

Achievements Of A Remarkable Person

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Mrs. Mary Samuels Sollers, formerly of Winston-Salem, is to be noted for her progress in many activities in Baltimore, Md. She is founder of Little

Important People. It is an organization of plain people who are concerned about their community. It is people who felt left out, who wanted to do something but didn't know where to begin.

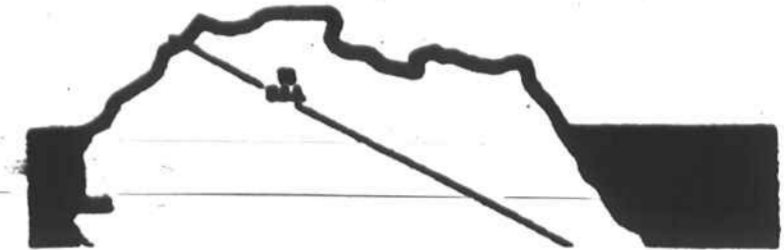
The group started its activities in 1967 with the banding together of between 20 and 30 neighbors who wanted to see more low-income housing in the downtown area of Baltimore. Undaunted, Little Important People then turned its attention to setting up a group home, a residential center with educational and counseling services for first offenders.

Little Important People was named by Mrs. Sollers when she returned from a meeting at Annapolis and learned that Dr. Carl Murphy, publisher of the Afro-American, was in critical condition at John Hopkins Hospital. "Until then, we didn't have a title," stated Mrs. Sollers. "I recalled that one of his favorite phrases was about the need of the 'little important people' to work and be recognized. So I suggested that we adopt the name and everyone agreed it was a good idea."

Mrs. Sollers is quite active in community work with the Community Action Agency and has won several awards for urban services including one from Sergeant Shriver.

She attended Winston-Salem public schools, and is a graduate (1945) of McLean's Stenographic & Tutoring Service, and an active member of Hanes C.M.E. Church while living in Winston-Salem.

African Spotlight



NIGERIA

One of the richest countries in West Africa is Nigeria. Nigeria has over 80 million people. Nigeria is the second largest supplier of crude oil to the U.S. There are over 200,000 U.S. citizens in Nigeria.

Nigeria has the largest market in tropical Africa, creating possibilities in industry and commerce that cannot be matched in other African countries.

Nigeria has Eight Universities and numerous colleges. The capital of Nigeria, Lagos has numerous commercial banks, hospitals, government offices, foreign embassies and a pleasant ocean view.

Nigeria is the world's leading producer of palm products, the largest exporter of peanuts and the second largest producer of cocoa.

Agricultural potential of Nigeria is very great.

Fishery resources are also large, particularly for tuna in off-shore waters. A modern fishing complex has been established at Badagry, west of Lagos.

Nigeria has been producing tin, columbite and coal for many year and there are large deposits of these minerals in Nigeria. A rich lead-zinc deposit has been found at Abakaliki. There is also iron ore deposit in Nigeria.

Petroleum exploration began in Nigeria in 1937. The first discovery was made in 1957. Today, Nigeria exports oil that yearly runs into millions of barrels.

Nigeria went through a bitter war that lasted almost for years. The war ended in 1970 and all the people of Nigeria are now building the country together. No one has been victimized since after the war and General Gowon, the Nigerian leader has ruled the country with compassion and foresight.

Although Nigeria has 250 different languages, the common language is English. All the newspapers are in English. The radio and TV programs are mainly in English but some programs are in Nigerian languages.

Some of the many languages which are spoken in Nigeria are Edo, Effik, Hausa, Yoruba, Ibo and English. A form of English called Broken English is widely spoken in Nigeria.

An example of broken English follows.

"Where yo de go?" for "where are going?"

"Wheretin be your name?" for "what is your name?"

"Who dey na house?" for "Who is at home?"

Some people have found similarity in broken English with the so-called black English in the U.S.

It takes almost the same time by air to go from Winston-Salem to Los Angeles as it takes by air to go to Nigeria from New York by air. However, it costs much more dollar-wise to go to Nigeria, about \$1000.00 round trip by air to Nigeria from New York during the off seasons.

There is no different between American food and Nigerian food except that in the U.S. most food are seasoned after the food have been cooked while in Nigeria the food is seasoned while it is being cooked.

Nigeria is a land of great humor and hospitable people. However, the people in the big cities in Nigeria today behave like the people in any other cities of the world, less personal and more hurried in their ways.

In Nov. 1975, Nigeria will host Black Art Festival. That festival is billed to be one of the greatest gathering of black people the world has ever seen.



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