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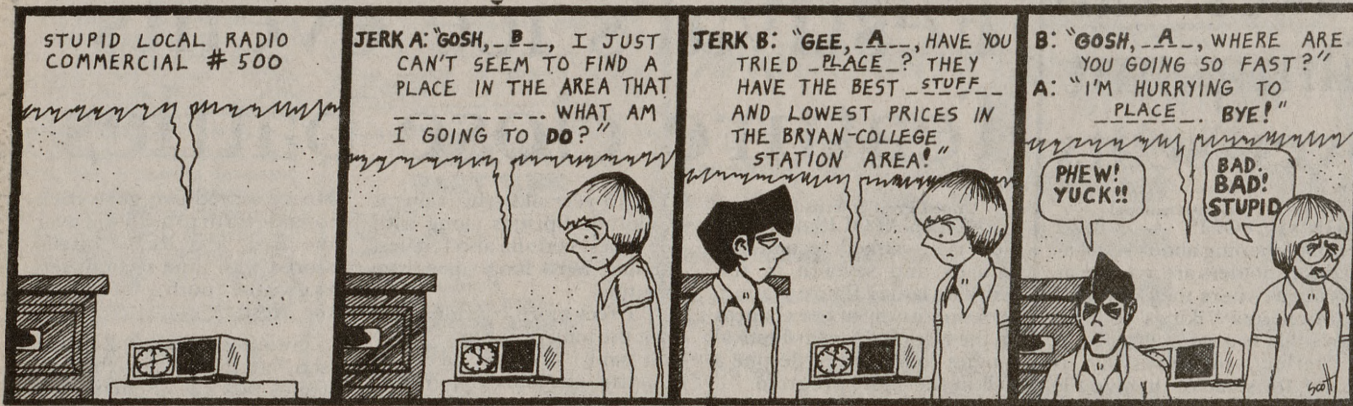
By Scott McCullar

## Haitian refugees freed

**United Press International**  
**MIAMI** — Resettlement workers say despite some problems in coordinating and financing they will find new homes for all 1,800 Haitians being held in federal detention centers.  
U.S. District Judge Eugene

Spellman June 29 ordered the detained Haitians freed, as they were being illegally held because of administrative procedure violations by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.  
The first 17, of more than

1,700 Haitians still being held after almost a year, were released Friday.  
Most detained Haitians probably head for new homes in Texas, Florida, Illinois, New York and Pennsylvania.



## Black pioneer reminisces

# Reporter's past stormy

**United Press International**  
**WASHINGTON** — Ethel Lois Payne never hesitated during her years as a White House correspondent to jump to her feet and ask an embarrassing question — even if it meant upsetting a presidential ulcer.

Payne, now 70, was one of the first black women to be accredited to the White House press corps. She began covering Washington in 1953, armed with a "notebook filled with questions for each press briefing." She covered presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson.

During "Ike's" term, the press met every Thursday and the newcomer jumped to her feet with colleagues shouting "Mr. President" to pose questions.

She was recognized on a regular basis during the conferences — prompting some members of the press to accuse her of "showboating."

To the criticism Payne responded, "I knew what my job was and that was to represent my readers. There were questions to be answered and someone had to ask them."

"I could not help it if others had not done their homework. Blacks were not represented in the press as they are today. You could count us on one hand."

In the 1950s, black journalists accredited to the White House included Alice Dunnigan for the

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Associated Negro Press and Louis Lautier for the National Newspaper Publishers Association.

But Payne's outspoken manner soon got the best of Eisenhower. In one meeting the former general bristled when she asked how his administration intended to address discrimination in housing and interstate travel.

"He took the question as a personal affront, looked me dead in the eye, pulled himself to five-star general status and blasted me in front of the White House press corps," she said. "I surely upset that pampered ulcer of his."

Payne received some criticism from home as well. Her mother — a staunch Republican — mildly scolded her daughter for upsetting "Ike."

"I remember the call from my mother," Payne said. "'Now sister, I don't think you ought to be down there making the president mad.'"

The ambitious newcomer was recognized for a question only twice in Eisenhower's remaining five years in office. But Miss Payne said the "deep freeze" did not stifle her enthusiasm for preparing for each press conference.

"I still had a list of questions and was on my feet shouting, 'Mr. President,'" she said.

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due time or out of the goodness of their hearts."

Payne entered journalism in 1948 after taking a career detour from her goal of becoming a lawyer.

Her first report was filed while she worked as an Army Service Director in the Tokyo Quartermaster Depot in Japan. During her tour of duty, Payne kept a diary that described the Orient and the treatment of black soldiers.

The Chicago native's colorful journal entries attracted the attention of a Chicago Defender newspaper reporter, Alex Wilson, who was passing through on assignment.

Wilson asked if he could take a few pages from her journal back to the United States and Payne agreed. The result was a series of front-page stories in the Defender that detailed the courts-martial of black soldiers, their problems in leaving behind children by Japanese women and conflicts with racially biased commanders.

"Then I was in for an explosion — a good chewing out by one of (Gen. Douglas) MacArthur's top aides," she said.

## Man 'borrows' 10,000 books

**United Press International**  
**LOS ANGELES** — Glenn Swartz loved books so much, his fellow employees at the downtown Central Library said he couldn't pass a stack without picking up a few and taking them home — thousands of them.

Police uncovered Swartz's huge cache of library books accidentally and now the assistant loan-desk clerk, 42, faces possible criminal charges and the loss of his job.

About 10,000 books were discovered stacked to the ceiling in Swartz's small apartment last Thursday by police who went there at the request of his mother, who couldn't reach him by telephone to tell him his father had died.

Authorities confronted Swartz with the evidence Friday, but police did not take him into custody. The case was prepared for the district attorney's office, which could charge him with grand theft.

"I have a few books, maybe 2,000 of them," Swartz told chief library investigator Jim Parslow. "I check them out. I bring them back. I keep changing them for research of anthropology and history."

"I do a lot of reading." He told investigators he had read 90 percent of the books, reading at 686 words per minute with 95 percent retention.

Investigators said there were so many books in the apartment that only a fairly thin person could fit in the narrow pathway through the stacks of volumes.

Books were piled in the bathtub and sink, and even covered half of Swartz's bed.

Swartz was at work in the library when police discovered the collection of stolen books. He allegedly had taken home several each day in a shopping bag for many years and returned the book cards to the library files, so it appeared the books had been returned.

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