

# Pres. May Appoint Apartment Manager To HUD Post

## What's Your Bag?

BY REV. JEROME LEDOUX



**DIDN'T YOU KNOW?**  
It should be obvious to you that I am better than that ghetto cat walking around in shabby clothes and off sneakers, sponging off welfare and studiously dodging employment.

Didn't you know that I am better off than poor white trash, ignorant hillbillies, dirty blacks, furtive Indians, shiftless Chicanos, clammy Orientals, tacky Spies and stubborn Krauts?

Overweight, bloated specimens of mankind, laboring under the burden of unbalanced diets and or metabolism, are certainly below me. By predisposing themselves to diabetes, premature heart attacks and assorted physical ailments, the obese prove low interior and short-sighted they are.

Of course, I am also better than the skinny, undernourished, unfortunate who either don't have food or don't have the proper chemistry in their body makeup. Operating from a scarecrow frame, they look as helpless as the typical 97 pound weakling.

"I thank you, God that I am not like the rest of men who steal and commit adultery," who live as gangsters, dirty politicians, dishonest businessmen and con artists, that I am so far above the floozies, professional faggots, pimps, pushers and hustlers, that I am not weak and degenerate like the flower people who spread what they call peace and love along with VD.

It goes without saying that I am far and away beyond the drug ridden junkies who ply the gloomy, forbidding alleyways to barter with deadly junk men. Likewise, you must know that I am superior to the sickly man, sitting on his haunches, shivering miserably on a cold night in skid row. Throw in for good measure all the 9 million plus alcoholics with all their feelings of guilt, insecurity, inadequacy, inferiority and being left out.

## H. Crawford Considered, Many Say

WASHINGTON — According to unconfirmed rumors here, H. R. Crawford, a self-avowed law and order apartment manager, is being considered by the White House for the post of assistant secretary for housing management in the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

To date, the White House has refused to comment on the rumors, but local HUD officials and members of the National Tenants Organization and other housing groups have reported that they heard Crawford would be nominated to the post.

In the last two years, Crawford has gained the reputation for being a tough businessman and disciplinarian. The Tenants Organization is critical of the gun-toting manager because of his "law and order attitude," a description Crawford has used to describe his techniques in managing his apartment buildings.

A Tenants Organization spokesman, John Hampton, said Crawford's appointment would be "further confirmation that the Nixon Administration is hostile to public housing."

Crawford is known for fining residents whose children run on the grass. Recently, however, he has sent eviction notices to parents after two warnings. In addition, Crawford has had frequent run-ins with the tenants of Park Southern, a 360-unit high rise bordering the District Line in Southeast Washington.

Apartment dwellers there are not enough heated in winter, insufficient air conditioning in summer, delays in repairs, and inadequate security measures.

Crawford has admitted having an aide take photographs at one tenant meeting. Tenants charged they were threatened with the possibility of the photographs being turned over to the FBI. Crawford said, however, he never threatened such action. Nevertheless, he later filed charges of disorderly conduct against some dissident tenants.

If named to the HUD position, Crawford would succeed Norman Watson, a Georgia Republican who has worked closely with tenants' organizations during his two years' tenure. Crawford, the manager for 12 apartment buildings for low- and moderate-income families in the Washington area, is a supporter of Rep. Walter Fauntroy (D-D.C.).

## First Black Marine Sgt. Major Retires After Yrs.

The first black sergeant major in the Marine Corps has retired, bringing to a close one of the most distinguished and unique careers any black has served in the American military.

He is Edgar R. Huff, who led the first black Marines into China at the close of World War II. Nearly 25 years later, he was decorated for saving a white Marine half his age during the Tet Offensive in South Vietnam.

At retirement, he was the first black to serve 30 years in the Corps and had been sergeant major longer than any other of his rank in the U. S. Armed Forces.

Sgt. Maj. Huff came from modest circumstances to achieve high military distinction and accomplishments in three wars. He was working the night shift in a steel plant in his native Gadsden, Alabama, when America entered World War II. His father, now deceased, was a veteran of World War I and hoped his son would enter the Marines. Young Huff agreed, "I read one day in the paper that if a Negro was qualified he could be accepted," Huff recalls. "I always heard them Marine Corps was the best and toughest. I wanted to be a part of it. I still feel that it's the best Armed Force."

So on June 26, 1942, he began his remarkable career as one of the first 50 blacks ever chosen for the Marines. The Corps, now fully integrated, has changed markedly from those segregated days. But despite the limitations of segregated status, Huff went from private to first sergeant in just 23 months while serving entirely within the U. S.

Then he was made the sergeant-in-charge of all training of black recruits at Montford Point, North Carolina, near his present home.

In the Pacific, Huff and other blacks of the 5th Marine Depot Company moved supplies to fighting units that were all-white. In 1946, he led a black unit into Tsien Tsin, the first ever on Chinese soil.

Hardly any black has passed through the Corps since then who has not heard of Sgt. Maj. Huff or been impressed by his massive, six-foot-six, inch frame, squared away manner, and sense of good humor and fair play.

In Korea, he got his chance to fight, serving as a weapons company "gunny" sergeant with the 1st Marine Division. He made sergeant major—his present rank—on December 32, 1955. He had gone as far as an enlisted man could, and many were recommending that he become a commissioned officer. "I declined it because the pay for sergeant major was higher than what I would have received as a newly commissioned second lieutenant," he says. "But, I feel that had I accepted the appointment that by this time I would be a field grade officer."

Huff returned to combat as the sergeant major of the 1st Military Police Battalion in Vietnam. When the enemy



COLLEGE STUDENTS SET FOR AFRICAN TRIP - Checking points of interest on African map are (left to right) Gwendolyn Gales, Howard University; Larry J. Garland, A&T State University; Bernard Lane, A&T; Clara Prevo (standing), Clark College; and Deborah A. Young, Howard University. These students will spend a year abroad under a federal work-study program.

## Some Prisoners Will Receive Their 'Rights'

National Black News Service

Recent action in two southern states may soon result in improvement of the living conditions for prisoners in those states.

In a study made at the request of the state of Alabama, an investigating team from the Medical Association of Alabama found that the medical treatment of prisoners in Alabama's panel system is "grossly inadequate."

The medical report upheld in most particulars the findings of United States District Judge Frank M. Johnson, Jr. who ruled last October that the state was violating the constitutional rights of prisoners by denying them adequate medical treatment.

In Florida, a Federal judge has ordered an extensive set of rights to be enacted for inmates involved in jailhouse disciplinary hearings.

U. S. District Judge Charles R. Scott's judgment supported the contentions of a 31-year-old Black inmate who said he was illegally placed in isolation.

John A. Sands of Miami, serving the sixth year of a 15-year robbery sentence, claimed he spent 27 days in solitary confinement after being "convicted" by a prison disciplinary board at a hearing in which he was not permitted to participate.

Sands wrote a habeas corpus petition declaring that this solitary confinement also cost him 127 days of good behavior time which could possibly earn him an early release.

In a 55-page opinion, Judge Scott restraining State Corrections Director Louie L. Wainwright and other prison officials from taking away Sands' good behavior time.

He also ordered other rights be enacted that would allow inmates a fair hearing, including:

- Inmates must be permitted to hire lawyers or have other inmates or members of the prison staff represent them.
- Disciplinary committees be established without regard to race, creed, color, religious beliefs, or national origin.

## Great Blacks In History

BY MISS ELLA L. JACKSON

DR. BOOKER TALIAFERRO WASHINGTON, 1856-1915. Educator, Statesman, and first black to be placed in the Hall of Fame for Great Americans.

Dr. Booker T. Washington was Frederick Douglass' successor, who was the greatest abolition leader against slavery of his day.

Unlike Mr. Douglass, Dr. Washington was an official federal office because he preferred not to but he in a nagged, nonetheless, to exert considerable influence upon several areas of public affairs in particular, civil rights. He was one of the most misunderstood and beloved leaders of his day.

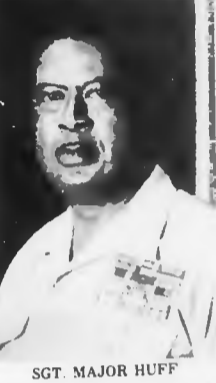
Booker T. Washington was born a slave in Hale's Ford, Virginia, reportedly in April 1856. It is known that he entered Hampton Institute in 1872 and graduated four years later. After teaching for a short while, he continued his studies at Wayland Seminary in Washington, D. C.

He founded Tuskegee Institute in 1881, at the same time becoming its first president.

In sharp contrast to his famous predecessor, Dr. Washington was intent on setting forth a less militant and more conciliatory policy with respect to civil rights.

These are the major contributions that Dr. Booker T. Washington made to our American way of life: He shaped the lives of the newly freed slaves when he founded Tuskegee Institute and through it developed a program of industrial world-wide attention. He used this project to build greater will between North and southern, white and black.

He organized the National Negro Business League; The National Negro Teacher Association; The National Medical Association; Negro Health Week; The Tuskegee Annual Negro Clinic; and The Tuskegee Negro Farmers' Conference. He was a trusted adviser of Presidents on all matters pertaining to the welfare of the Negro. He was counselor to other men in high places and particularly to heads of organizations that wielded large educational influences, such as the General Educational Board,



SGT. MAJOR HUFF

the past 30 years I have seen more of the world than most men dream about. To learn more about becoming an officer, he advises young men to call or write their local Marine recruiter.

Sgt. Maj. Huff now confines his exercise to fishing and small game hunting or barbecuing at his home in Hubert, North Carolina. He is married to the former Beulah May McCaskill, and they have one son, Edgar, Jr., now 14.

Now Sgt. Maj. Huff plans to see America. "I plan to visit every state in the Union with plenty of hunting, fishing and relaxing," he says. "And I look forward to watching the new breed we have progressing in the Marine Corps."

a Rockefeller benefaction. He was responsible for the interest and influence which led to the establishment of the Leases Fund for the poorest parts of rural America. It was through Dr. Washington that Mrs. Rosenwald was led to make possible more than 5,000 rural schools for Black children in nearly 1,000 counties at a cost of nearly \$30,000,000, there by providing for the education of nearly three-quarters of a million children and giving employment to 1,500 educational workers.

He secured a Negro Building at the Atlanta dress, which pointed the way for black and white Americans to work together for the building of a stronger, better America for each group and a Negro Building at the World's Fair Exposition at Jamestown, Va. In 1909, he instituted the Republic of Liberia. He wrote a large number of books setting forth the dignity, beauty, and civilizing power of intelligently directed labor, and containing programs of race adjustment and race development built along sane, fundamental lines. The most inspiring book that he wrote was Up From Slavery. It has been translated into ten different languages. He was one of the great Black leaders of all times. National honors which came to him in 1940 the federal Government placed his picture upon a United States Postage Stamp. A World War II Liberty Ship was named after him. He was the first Black person to be selected and placed in New York University's Hall of Fame among America's Great Americans in 1945.

Mrs. Rosa Hazard Hazlet, a former teacher at Tuskegee Institute sums up his life in a portion taken from her poem "darkness and the wrath of Spinks, as well as Mute as a sphinx, he hid his inmost thoughts. We only knew he wrought, and why, the watchful world now knows, who saw him die. Ah, lowly poor, for you he built, for you, the open door, that you might learn with him how to be free and to free your brother. He had a vision: This was one supreme beauty. He saw and worked for that; and from the crude unformed and helpless mass, he saw again the winged vision live on earth in men. An so he dwelt in proud humility."

### PREGNANCY PLANNING AND HEALTH

BY GLORIA RIGGSBEE

Dear Gloria  
I am a teenage girl of 17, going on 18. I have a serious problem with my mother concerning my boyfriend. I have talked it over and over with her, but still she rejects him.

I am a senior in high school, but because my boyfriend is a drop-out and drinks beer, my mother thinks that I should marry someone with a higher rank.

For Christmas, he gave me an engagement ring, but my mother forbids me to wear it. Listen Gloria, I love this boy very much and he loves me, too. He gives me anything I want to prove it. He has a good job and makes good money, plus he already has money in the bank. The way I feel now, if I can't wear his ring and marry him, I don't want anybody else.

Mother hardly ever lets me go out with him. I guess she thinks I will get pregnant, but he uses condoms and anyway, she promised he wouldn't get me pregnant until I was out of school and we are married.

Please tell me what to do.  
Miss C

should like to point out. You say that your boyfriend has promised you he will not get you pregnant before you are married. Although condoms are a good method of birth control, they are not 100 percent effective. Statistics show that if 100 couples use condoms EVERY TIME they have sex for a year, at least five would still become pregnant. A broken condom could mean a broken promise. Therefore, your boyfriend is not really in a position to make such a promise.

Consider the situation if you do become pregnant: Your boyfriend will no longer be able to go back to school because he will have to support a family. You will not be able to get a job because you will have to take care of the child. Your parents will be hurt. You will have to give up your role as a teenager and become a wife and mother. You and your young man probably would not be able to afford to go out much. And the child - are you ready, at 18, to give him the time, love and attention he needs? Are you ready for all this responsibility? Is your boyfriend?

It's a lot to think about, isn't it?

Dear Miss C  
You and your mother probably have a lot more in common than you realize. You are both concerned over what is best for you. If your boyfriend is a high school drop-out, your mother has every reason to worry, no matter how fine he is as a person. High school drop-outs have a very hard time competing in today's job market. You say he has a good job, but is it enough to support a family? How much chance will he have for promotion or a better job in the future without a high school diploma?

If your friend loves you as much as he says he does, why not ask him to save the money he now spends on presents for you and send himself back to high school or take night classes. After he has finished high school, he will be in a better position to ask you to marry him. You, you would be older and in a better position to know whether or not he is the one you want to marry. Many early marriages break up either because the couple is too young to know what each really wants in a marriage partner, or because financial burdens become too great.

There is one more thing I

Dear Mrs. Riggsbee  
I have been taking the birth control pills for four months now and they work fine. My problem is that I still feel kind of sick to my stomach after I take them. Is there any other medicine I could take so I wouldn't feel nauseated after every pill?

Miss W

Dear Mrs. W  
The women who seem to have the most trouble with nausea are those who take the pills on an empty stomach. Take, for example, the woman who gets up early every morning, takes a pill, then spends several hours getting her children fed, dressed and ready for school. By the time she has a chance to relax and have some breakfast, she may feel nauseated because she took the pill on an empty stomach.

Many doctors recommend that you take your pills with your main meal - usually dinner - or at bedtime with a glass of milk.

For a free booklet on birth control methods, write, Mrs. Gloria Riggsbee, 214 Cameron Ave. (Chapel Hill, N.C. 2751)

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