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BACKGROUND -- Indiana

Indiana lost five Republican House seats in the 1974 elections. One of the losers was William Hudnut, who has subsequently been elected mayor of Indianapolis. Hudnut had served only one term in Congress. He is a former Presbyterian minister.

Indianapolis, a predominantly Republican city, is an office town with major banks, insurance companies and of course state government. It has a population of almost 750,000 with only two percent black and a small ethnic population.

The primary date is May 4th. Indiana is the 11th largest state. The Equal Rights Amendment just failed to pass the Indiana legislature.

Although both Senators are Democrats, Governor Otis Bowen, a physician, is a Republican. Dr. Bowen was elected in 1972 and will be up for re-election this fall. He reportedly is very popular and is expected to win another four-year term.

Senator Vance Hartke's seat is up this year. The two leading contenders in the GOP primary are former Governor Edgar Whitcomb and former Indianapolis Mayor Richard Lugar.

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Carolyn / Nancy  
nee

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 20, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: PETER SORUM  
FROM: SUSAN PORTER  
SUBJECT: Action Memo

Mrs. Ford has accepted the following out-of-town invitation:

EVENT: Performance of "1600 Pennsylvania Avenue" with  
Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson  
To Benefit the Lyndon B. Johnson Grove in Washington

DATE: Thursday, April 29, 1976

TIME: 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: Mark Hellinger Theatre  
51st and Broadway, New York City

CONTACT: Louise Snyder  
O: 363-4417  
H: 270-2795  
Fiance's: 224-3318

COMMENTS: Mrs. Ford will travel to New York to attend a benefit performance of "1600 Pennsylvania Avenue" for the LBJ Grove in Washington. She was personally invited by Mrs. Johnson to attend. Following the performance will be a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Krim at 33 East 69th Street. A guest list is attached. Because Mrs. Ford will have a very busy day the next day and because the performance does not begin until 8:00, I would suggest that her attendance at the reception be little more than a drop-by. (FYI, Mrs. Johnson will be attending a dinner preceding the play at the Rainbow Grill. Although Mrs. Ford is specifically invited, I gather this will be mostly the Johnson family, former Johnson Cabinet members, etc.) Molly Parness is chairman of the evening but Louise Snyder is doing most of the nitty-gritty. Liz Carpenter is also involved.





NOTE: April 29th has been declared Duke Ellington Day by Governor Carey and Mayor Beam of New York. A benefit concert to be taped and televised later will be held at 7:30 at Cathedral Church St. John the Devine. As of this writing, we are working to determine whether Mrs. Ford can participate in some way.

Mrs. Ford will remain overnight in New York and will fly to Indiana Friday morning for some campaigning prior to returning to Washington Friday evening. The file is attached.

Thank you.

c: BF Staff  
Red Cavaney  
William Nicholson  
Bill Gulley  
John Calhoun  
Rex Scouten  
Staircase







## The LBJ Memorial Grove on the Potomac

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Mollie Parnis Livingston

invite you to join

**MRS. LYNDON B. JOHNSON**

for a benefit preview of  
the Alan Jay Lerner and Leonard Bernstein musical comedy

**"1600 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE"**

starring

Ken Howard

with

Gilbert Price

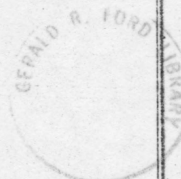
Patricia Routledge

Directed by FRANK CORSARO

Produced by ROBERT WHITEHEAD and ROGER L. STEVENS

Thursday, April 29, 1976, 8:00 P.M.

Mark Hellinger Theatre





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# The LBJ Memorial Grove on the Potomac

Unique among presidential memorials is the park overlooking the Nation's Capital honoring the 36th President, Lyndon B. Johnson, who served in the U.S. Congress and the White House for 32 years.

"All my life I have drawn sustenance from the rivers and from the hills of my native state . . . I want no less for all the children of America than what I was privileged to have as a boy," embodies the late President's thoughts on the environment, and is one of four LBJ quotations used in the Grove.

The simply designed 15-acre grove of white pine trees, flowering rhododendron, azalea and golden daffodils with a large, roughhewn granite rock at the center is located along the Potomac River in Lady Bird Johnson Park in Washington, D.C.

"It is my hope that with its trails and benches, its plantings and bowers of trees, the Grove will become a people place. I hope, too, that its view—spanning the whole of Washington's skyline—will inspire visitors to greater citizen participation," Mrs. Johnson said when the site was chosen.

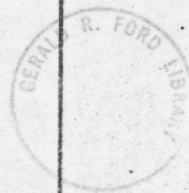
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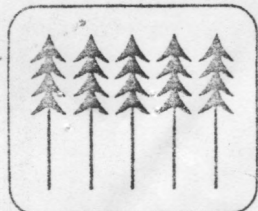
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - January 23, 1976



WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Memories -- the happy times and the tense moments in the White House -- will highlight the evening when Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson is honored at a benefit preview of "1600 Pennsylvania Avenue," in New York on April

"The White House is not simply the home of the President. Its rooms, its furniture, its paintings, its countless mementos make it a living story of the whole experience of the American people, the habits and the hopes, the triumphs and the troubles and the bedrock faith of our Nation," the former First Lady once said to visitors at the White House.

The final pre-production performance of the new musical comedy by Alan Jay Lerner and Leonard Bernstein will benefit the LBJ Memorial Grove. This 15-acre grove of evergreen and dogwood trees, flowering rhododendron and azalea, and walkways along the Potomac River in the Nation's Capital is in memory of the 36th President.

On the third anniversary this month of LBJ's death, the Grove Committee needs approximately \$250,000 to complete its \$2 million goal. All funds, thus far, have been raised through private contributions ranging from \$1 - \$100,000 at P.O. Box 5557, Washington, D.C. 20016.

The Grove is 92 per cent completed and plans are to open it early this Spring for Bicentennial visitors, according to Nash Castro, chairman of the LBJ Memorial Grove Committee.

The New York gala to help complete the fundraising campaign will be held at the Mark Hellinger Theater at 8:00 PM on April 29, 1976. Tickets for the performance are priced from \$40 to \$125 for the orchestra and \$125 for the mezzanine, with a portion tax deductible. Reservations may be made with Mrs. Gillette Boland, 40 E. 68th Street, New York, N.Y. 10021

Some members of the New York Benefit Committee include Mollie Parnis Livingston, chairman, Vice President and Mrs. Nelson Rockefeller, Governor Hugh Carey, Mayor and Mrs. Abraham Beam, Senators Jacob K. Javits and James L. Buckley, former Mayor and Mrs. Robert F. Wagner, Mrs. Vincent Astor, Mrs. Charles W. Engelha: Mrs. Albert D. Lasker, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Krim, Mr. and Mrs. John Loeb, Mr. and Mrs. Laurance S. Rockefeller, Mrs. Edwin I. Hilson, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Strauss.

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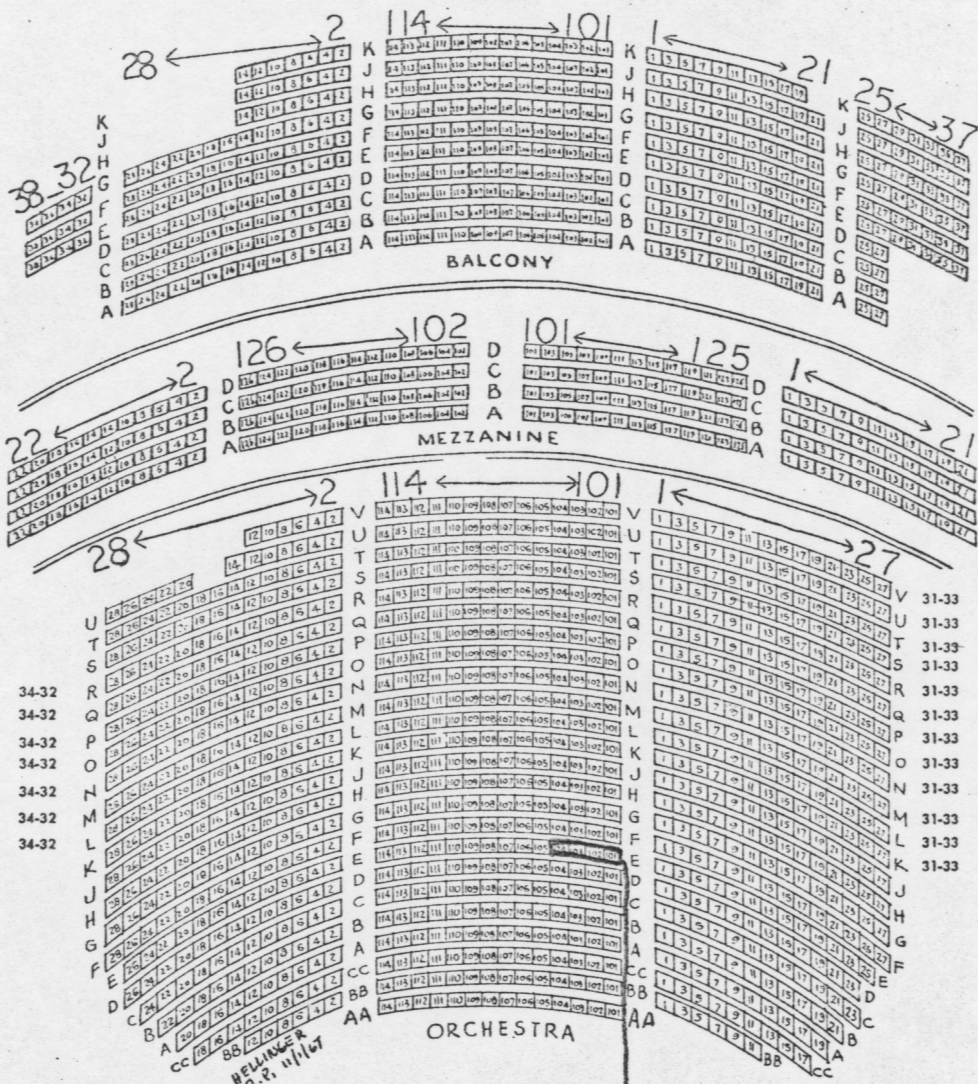




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Thursday, April 29 at 33 E. 69th St., N.Y.

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6 ASTOR, Mrs. Vincent  
3 BALL, George  
4 BUNDY, McGeorge  
2 CHASSLER, Sey  
2 CONNOR, John T.  
2 COWLES, Gardner  
4 DILLON, C. Douglas  
2 DUKE, Anthony D.  
10 ENGELHARD, Mrs. Charles W.  
3 FARLEY, James  
2 FLEMING, John F.  
2 FORTAS, Abe  
4 FOWLER, Henry H.  
2 FREEMAN, Orville  
2 FURNESS, Betty  
2 GIMBEL, Mrs. Louis S.  
2 GOODSON, Mark  
2 GREEN, William J.  
2 HACKLER, Loyd  
2 HAND, Lloyd  
4 HEINZ, Mrs. H. J.  
2 HEISKELL, Mrs. Andrew  
3 HELM, Harold  
2 HILSON, Mrs. Edwin  
2 HIRSHOW, Dorothy  
2 HOFFMAN, Mrs. Anna  
4 HOWARD, Jack  
2 HURLEY, Geoffrey  
4 JOHNSON, Mrs. Lyndon B.  
3 KEATING, Mrs. Cletus, Jr.  
12 LASKER, Mrs. Albert  
4 LEDERER, Robert F.  
16 LIVINGSTON, Mollie Parnis  
4 LOEB, John L.  
2 McNAMARA, Robert S.  
4 MILLARD, Charles  
2 MASSIE, Robert  
2 MELHADO, Frederick  
2 MILLER, Merle  
4 MOYERS, Bill  
2 O'BRIEN, Lawrence  
2 PENNYBACKER, Miles  
2 PITT, Harriet  
2 PRICE, James D.  
6 RESNICK, Louis  
2 REVSON, Mrs. Lyn  
2 ROBB, Charles  
3 ROCKEFELLER, Laurance  
2 ROSE, William  
4 SCHMIDT, Benno  
2 SHOUMATOFF, Mrs. Elizabeth



2 SIMPSON, Adele  
8 SMITH, C. R.  
2 SONNEBORN, Rudolf  
4 STEIN, Robert  
2 STRAUSS, Robert S.  
2 SULZBERGER, Arthur O.  
1 TALMADGE, Mrs. B.  
2 TROWBRIDGE, Alexander B.  
2 VIDOR, Doris W.  
2 VON FURSTENBERG, D.  
2 WAGNER, Robert F.  
8 WALTERS, Barbara  
4 WASSERMAN, Lew R.  
2 WEAVER, Robert C.  
2 WOOD, Robert C.  
2 DAVIS, Ovid  
2 KEOUGH, Donald  
2 FORSTMANN, J. Anthony  
2 KATZENBACK, Nicholas deB.  
2 GAMBRELL, Mrs. David H.



April 19

Susan:

The attached guest list for the Krim party is not a complete one. The figure before each name indicates how many guests that individual will take to the performance of "1600 Pa. Ave." and then to the Krim party. Each person purchased enough tickets for their guests and we have no way of knowing who these people (guests) are. In the case of 2, it is usually the spouse who is coming.

Please call me if I can be of further help.

Best,

Louise



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## One example: Paramedical Services

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## Who's Who

A roster of Cuttington graduates reads like a "Who's Who in Liberia." Included are a former president of the nation, its present vice-president and Chief Justice, its Ambassador to the United Nations, a president of the World Bank, as well as 50% of all doctors in Liberia and 99% of all the nation's registered nurses. Both the Methodist and Episcopal bishops in Liberia are Cuttington graduates.

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Liberia is America's oldest friend and the oldest republic in Africa. Africa represents a significant segment of the Third World population. Supporting Cuttington College in Liberia is an excellent way for Americans to underscore this friendship with our sister republic in Africa.

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For further information call or write the Executive Director,  
Cuttington Crossroads Fund, 815 Second Avenue, New York,  
New York 10017. Telephone: 212-867-8400 ext. 320.





Carolyn

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 20, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: PETER SORUM  
FROM: SUSAN PORTER  
SUBJECT: Addition to "1600 Pennsylvania Avenue"  
Action Memo

Mrs. Ford will make the following drop-by prior to her attendance at the LBJ Grove benefit performance of "1600 Pennsylvania Avenue" with Mrs. Johnson:

EVENT: "Ellington Is Forever" Concert  
To Benefit Cuttington College in Liberia

DATE: Thursday, April 29, 1976

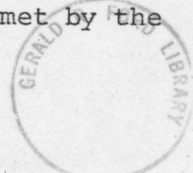
TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Cathedral Church of St. John the Devine  
111th and Amsterdam Avenue, New York City

CONTACT: Mr. Joe Morgan  
O: (212) 867-8400 ext. 309  
H: (212) 586-3963  
Desk: (212) 246-5252 ext. 508

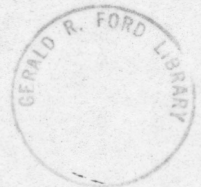
COMMENTS: April 29th is being declared "Duke Ellington Day" by Governor Carey and Mayor Beam of New York. The Duke Ellington Orchestra with Mercer Ellington conducting and the Hampton Choir in memory of Duke Ellington will present a special concert to benefit the only independent liberal arts college in Sub-Sahara West Africa: Cuttington College in Liberia. CBS will be filming the evening for their archives and to send around the world. There are presently no scheduled showings of it however. Background material on the concert and on Cuttington College is attached.

The concert people are aware of Mrs. Ford's very tight schedule and that she be at the Mark Hellinger Theatre promptly at 8:00 p.m. The driving time between St. John the Devine and the Theatre I understand is at least 15 minutes. Mrs. Ford should arrive at the Cathedral about 7:10 or 7:15 where she will be met by the



presiding Bishop. Everyone will be seated and the evening will begin at 7:30 sharp. Immediately after welcoming everyone, the Bishop will introduce Mrs. Ford from the audience and Mrs. Ford will respond with brief remarks. She will then depart the Cathedral on route to the Mark Hellinger Theatre. The file is attached.

Thank you.



c: BF Staff  
Red Cavaney  
William Nicholson  
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APRIL 29,  
NYC

CONSIDER \_\_\_\_\_  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 12, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: SUSAN PORTER

FROM: JOHN CALHOUN *JC*

Recommend acceptance by Mrs. Ford of this event.



Attachments





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815 SECOND AVENUE/NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10017/(212) 867-8400  
Cable Address: FENALONG, N.Y.

1:30

April 9, 1976

Mr. John Calhoun  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Calhoun:

I enclose materials describing the benefit concert, "Ellington Is Forever", on April 29th, and we very much appreciate your help.

(212) 867-8400, x 309, 310

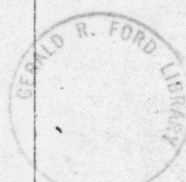
I told Joe Morgan you called and we look forward to hearing from you on Monday.

Sincerely,

private (only by hand)  
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Catherine Morphet  
Concert Organizer

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Dr. Kenneth B. Clark  
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Stanley Dance  
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Ahmet Ertegun  
Nesuhi Ertegun  
Leonard G. Feather  
Dr. John T. Fey  
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The Rev. John Gensel  
Benny Goodman  
Norman Granz  
John Hammond  
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Earl Hines  
Vernon Jordan  
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The Very Rev. James Morton  
The Rev. Norman J. O'Connor  
Ambassador Edward Peal  
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Bruce Rundvall  
Bobby Short  
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## "ELLINGTON IS FOREVER" CONCERT TO BENEFIT AFRICAN COLLEGE

Governor Carey and Mayor Beame are proclaiming Thursday, April 29th, 'Duke Ellington Day' and The Duke Ellington Orchestra with Mercer Ellington conducting, Sarah Vaughan, Joe Williams and The Hampton Choir will get together to honor the memory of Edward Kennedy Ellington, America's greatest composer/conductor.

This concert will be held at 7.30 p.m. in The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, the largest gothic cathedral in the world, and will benefit the only independent liberal arts college in Sub-Sahara West Africa.

Cuttington College, Liberia was chosen for a much needed endowment and scholarship drive by the Episcopal Church's Executive Council, because of its unique situation among the world's institutions of higher learning. The school combines all traditional academic disciplines with the development of skills especially needed in Third World countries. Part of its special nature lies in the fact that African students from other countries in Africa are eligible for grants.

Ellington's LIBERIAN SUITE will be featured, marking the first time it will have been played in toto, since its premier in Carnegie Hall in 1947. In addition to Duke Ellington's internationally known compositions and selected from his sacred music concerts, his newest

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suite, THE THREE BLACK KINGS will provide material for the soloists and the choir.

Tickets are available at all TICKETRON outlets and from the Episcopal Church Center, 815 Second Avenue. A general admission price is \$5 and reserved seating is \$10. Tickets are tax deductible.







# NATIONAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The second in a series of reports on the Cuttington College Crossroads Fund from John T. Fey, national chairman.

APRIL, 1976

## Dioceses, Foundations support Cuttington Crossroads Fund

Several dioceses and foundations have responded to the Cuttington College Crossroads Fund, the \$3.1 million drive began last fall by the Episcopal Church's national Executive Council in behalf of Cuttington College, the only 4-year private liberal arts institution in sub-Sahara West Africa.

The money will be used to provide an endowment and also for much needed operating capital and a development program.

Pledges and contributions from Episcopal dioceses received to date include \$18,600 from the Central Gulf Coast, \$15,000 from San Joaquin, \$2,000 from Quincy—through St. Paul's Cathedral, Peoria, Ill., \$10,000 from Western Massachusetts and \$5,000 from Ohio.

The Western Massachusetts pledge is from the Second Mile Fund of the diocese. The money will be used for a chicken house and pig house at the college to enable the school to breed its own livestock and generate income.

The Diocese of Vermont has adopted Cuttington as one of its Lenten objectives and has designated Dr. John T. Fey, national chairman of the Cuttington Crossroads Campaign, as head of its fund raising effort. Dr. Fey was formerly president of the University of Vermont.

In addition to the support from Episcopal dioceses, several foundations have also pledged to the Cuttington effort. Grants of \$50,000 from the Booth-Ferris Foundation, \$35,000 from the Inglewood Foundation, \$20,000 from the Chase-Manhattan Bank International Foundation and \$20,000 from the Episcopal Church's United Thank Offering have been received.

Grants of \$40,000 from Trinity Parish, New York, \$20,500 from St. Thomas Church, New York, \$10,000 from St. Stephen's Church, Richmond, Va., and \$5,000 from Christ Church, Wilmington, Del., have also been received.

Presiding Bishop John M. Allin, one of the Honorary Campaign Chairman, said he was deeply appreciative of the fine support shown the Cuttington Crossroads Fund by these organizations. He said he hoped the months ahead would provide new opportunities for others to join in support of the church-related African college.

## A word from the national chairman:

I wish I could say that we are in sight of our goal, but unfortunately I cannot. Since my last report in November, we have updated our pledges from \$700,000 to approximately \$900,000.

It is difficult to plead before an American audience the cause of a small college located thousands of miles away. Also, many people know so little about Africa and some have been misinformed.

I firmly believe Africa is a strategic place in the world of today with tremendous promise for tomorrow. We must work for peace for all African nations and for education and a bright future for all African youth.

By contributing to Cuttington College you are doing your share to make this dream a reality.

Sincerely,

John T. Fey



The late Duke Ellington and retired Episcopal Bishop Horace W. B. Donegan of New York worked closely on many community projects during the late Duke's lifetime. The Duke Ellington orchestra has given sacred concerts in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, and in Grace Cathedral, San Francisco.

## Duke Ellington Orchestra concert to benefit Cuttington College

Supporters and friends of Cuttington College are especially invited to be among the large crowd expected to pack the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City for a concert by the Duke Ellington orchestra on April 29.

The concert has been arranged by a group of friends and associates of the late Duke Ellington to honor his memory on his birthday and also to benefit Cuttington. Joe Williams, Sarah Vaughan, the Hampton Choir and other big names from the music world will get together for the event in New York City's largest Cathedral, located at 1047 Amsterdam Avenue.

Under the banner "Ellington is Forever" the concert will feature Mercer Ellington conducting the late Duke's orchestra. Among the Ellington-style music to be featured will be *The Liberian Suite*, marking the first time it will have been played in toto since its premier in Carnegie Hall in 1947.

Sponsors of "Ellington is Forever" include Presiding Bishop John M. Allin of the Episcopal Church, Dr. William R. Tolbert, President of the Republic of Liberia, Miss Ruth Ellington, Mrs. Margaret Bush Wilson, chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Rev. John Gensel of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, New York, Congressman Charles Rangel of New York, retired Episcopal Bishop Horace W. B. Donegan and Mayor Abraham Beame.

Admission tickets at \$10 for reserve seats and \$5 general admission are on sale at the Office of Development at the Episcopal Church Center, 815 Second Ave., New York, 10017, and from Ticketron.





Dr. William R. Tolbert, President of the Republic of Liberia, is shown making his personal pledge to the Cuttington College Crossroads Fund. More than \$250,000 has been pledged to the drive by the Government of Liberia and \$250,000 has been pledged by the alumni of Cuttington and the people of Liberia.

### We need your help!

Luncheons and dinners have been held in several cities in various dioceses at the invitation of clergy and bishops. These meetings are most important since few people are acquainted with Cuttington and so many people are uninformed about such far-away places as Liberia.

If you can gather together a group of interested people, our staff is prepared to put on an "African Night" with a film and sound effects. It will make for an interesting evening and may attract people who might support Cuttington.

Among the first responders to the Cuttington College Crossroads Fund were the members of the Episcopal Church's national Executive Council, official sponsors of the drive, as well as the Executive Council staff. Council members pledged \$11,800 and the staff has pledged \$10,600. Contributions are still being received from both groups.

### First National City Bank grants four Cuttington Scholarships

Four 1-year scholarships for seniors majoring in Economics at Cuttington College have been made available by the First National City Bank of New York. One of the scholarships will be awarded each year between 1976 and 1980.

The scholarships will provide total cost of tuition for a full year at Cuttington, including accommodations, board, instruction and books. Scholarship recipients will also work at the First National City branch bank in Monrovia, Liberia, during their vacation period, enabling them to earn extra money and gain practical experience in the field of Economics.

John T. Fey, national chairman of the Cuttington College Crossroads Fund, said he is delighted with this response by First National City Bank to the appeal, citing it as an example of how academic instruction and practical experience are often combined as part of the Cuttington educational method.

A variety of printed materials giving complete facts about the Cuttington College Crossroads Fund can be obtained from Marvin C. Josephson, Executive Director, at 815 Second Avenue, New York, N.Y., 10017. A 21-minute 16 mm sound color motion picture that tells the Cuttington story can be ordered from the ROA Film Exchange, 1696 Astor St., Milwaukee, Wisc., 53202.

### Several new members added to National Committee

Some recent additions to the Cuttington College Crossroads Fund national committee include Dr. Kenneth B. Clark of New York City, psychologist and educator; Col. Alfred M. Worden of Florida, astronaut; Charles B. Rangel of New York, a member of the House of Representatives; Judge G. Mennen Williams of Detroit, former Governor of Michigan; The Honorable Dorothy I. Height of New York, a noted social worker and educator; and Hugh Downs of Phoenix, broadcaster and former host of the NBC Today show.

National campaign chairman is Dr. John T. Fey, chairman of the board, The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States. Honorary campaign chairmen are Dr. William R. Tolbert, Jr., President of the Republic of Liberia, Presiding Bishop John M. Allin of the Episcopal Church, the Rev. John B. Coburn, bishop-elect of the Episcopal Church's Diocese of Massachusetts and Mrs. Margaret Bush Wilson, chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

### In case we have not yet heard from you . . . . .

As the acting "Board" of Cuttington College in the United States, the Episcopal Church's national Executive Council does not have the resources to mount a full-scale campaign throughout the Church in behalf of the Cuttington College Crossroads Fund. Direct solicitation is, of course, being made of many groups within the Church, including the bishops, Executive Council members, Church Center staff and others. We are also asking some Foundations to consider an investment in the future of free education in Liberia through the Crossroads Fund.

Our decision not to have an expensive nation-wide campaign does not mean that we are not interested in receiving pledges from individuals. If you are interested and want to help, we invite you to join us. Just fill out the pledge card printed below and send it to the Cuttington College Crossroads Fund, 815 Second Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017. Your interest and help will be appreciated. Your contribution is tax deductible.

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Checks should be made payable to The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, 815 Second Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017.