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Mordecai W. Johnson

I have followed with keen interest and benefit, the outstanding organization, thoroughness, attractiveness and engaging format and incisive articles that characterize *New Directions*. The January 1977 edition that featured significant vignettes and accomplishments of the late Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson was highly pertinent, timely, instructive and evocative.

Congratulations to you for delineating the extraordinary impact and contribution of a selfless, brilliant, and indefatigable titan in our time—Mordecai W. Johnson. His boundless spirit, forensic powers, trenchant mind and humane and compassionate regard for others made a "happy difference" in a world at war with itself.

Samuel L. Banks
Baltimore, Md.

New Directions magazine depicts the true greatness of Howard University. Your latest issue (January '77) which featured Mordecai Wyatt Johnson is overwhelming.

I am an alumnus of Howard (along with my two children) and would like to congratulate you on the stupendous job you are doing.

Rev. J. Haskell Mayo
Pastor, Coppin Memorial A.M.E. Church
Chicago, Ill.

Black Achievement

Please accept my word of thanks for the good job you are doing in publishing *New Directions* magazine.

I have for a long time wished to have a magazine with information concerning the people at your famous university.

Your Bicentennial issue provided me with a clear understanding of the outstanding achievements of our Black brothers and sisters in the United States.

Godfrey Kiwanuka
Chicago, Ill.

A Word from Jamaica

I had the opportunity of reading the January 1977 edition of *New Directions* and was very much impressed with the contents and the presentation of your material which indeed reflected, among other things, total togetherness, in-depth blackness and true awareness.

The editorial staff, through whose efforts and contribution the publication of the magazine was made possible and presented with such clarity and beautiful style, need to be encouraged to keep up the good work.

Leroy Roadway,
Kingston, Jamaica

Reaching Out

I am presently a resident at the Maryland Correction Institution in Hagerstown. Recently, I came across an old issue of your publication and I found it to be quite together and most informative.

Wilbur McCord
Hagerstown, Md.

Campus Revolution

It is difficult to understand how the idea of a revolution can be logically attributed to the disruptions and failures of Howard University students during the years 1969 to 1976. The events of those years, however, are a revelation.

For example, until I read Larry D. Coleman's article in the October 1976 issue, it had not been revealed to me that in the spring of 1970 the university "... agreed to student demands that the remainder of the regular school year be cancelled, that final examinations be taken by those who wanted, all others to receive 'P' (passing grade) and in lieu of regular classes Black liberation survival courses be held in order to address to the issue of Black survival."

George N. Leighton
United States District Court Judge
Chicago, Ill.