him home town) and Indianapolis; Man of the Year in Music, 1966; the Pittsburgh Press Club, at its 90th Founders' Day Dinner in 1972; The Republic of Mali issued a postage stamp in his honor in 1971 and the Grand Prix Du Disque, French Academy of Arts and many other awards and honors.

The news that the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court had overturned the manslaughter conviction of Dr. Kenneth C. Edelin was a welcomed, although long overdue conclusion to an angonizing and suspenseful ordeal.

In a shocking miscarriage of justice, Dr. Edelin, a black physician, was tried and convicted on February 15, 1975, for performing a legal abortion no different from those routinely performed by thousands of doctors since the US Supreme Court rulling of 1973.

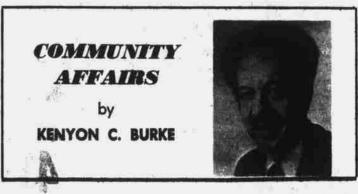
A white, predominantly Catholic jury in Boston, found Dr. Edelin guilty of manslaughter of a fetus -- a crime with no previous statutory definition a crime which did not in fact exist until the prosecutor invented it.

State Supreme Judicial Court in its wisdom, held that a doctor commits manslaughter only if he ends the life of a fetus that is definitely alive outside the woman's body.



Of course, the immediate effect of the 1973 conviction resulted in numerous doctors and hospitals throughout the country refusing to perform second-trimester, abortions for fear their best medical efforts would end in criminal charges. Although this development effects the entire nation, it uniquely touches the black, brown and the poor.

While abortion and its physical and psychological



VICTORY IN BOSTON

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a medically safe, legal and justice, but as victory for those concerned with improving the quality of life for all people alike. (NNPA).

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Moynhan At It Again

prise to note that Daniel Patrick Moynihan has demeaned all of Africa's leadership with a parting shot as Ambassador to the United Nations.

Most black Americans surely must remember and should not forget his avowed philosophy of "Benign Neglect" for black advancement which he coined and advocated during the Nixon administration and apparently was carried throughout the Ford adminis-

It is hoped that Moynihan, as he takes his seat in Congress, will pursue with equal vigor equality and dignity for all men. It is hoped that there are those in Congress who will call it to his attention if he has a lapse of memory.

Benign neglect in this day and time should have no place in our nation just as shots at emerging African nations should have no place with any ambassadors.

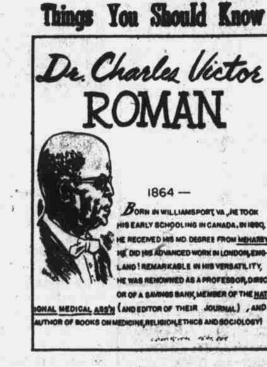
"If there is no struggle, there is no progress. Those who propose to favor freedom and yet depreciate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground. They want rain without thunder and lightning. They want the oceans majestic waves without the awful roar of its waters."

- Frederick Douglass

does bring about significant health advantages to individuals and their families.

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