

A. Phillip Randolph's Death: A Great Loss To All

Special to the Post

A. Phillip Randolph, the dean of the American civil rights movement, died at his Manhattan apartment on Wednesday afternoon, May 16. Mr. Randolph, who celebrated his 90th birthday on April 15, led the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters from 1925 until his retirement in 1968. He also played the key role in organizing the historic March on Washington in 1963.

Bayard Rustin, a long time friend and associate of Mr. Randolph, said that the veteran black leader died peacefully at home. "Mr. Randolph was blessed with a peaceful death, he did not suffer," Rustin said.

Mr. Randolph's remains were cremated shortly after his death. The A. Phillip Randolph Institute is making arrangements for a public memorial service to be held in Harlem within a month. Details of the service will be announced in approximately two weeks. Those who wish to

honor Mr. Randolph's memory are urged to send contributions to their favorite civil rights organization in lieu of flowers.

In a personal tribute broadcast on WNET in New York, Rustin remarked that he could think of "no greater gift and no greater joy than the years of friendship I have shared with A. Phillip Randolph."

"For me," he said, "Mr. Randolph was many things - a teacher, a friend, even a prophet. Millions of people knew him as a prophet. I say this because he, like the great prophets of the Old Testament, always persevered in boldly witnessing to the truth. Like the ancient prophets, his message was sometimes scorned and ridiculed because he said unpopular things, visionary things, even radical things. And also like the classic Hebrew prophets, Mr. Randolph's personal life radiantly reflected the truths and ideals which he so eloquently preached."

Rustin noted that the most important thing he learned from Mr. Randolph was that "the struggle for the freedom of black people is intertwined with the struggles of all people for freedom and justice."

Norman Hill, Executive Director of the Randolph Institute, recalled the tremendous impact that Mr. Randolph's life has had on local civil rights and labor activists.

"Mr. Randolph's ideals live on in the thousands of Institute members across the country who volunteer their time in voter registration, labor support activities, and political action," Hill said.

Shortly after the announcement of his death, messages of condolences began to pour into the A. Phillip Randolph Institute from labor, civil rights, political and religious leaders.

One of the most moving tributes came from the AFL-CIO Executive Council which several days earlier passed a resolution honoring Mr. Randolph on his 90th birthday.

The AFL-CIO expressed "its sincere thanks to Brother Randolph for his continuing and outspoken support for the goals and values which he and the labor movement have shared for so many years."

Mr. Randolph served as a vice president of the AFL-CIO from 1955 to 1968.

Vernon Jordan, President of

the National Urban League, praised Mr. Randolph as "a man of brilliance, eloquence and integrity who chose to mount the barricades and attack racism, segregation and discrimination with every fibre of his being."

"His death," Jordan continued, "removes from our age a living legend whom we honor,

respected and loved."

The top leadership of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People called Mr. Randolph an "incorruptible servant of the cause of all people who never wavered nor compromised a single iota in the continuing fight for full opportunity."

Carter Nominate Black Judge

Washington—President Jimmy Carter has announced he will nominate Joseph W. Hatchett, of Tallahassee, Florida, to be U.S. circuit judge for the Fifth Circuit. This is a new judgeship created by the Omnibus Judgeship Act of 1978.

Hatchett is the first black to be nominated for the Fifth Circuit. He has been a justice of the Florida Supreme Court since 1975.

He was born September 17, 1932, in Clearwater, Florida. He received a B.A. from Flor-

ida A&M University in 1954 and an LL.B. from Howard University School of Law in 1959. He served in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1956, and has been in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve since 1973.

In 1959 Hatchett was a law clerk with Horace Hill in Daytona Beach, and from 1959 to 1966 he served as special assistant to the city attorney in Daytona Beach and also practiced law. From 1963 to 1966 he was consultant to the Daytona Beach Urban Renewal Department.

From 1966 to 1970 Hatchett was assistant U.S. attorney for the Middle District of Florida. From 1971 to 1975 he was U.S. magistrate for the Middle District of Florida.

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MRS. ALICE BERRY
... "Employee of the Year"

Surprise Turnaround? Goodwill Receives Award From Its Employees

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At their annual Awards Assembly during GOODWILL WEEK, Mike Elder, President, was announcing the Employee of the Year when a special request came to him from an employee in the audience, Charles Drye. Mr. Drye wheeled to the front of the stage area at the Goodwill facility on Freedom Drive and presented an award to Goodwill Industries for 10 years of service.

Charles Sacajawea Drye came to Goodwill in February of 1969. He was 24 years of age and had, up to that time, spent most of his waking life watching TV. Mr. Drye uses a wheelchair and has congenital birth defects and rheumatic heart. He had attempted some work at Nevins Center, a sheltered workshop in northwest Charlotte, but he could not get adequate transportation to the facility and in 1969 had begun to sell clothing in the streets of his neighborhood.

In February of 1969, Mr. Drye came to Goodwill as a sheltered client and immediately began to improve his reading and writing abilities with the help of Goodwill's staff. He served as receptionist in the transportation department, sorted recycled merchandise and was finally placed in retail sales in August of 1973 (part time). Beginning March 1, 1976, Mr. Drye was assigned to sales in the furniture-appliance section of the retail store on Freedom Drive and is now working full time as a sales clerk in the new Second Editions retail store on Freedom Drive.

The Goodwill Employee of the Year award was presented to Mrs. Alice Berry. In 1974, Mrs. Berry was unemployed and receiving public assistance. She was suffering from heart disease, which caused her to have problems standing, walking, and breathing. With the help of the local Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, she entered the Goodwill Evaluation program

in April 1975. Following a period of Work Adjustment training, Mrs. Berry was assigned to the position of sales clerk at the Goodwill retail store on 7th Street in August of 1975. In September 1978, she became the Assistant Manager of the store and as of April 1979, Mrs. Berry became Acting Manager of the 7th Street store, now known as Goodwill Spirit Square. This year has also been the year Mrs. Berry was elected to the post of President of the Eastern Star, Cassandra Chapter 021, a local civic group.

Goodwill Industries also presented an award for the Goodwill Worker of the Year. This award is given to a person who has participated in the Goodwill Rehabilitation program and has successfully graduated to employment in the business community. Enaris Harris was chosen to receive the Goodwill Worker of the Year Award for 1979. Mr. Harris is a double amputee with a history of heart trouble.

Mr. Harris entered the Goodwill Program in October of 1977 through referral from the State of North Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation program. Last November he was placed as a tape player and TV repairperson at Tape City.

Goodwill Industries, nationally, has been awarding the Worker of the Year Award since 1920. Locally, the Award has been presented since 1964, the year Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont was established here.

Goodwill president Michael Elder explains, "The Goodwill Worker of the Year Award recognizes someone who has overcome some significant barrier that has kept them from being independent and self-supporting. The Goodwill Employee of the Year recognizes the individual's contribution to the agency, the employee's outstanding work. Mrs. Berry exemplifies the employee who has done an outstanding job in 1978."

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