

ROBERT SMALLS DAY IN BEAUFORT

Famed Civil War Hero Honored For Contributions To Freedom



ROBERT SMALLS
When He Was Collector Of Customs

BEAUFORT, S. C. - Saturday, February 21 was proclaimed Robert Smalls Day in the state by the Governor of South Carolina, James B. Edwards.

Captain T. David Parham, formerly of Durham, N. C., representing the Secretary of the (U. S.) Navy, and S. C. Lt. Gov. Brantley W. Harvey, Jr., participated in the dedication of a sculpture of Robert Smalls, Civil War hero and Reconstruction era congressman, which was held at Tabernacle Baptist Church following a noonday parade along the main thoroughfares of this small seaside town. Over fifty units - bands, floats, churches, social and civic organizations - participated in the parade.

Robert Smalls is best remembered as "Captain of the Planter." He confiscated the "Planter" on the night of May 12, 1862 from the Confederate

forces in Charleston and steered it past the Confederate guns in Charleston harbor, delivering the ship and its cargo of Confederate artillery and munitions to the Federal authorities at Hilton Head, South Carolina.

On March 26, 1867, Smalls was elected as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1868; a member of the State Senate, 1870-72; elected to the 44th, 45th, 47th and 48th Congress. He ended his public service as a collector of customs for the port of Beaufort. Smalls was also instrumental in establishing Parris Island, Port Royal Railroad and the Custom House, in addition to free compulsory education for the State.

Robert Smalls' personal philosophy is embodied in a statement he made in 1895: "My race needs no special defense, for the past history

of this country proves them to be the equal of any people anywhere. All they need is an equal chance in the battle of life."

General Robert Smalls, 1839-1915, was represented at this commemorative event by four generations of progeny. They came from Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Washington, D. C., North Carolina, Georgia and South Carolina. Michael Boulware Moore, his great, great grandson, rode in the parade with the Lt. Governor of South Carolina and spoke prior to unveiling the bust. The other members of the family viewed the parade from a viewing stand on Bay St. There was a replica of the "Planter" in the parade.

Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Boulware of Durham, N. C., were among members of the family attending. Mrs. Boulware is Robert Smalls granddaughter.

Master of ceremonies was William Grant, chairman of the Robert Smalls Sculpture Committee. Music was furnished by the United States Marine Corps Band. Rev. R. D. Dicks, president of the ministerial Alliance gave the invocation. Welcome was by Arthur Horne, Chairman of the County Council and Henry Chambers, Mayor of the City of Beaufort; introduction of Distinguished guests by Mrs. Harriett Keyserling, Councilwoman; Excerpts on Robert Smalls' life were given by Mrs. Rosalee Pazant and Senator James Waddell; closing

remarks were made by State Representative Robert Woods of Charleston. The Beaufort Male Choral Group sang the Robert Smalls High School Alma Mater.

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MRS. NELLIE GRIER, THE 75-year-old daughter of a Georgia sharecropper, who currently works at a Newark day care center, testified at a public hearing at the State House in Trenton that proposed cutbacks in the state budget would seriously reduce Medicaid and other benefits that she and her co-workers now receive. Some 125 elderly people attended the hearings, which was held to air public opinion on proposed state budget cutbacks. (UPI).

Burrell Calls For Parity At Chain Banquet

Parity for black Americans was the central theme of Dr. Berkeley Burrell in an address during the annual awards banquet of the Durham Business and Professional Chain, an organization comprised of black businesses.

"Parity begins at home," stated Burrell, "and we've got to start doing right here what we do abroad."

The parity that he talks about is aimed mainly toward making the economy of black businesses consistent with the black percentage of the nation's population which is fifteen per cent. Thus Burrell postulates that blacks must get fifteen per cent of not only the wealth of the nation but also in the electorate. Burrell feels that the government has not done its job to this effect.

He noted that "...whenever a government fails to secure for all its citizens that which is guaranteed, then that government is nearing dangerous grounds."

Elaborating further, he stated, "If this observance of Black History achieves no other goal, it can clearly show that Black Americans have been denied their constitution guarantees...and when those guarantees are denied to some, a fundamental principle of government is abused, distorted, abandoned, and like a cancer, it will continue to grow and spread until finally it gnaws at the nation's most critical organs."

guidance to government agencies and officials.

Dr. Burrell noted several areas in which parity for blacks fall short:

- income which totals \$53 billion for blacks representing \$37 billion below parity

- the political arena where less than one per cent of all elected officials are black; where there are only seventeen black congressmen or women and one senator whereas parity calls for 64 congressmen and fifteen senators

- black business receipts which presently total \$7 billion - short \$353 billion

In a striking contrast, Burrell noted that there were two areas which blacks have surpassed the parity level: the armed forces and the nation's inmate population where more than forty per cent are black. He also noted that a whopping fifty per cent of all those sentenced to death are black.

Burrell had some laudatory remarks for a bill which was signed three weeks ago authorizing the establishment of a Minority Resource Center in the Department of Transportation.

"This landmark bill," he says, "represents the first original piece of legislation to recognize minority enterprise, and will prove to be a vital vehicle in our parity drive."

Parity won't come, as Burrell puts it, "by opening up a whole lot of hamburger stands."

Black Press Gets Exclusive Interview With Minister

by Raymond H. Boone
HELSINKI, Finland (NNPA) - When the young, handsome foreign minister of the government set up the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) talks about foreign policy, he reiterates three phrases to underscore what his government stands for: "Non-interference in our internal affairs," "Political independence," "Non-alignment with

On Sunday, February 29, the Nation of Islam will conduct its 44th Annual Saviour's Day Convention. The traditionally Chicago-centered event, expected to be one of the largest conventions in American history, will be convened at closed circuit television broadcast sites across America.

Activities at the convention will include the presentation of "Special Nation of Islam Community Development Humanitarian Reform Programs" and the highlight of the day will be a special "State of the Nation" address by the Honorable Wallace D. Muhammad, Chief Minister of the Nation of Islam in the West after one year as the spiritual and administrative head of the Nation. Other speakers will

include Dr. Na'im Akbar - Special Assistant to the Chief Minister and Minister Abdul Haleem Farrakhan, the International Representative of the Honorable W. D. Muhammad.

Raleigh will be one of the 17 cities across the country to receive the close-circuit broadcast which will outline the growth and development of the Muslim movement founded in the 1930's by the Honorable Master Elijah Muhammad (peace be upon him). Other cities at which the Saviour's Day Convention will be held include: Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Kansas City, Mo., Los Angeles, Miami, New Orleans, Newark, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Seattle, St. Louis, and Washington, DC.

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superpowers - including the United States and Russia. He stresses these principles because he sees them as highly important in his country's struggle to build a free Angola for Angolans after 500 years of Portuguese rule and now a bloody civil war that has flared since Angola gained its independence last November.

The emphasis is also conceivably calculated to make it crystal clear that the MPLA - despite what others may say - isn't in any big country's hip pocket. The soft-spoken man espousing these principles is 32-year-old Jose Eduardo Dos Santos, the brilliant foreign minister of the People's Republic of Angola - the government established by the MPLA which is given heavy odds to win the war involving two other nationalist factions.

Santos, a former petroleum engineer who is married and the father of a young daughter, gave his views during an NNPA interview here recently. He spoke Portuguese which was translated by his personal interpreter. He granted the interview while attending a (See INTERVIEW, Page 10)

ACOA Urges President Ford To Recognize People's Republic

NEW YORK - The American Committee on Africa (ACOA), for 22 years the major private organization in the U. S. concerned with supporting African freedom and independence, Monday, called upon President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger to move swiftly to recognize the People's Republic of Angola.

The committee also urged the completion of payments due the Angolan government by the Gulf Oil Corporation.

The text of the committee's telegram signed by its President, William H. Booth, a judge of the Criminal Court in New York City, follows:

"Urge swift action to recognize the People's Republic of Angola. The Organization of Africa Unity, most European countries and an increasing number of States in all parts of the world have already done so. The MPLA had indicated it seeks good relations with U. S. Future amicable relations between



Honorable Wallace D. Muhammad

Editor's Quote Book

The real price of everything, what everything really costs to the man who wants to acquire it, is the toil and trouble of acquiring it.

Adam Smith

Angola and the United States await this action.

Likewise, urge your influence, which was used to halt Gulf Oil operations and to stop royalty and tax payments, now be used to ensure the resumption of operations and the completion of all payments due the People's Republic of Angola."

Commenting on the government's non-recognition, George M. Houser, ACOA executive director, said:

"Secretary Kissinger has said 'We are not opposed to the MPLA'. It now appears to be obvious to virtually all the world except the United States that the MPLA government is the effective government in Angola. The United States should demonstrate that it has learned the mistakes of its ill-begotten intervention against the MPLA and move quickly to recognize the People's Republic of Angola and end any attempt at economic persecution of Angola."

Jackson's Landmark Speech On Africa Foresaw Angola's Plight

In May of 1975, Senator Henry M. Jackson delivered a landmark speech on Africa calling for "a new beginning in America's relations with Africa - a relationship in which the world's oldest democracy and its youngest ones make common cause in the fight against tyranny, poverty and disease."

It was the first major speech ever given on Black Africa by a United States Senator or a presidential aspirant. It came at a time of complete absence of State Department policy on Black Africa and was delivered to a jam-packed audience including ambassadors and key officials from 23 Black nations.

Jackson said, in part... "In Angola, in Mozambique, and in Guinea - Bissau, Portuguese rule is coming to an end. We in America should welcome these new nations to the international community. To all of the new states, American policy must be to deplore intervention by any great power directly or indirectly, in their internal political developments."

Jackson's admonition came long before Cuban troops and Soviet arms were sent to Angola.

The Senator added: "More than 12 per cent of the population of the United States is of African origin. As the political power of American Blacks grows, they

will demand a new policy towards Africa which reflects their concern and interest in its future. This is as it should be, for American foreign policy should not be the creation of one individual or the product of one particular point of view. It must reflect the concerns and aspirations of all Americans, and America's deep commitment to the principles of political and social justice on which our nation was founded."

Relations Officials Elect Kearney As Representative

Calvin Kearney, Public Relations officer for the North Carolina Senior Citizens' Federation, Inc. was elected as the North Regional representative on the association's executive committee at the recent meeting of the association in Raleigh.

The association has as its purposes to advocate and pursue a commitment to human rights, equal justice, and equal opportunity for all citizens of North Carolina, regardless of age, sex, race, religion, or national origin: and (See KEARNEY, Page 3)



Dr. and Mrs. Berkeley Burrell visit at Durham Business and Professional Chain Office.



SWEET TOOTH - Sophomore, Deborah Lambertson couldn't help from dipping into a slice of candy at NCCU. (Photo by Ray Jenkins)