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News Briefs

Hosea Williams to help Nixon

ATLANTA — (UPI) — Civil Rights Leader Hosea Williams sent President Nixon a telegram suggesting an audience so that Williams could brief Nixon on China.

Williams and his wife recently returned from a four-week tour of China that included an audience with Premier Chou En-Lai. Nixon has a trip to China scheduled in February.

"We feel certain that America, the world and the cause of peace would benefit if you would allow us to share our findings with you," Williams told the President in the telegram.

Hope off on Christmas tour

HOLLYWOOD — (UPI) — For the 21st year Bob Hope will lead a troupe of entertainers on a Christmas tour of American military bases overseas.

Hope and his group leave Wednesday on a tour that will take them to installations in Hawaii, Okinawa, South Vietnam, Thailand, Italy, Spain and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Appearing in this year's show are comedian Jim Nabors, pitcher Vida Blue, Rock band Sunday's Child, the current Miss World U. S. A., Bruce Smith, the Blue Streaks and the Less Brown band.

To devalue American dollar

ANGRA DO HEROISMO, Azores — (UPI) — President Nixon and President Georges Pompidou of France announced agreement on plans for devaluation of the American dollar as one means of solving the international monetary crisis.

A joint communique issued following 10 hours of talks between the two leaders did not specify how the dollar devaluation might be carried out or by how much it would be devalued. It also spoke of undefined "reevaluation of some other currencies."

United Airlines loses fight

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — The Supreme Court rejected an appeal by United Airlines, which was found to have violated the civil rights act by requiring that stewardesses be unmarried.

The company discontinued the policy in 1968 but before that, female cabin attendants were fired if they married.

Mrs. Mary Burke Sprogis, a stewardess fired in 1966, sued for back pay in federal district court in Chicago after the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) ruled the airline had violated the law.

Grant bail to 'pot' possessor

JACKSON, Mich. — (UPI) — John Sinclair, whose 10-year sentence for possessing marijuana has become a cause celebre in the hippie community, has won bail and left jail saying, "I want to smoke some joints, man!"

The Michigan Supreme Court's decision to grant bail to the founder of the radical White Panther Party at least temporarily ended a 28-month jail stint for the bulky hippie leader. Ever since Sinclair, a poet and rock-band manager, was sentenced, his supporters and most of Michigan's liberal lawyers had conducted an intensive campaign to have him freed on bond while he appealed. They want the sentence quashed on the grounds it constituted "cruel and unusual punishment" and said Sinclair was a "political prisoner."

Black medics, workers, 'rap on'

By GEORGE L. WALKER III

The two-day Conference on the Status of Health in the Black Community held last week in Nashville, Tenn., was designed for 300 participants, but attracted 647 registrants from 30 states. Taking place on the Meharry Medical College campus, the conference atmosphere was set by Congressman Ralph Metcalfe (D-Ill.), Chairman of the Health Subcommittee of the Congressional Black Caucus. This was a unique event in black American health care history.

The conference brought together representatives of urban and rural consumer groups, those who provide health care and administer health programs, medical educators, government officials, legislators, and students. The conference was called by the Congressional Black Caucus, Meharry Medical College, the National Dental Association, and the National Medical Association.

The five conveners represent the nation's two predominantly Black medical colleges, who between them have produced more than 85% of the country's Black physicians and dentists; the two medical and dental associations representing the vast majority of Black practicing Black professionals in those fields; and the Congressional Black Caucus, composed of 13 members of

the U. S. House of Representatives who serve as the councilmen-at-large for the poor, powerless and black people of America.

The philosophy of the Conference was that today's environment is detrimental to health, welfare and human development, the birthright of all human beings.

With this philosophy in mind, the emphasis was on service to the people. The Conference solidified professional and consumer approaches to the delivery of health care, not only to the poor and near poor, but also for those able to finance their own health care.

One of the primary goals of this health conference was to formulate resolutions for operational mechanisms by which the health care of the Black community may be brought to an appropriate level.

Even though Blacks are coming together to band their ideas with hopes of legislation and new medical programs, if legislation is passed, who is to see that Blacks' and other minorities' rights are not violated covertly or overtly? In partial answer to this question: It is the role of the Black members of Congress, state legislators and local government officials. Further, it is the role of the consumers to educate themselves about health care, and also become politically aware, that the Federal government is playing political games.



Congressman Ronald V. Dellums (left) shakes hands with Rev. James L. Lawson while the pair was attending the recent Black

Caucus and Tennessee Voters Council \$100 a-plate fund-raising dinner in Nashville. See related story on this page. (Withers photo)

Caucus feted in Nashville dinner

By NORMAN O. UNGER
Editor, Tri-State Defender

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Congressional Black Caucus and the Tennessee Voters Council held their first \$100 a-plate dinner last Saturday. Billed as the first of what could possibly be an annual dinner, held in Nashville's Municipal Auditorium, the event was highlighted by emcee Bill Cosby, who like many other stars in the program, volunteered his time to benefit the Caucus.

Of the 13 members comprising the Congressional Black Caucus, only three were on hand, with Rep. Ronald V. Dellums, from California, stealing the show. Other U. S. Representatives present were Ralph H. Metcalfe of Illinois, and Louis Stokes, (brother of Cleveland Mayor Carl).

The Auditorium event capped off a series of workshops held by the Caucus and a three-day medical workshop held by Meharry Medical College, in Nashville, the American Medical Association and Howard University.

The dinner, which grossed nearly \$40,000 was conceived to preserve the aims of the Caucus and the Tennessee Voters Council. The groups are reportedly to divide the sum fifty-fifty.

The Caucus is the first

national body organized for the express purpose of presenting a united legislative front to address issues of vital concern to Black people. Nationwide recognition came when the Caucus presented a 60-point program at a White House meeting, in hopes to improving the quality of life for the nation's 22 million Blacks.

One of the duties the Caucus performed recently, pointing out why the funds are essential to the group's existence, was the investigation into the complaints of racial injustice by Black G. I.'s.

The Tennessee Voters Council, which was formed in Nashville at Fisk University nearly 10 years ago, can take great pride in the work it has accomplished in registering nearly a quarter-million Blacks in this state.

Under the dinner theme "Respect Yourself," the popular 45 rpm recording was given to each guest. Entertainers for the evening included, Kim Weston, Jerry Butler, Cosby, the Emotions and Joyce Cobb, of Nashville. Providing the music were the "Sons of Slum" from Chicago.

Several Black elected officials from Memphis were on hand including, State Sen., and City Councilman, J. O.

Patterson, Jr., State Rep. Harold Ford, and his brother, city Councilman John Ford.

Melvin Robinson, president of the Shelby County Democratic Club, and special vice chairman for West Tennessee was also on hand.

Rev. James Lawson, of Memphis' Centenary Baptist Church, gave the invocation, and Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer, of Sunflower County, Mississippi, was guest speaker.

Northside students vex pros

By W. A. Sengstacke, Jr.
Northside High School was criticized heavily last week because of the reaction of several white teachers to a black student drama presentation.

Following a presentation sponsored by the Black Knights, Inc., some white teachers complained about four letter words used in the play directed by Miss Deborah Cleaves, a member of the Black Knights.

The white teachers also complained about so called anti-white themes in the play.

Mr. Warren Lewis, head of the Black Knights Organization, said, "I am sorry that certain teachers at Northside High School are so far behind the times, particularly in the field of drama."

"These days all one needs to do is pick up a newspaper, look at television, or read some of the latest plays being presented on and off Broadway, to find that four letter words are used."

"Those white teachers who felt it was an anti-white theme presented in the production, should check themselves, because it is obvious they have no interest in truth and beauty and the problems that black students are facing in America," he said.

The organization is operating the drama program to aid in desegregation with a grant from the federal government. The grant is for \$29,860.

Miss Cleaves who is now a student at Memphis State University, was involved in a dispute with the Board of Education here in the city. In 1969 she was suspended for taking part in Black Monday demonstrations. She filed suit in federal court and won reinstatement to Northside.

Mr. LeRoy Bledsoe, a member of the Black Knights, who will soon head its economic arm and who also attended Northside High School, said, "that was a play, an artistic work, and to point a finger directly at Deborah Cleaves, makes it look extremely bad for Northside High School."

What's next...?

Indict 9 cops here

Late last week, the Shelby County Grand Jury returned indictments against nine law officers in connection with the death of 17-year old Elton Hayes, who died October 15. Another group of officers were apparently excused and returned to duty after the indictments were announced.

At the time of their arrest, all of the officers were given bonds of \$500 for one, up to \$10,000 for others. Four of those indicted were charged with murder in the first degree, four with assault to murder and the last with neglect of duty.

Daily papers here in Memphis, reported that Criminal Court Judge Otis Higgs set the bonds of \$10,000, etc. It was later learned that Judge Higgs, whose court will probably have jurisdiction when the trial begins, had nothing to do with the setting of the bond. This function was performed by the Attorney General.

Like phase two, in resident Nixon's plan, now that the indictments have been handed down, the "Law and order nine," have all been suspended from their duties without pay.

Public sentiment on the issue in the Black community is that not enough charges were handed down. Maxine Smith, executive secretary for the local NAACP branch said, "These indictments indicate a path toward justice. However, there is a question as to the involvement and guilt of others at the scene. In my estimation, everyone there at the scene of the murder, is guilty of something. If nothing else, they are guilty of trying to hide the truth."

Lt. T. R. Wilks, of the Sheriff's department was the only black involved in the incident, other than the victims and was one of those receiving an indictment of first degree murder.

However according to previous statements by George Barnes, driver of the truck in which the trio of Hayes, Calvin McKissick and Barnes were riding it is doubtful that Wilks could have been guilty of his specific charge.

Barnes stated that Wilks was the lone Black officer on the scene and "held his foot on my head while the others were beating me as I lay on the ground". To this day George Barnes

said he is still at a loss as to why Wilks acted as he did? Was the officer trying to protect Barnes' face and head from being hit with nightsticks? Or was that just his way of getting in his punishment?

According to Barnes, the ditch where Hayes was beaten was on one side of the truck and where he (Barnes) lay with Wilks' foot on his face was on the other. If anything it would seem that Wilks may be guilty of a lesser charge such as assault to murder.

No date for the trial has been set as yet but speculation leaves the time somewhere between January and May 1972.

Several possible statements in the progress of a trial are:

1.) Due to the black-white issue it is doubtful that any of the white officers involved would permit a black on the jury of twelve. The law has it set up when a murder charge is made that the defendant may refuse up to 15 jurors before the trial. Therefore as many as 60 prospective jury members may be excluded by the defendants.

2.) Those charged with assault to murder may waive another eight jurors each. Meaning that a total of 92 jurors may be excluded for one reason or another by the defendants.

3.) If at all possible the defense attorney will probably try one of two (if not both) escape methods for his clients: he may ask that Judge Higgs excuse himself on the grounds that he may be prejudicial (being a black judge) as the Black community will expect convictions no matter what the evidence... or... defense attorneys may ask that pre-trial publicity warrants moving the trial to another county. (Indicating that relevant statements made may likely influence any juror, white or black).

Monday Judge Higgs notified all the media (TV radio and newspapers) that some forms of publicity will not be tolerated and violators of this judgment will be held in contempt of court.

The statement issued by Higgs also said that an investigative team has been organized to question possible violators of his ruling.

Human relations group...

Eyes new sub-committee

Dr. Vasco Smith, a member of the executive board of the local NAACP, said after hearing of the new proposed "Super-Human Relations Commission," that he felt it was absolutely "potholing."

"Under its present setup, the new Human Relations Committee, nor its sub-committee will have any power to do anything. The secondary part of the new setup is to upgrade the Internal Affairs department within the police force. This in itself is ridiculous. The police have never, and will never investigate themselves in a bad light."

The City Council heard recommendations recently on forming the new super-Human Relations Council and seemed to agree with its idea.

Council-chairman elect, Fred Davis stated he felt the idea was an excellent beginning, and that he felt the "major welders of opinion in the Black community will honor it, and cooperate."

J. O. Patterson, Jr., a member of the special committee formed to devise a new method of airing police abuse charges, said he supported the idea because it was a step forward, but would have rather seen a civilian review board formed with greater powers.

Councilman-elect John Ford said he felt the committee will work if they really get out and do the job. But soon added that "if they continue to talk, and not do anything, it isn't going to be effective."

The new committee, which would serve under the Human Relations Commission, would be composed of 10 law enforcement officers, and 10 citizens. At least two of the law enforcement officers would be of the sheriff's department only one could be above the rank of captain.

The lone point of the proposed committee that is contradictory to previous such committees, is a suggestion that at least 10 of

the citizens on the board be members of the community most directly affected by the problem of police brutality... and that those members NOT be so-called community leaders, black or white, but should be of the more militant black groups, college and high school students.

According to Dr. Smith, it makes little difference who is on the board, "because as it is set up, they won't be able to do anything anyway. This is nothing new. The

problem isn't that the Black community doesn't push enough, because we do. The problem exists because the white community does not want the police department to change its policy. The white community is still satisfied to know, that they have got somebody that will keep Niggers under their thumb.

"Until such time as the white community is ready to push this change, we will have to continue fighting an uphill battle."

Bricklayers file suit on racism

Justice Department Attorneys have been in court all week attacking what they call discrimination in the Memphis masonry contracting industry.

The action was brought by Attorney General of the United States John Mitchell under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

They allege that Bricklayers Local No. 1, the Joint Apprenticeship Committee and a number of masonry contractors have engaged in practices of discriminatory employment practices.

In the opening statement James Fallon, a Washington D. C., attorney for the Justice Department stated, "We are seeking relief which will affect the entire commercial brick-masonry industry in Memphis, and which, in the words of Chief Justice Warren Burger of the Supreme Court, in Griggs vs. Duke Power Co., speaking of the purpose of Title VII, "will achieve equality of employment opportunities and remove barriers that have operated in the past to favor an identifiable group of whites."

He continued, "our purpose is to remove the built in headwinds which have in the past denied Negroes

the full opportunity to participate in all levels of the masonry trade."

On what the attorneys hoped to prove he stated, "Our proof, we believe, will first establish a pattern which is unique in the building trades; that is, rather than the total exclusion of Negroes from the trade, as is common in trades such as electricians, plumbers and pipefitters, Negroes have long participated in the bricklaying craft."

He continued, "However, as commercial bricklayers became more attractive due to substantial increase in wages, Negroes participation in the trade declined."

"We intend to establish a series of discriminatory incidents against individuals who fall in the following classes: First, Journeymen Negro craftsmen who are, or have been members of Bricklayers Local 2; Second, individuals who were not members of the Union but who worked in some phase of the trade, and third, Negro Apprentice applicants."

Prior to the 1920's, more than half of the membership of Bricklayers Local No. 1 were black, but that since then has changed. The percentage has fallen to about 12

Memphis Politics

By MELVIN ROBINSON
Pres. Shelby County Dem. Club

Let's take a good look at the past election and see if the black community made any gains. The answer would be yes because we picked up four (4) additional elected officials, namely, the Quarterly Court added a black, Walter Bailey, making a total of two (2) blacks on a Court that only had one, Squire Jesse H. Turner.

Moving to the City of Memphis Board of Education that is made up of nine (9) members. Five voting together would make a working majority. This election represents the first time that the Board members were elected by districts. The black community has three (3) districts with a majority, so we picked up three board representatives. This Board has the responsibility of administering 85 million dollars and establishing board policies that will govern the school system. We believe this is a good board. You have from District 4, Mrs. Maxine Smith, who is well known for her interest in a better education for all; from District 6, Carl Johnson, who is an educator and has been actively involved in the black problems; from District 7, George Brown, an attorney heading the Legal Service for the Justice Department. Attorney Brown is the first black to head up this department. This represents an innovation by the Republicans to give the minority some legal counseling. Attorney Brown serves the present board as an advisor.

It is our opinion, if we had the present elected board there would have been a better hiring policy for the school year 1971-72.

The City of Memphis School Board hired one hundred and thirteen (113) teachers. Only thirteen blacks were hired. This is deplorable. At this ratio within ten (10) years there will be no black teachers. This policy must be reversed. We were confronted with the board displacing black teachers on numerous things. One is the National Teachers' Examination. The present policy states one must have a minimum of one thousand points. We find that this was a requirement for blacks only. Some whites were hired and never took the examination. We find black teachers who have been teaching for years are being bumped for white teachers and being declared surplus and the board says this is done to meet the court ratio requirements.

We say Bunk — a case of racism. Can you imagine that the City School System is made up of 52.5% of blacks? The teaching ratio is 60% white and 40% black. Do you think if the whites were in pupil majority that they would accept 40% of the jobs? No other people would accept this but the blacks. Awake, black people, "ain't we going to never see the light?"

CURRENT EVENTS

The Geeter School P.T.A. had a mass meeting December 8, 1971 at the school cafeteria. The cafeteria was packed. The City of Memphis School Board-Elect was invited. Five came, they are Mrs. Barbara Sonneburg, Mrs. Juanita Watkins, Neal Small, Carl Johnson, District 6 and George Brown which was a majority. We feel these board members want to serve the needs of our City-schools. We feel that their presence meant they were not concerned with black schools nor white, but with the Memphis City Schools.

Mayor-Elect Wyeth Chandler was invited and was present. From the Council, Mrs. Gwen Awsumb, Tom Todd, Jack McNeil and John Ford were present. Where was the Chairman, Fred Davis? Is this what the black community can expect from the first black chairman?

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Aiding UNCF fund-raising drive... Exclusive Ladies 'Secret Pal' party was a fabulous event

Last week Memphis State University officials announced that an Institution for Criminal Justice had been created. The Institution is designed to expand educational programs for Memphis, Shelby County and West Tennessee.

Dr. Cecil C. Humphreys, President of MSU, said the new institute is designed to vastly expand the educational offerings in law enforcement and criminal justice. "Our new Institute was created after many months of planning to upgrade the educational qualifications of persons in these fields, and we believe that this program is vital to Memphis, Shelby County and West Tennessee," Dr. Humphreys said.

"Current offerings in the University's Division of Law Enforcement will be revised and updated so that we may initiate the Institute as an interdisciplinary educational program." Memphis State University has had a law enforcement training program since

1965. The Division of Law Enforcement of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, has offered courses leading to a bachelor's degree with concentration in police administration, correction and general law enforcement. Over 300 students are now enrolled in classes offered by the division.

The new Institute for Criminal Justice will assume all functions of the Division of Law Enforcement, and will include expanded offerings in criminal justice, police administration, correction, law enforcement and management related instruction.

Specifically, the new Institute is designed to: —provide a liberal arts degree to qualify individuals to assume administrative responsibilities, and research positions in areas relating to law enforcement.

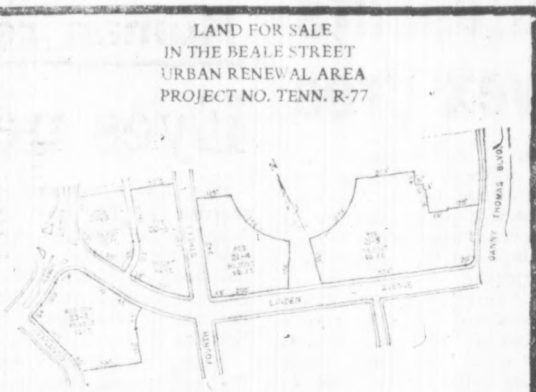
—provide more qualified personnel with more adequate education and training in the field of criminal justice.

—attract college-age students to the program and provide educational opportunities in the pursuit of careers in certain areas of criminal justice.

—provide opportunity for those in the field of criminal justice to continue their education and career advancement; to train police and other law enforcement officers, both state and local, in the maintenance of law services in state and local jurisdiction; to improve the quality of criminal justice in Tennessee through an upgrading of educational levels of criminal justice personnel, increasing the percentage of law enforcement personnel who have obtained college degrees in the fields relating to law enforcement.

Dr. Humphreys noted that "Memphis is the largest urban area in the state and the seventeenth largest in the nation. With a population of over 725,000 residents, Shelby County increasingly demands professionals in all areas of criminal justice. This grant and the new Institute will allow us to provide educational programs for police officers, as well as professionals associated with penal systems, parole system and criminal justice administration. We are proud to offer this service to our metropolitan area."

A \$25,000 grant from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration of the U. S. Department of Justice has been recommended for MSU and the Tennessee Law Enforcement Planning Commission to aid in the Institute's establishment.



Redevelopment Proposals will be accepted until 10:00 A.M. Central Standard Time, January 19, 1972, for the purchase and redevelopment of 5 parcels of land in the Beale Street Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Tenn. R-77.

Parcel 20-4 has approximately 36,910 square feet with a minimum acceptable price of \$2.50 per square foot for commercial use; parcel 20-5 has approximately 56,725 square feet with a minimum acceptable price of \$1.25 per square foot for residential use; parcel 21-4 has approximately 80,200 square feet with a minimum acceptable price of \$1.25 per square foot for residential use; parcel 21-5 has approximately 153,526 square feet with a minimum acceptable price of \$1.25 per square foot for residential use; parcel 23-3 has approximately 86,650 square feet with a minimum acceptable price of \$2.00 per square foot for commercial/residential. All areas are subject to final survey.

A 10 per cent deposit of the price offered must accompany each proposal in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to Memphis Housing Authority. Deposits will be refunded promptly if the offer is not accepted. A line drawing and approximate cost of the proposed development also must be furnished with each offer. The selected redeveloper must agree to furnish final plans and specifications and commitment of mortgage financing for construction prior to conveyance of the property, and construction must begin within 30 days thereafter, unless specific provisions are made to the contrary. Selection of redevelopers will be by negotiation on a basis of price offered, type and quality of proposed development and redeveloper, and the overall effect and benefit of the proposal development to the project. Memphis Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any informality in the proposal and selection procedure. Prospective redevelopers are urged to inspect the redevelopment documents at 700 Adams Avenue between 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday.

The developer and his contractors must abide by all Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Laws. Further, a statement must be provided in which the developer agrees for itself its successors and assigns that during construction and thereafter the developer and its successors and assigns shall include in all advertising for the sale or rental of the property a statement to the effect that (a) the property is open to all persons without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin, and that (b) there shall be no discrimination in public access and use of the property to the extent that it is open to the public.

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Shainberg aid for UT Center

The Shainberg Foundation of Memphis has given \$25,000 to help develop new teaching methods and expand programs in the Leigh Buring Memorial Clinic for Exceptional Children at the University of Tennessee Medical Units.

Dr. Joe Johnson, chancellor of the Medical Units, and Dr. James Hughes, chairman of the Department of Pediatrics, announced award of the gift to the clinic which is housed in the Thomas F. Gailor Outpatient Clinic Building.

The clinic was established in 1970 by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Buring of Memphis as a memorial to their daughter, Leigh Buring, who died at the age of 10.

The facility was opened as part of the Pediatric Ambulatory Service at UT to provide comprehensive services for children with various problems, such as mental retardation, learning difficulties, emotional problems and other handicapping conditions.

Officials of the Shainberg Foundation said funds generally had been contributed as "seed" money to help establish worthy projects which may be further enlarged. The present gift, however, was intended to help support the search for new teaching methods and approaches at the clinic.

Dr. Hughes said the memorial clinic had been endangered by a shortage of funds. "Community agencies have been very active in referring children to this clinic," Dr. Hughes said, "and

they were very much upset when it was thought early in the summer that with the lack of funds it might not be able to continue, much less expand."

Dr. Marvin I. Gottlieb, associate professor in the Department of Pediatrics and director of the Leigh Buring Memorial Clinic, said the gift would be used to hire a full-time secretary and social worker to meet the increasing administrative and social work load.

Chancellor Johnson said gifts, such as the one from the Shainberg Foundation, permit enhancement and improvement of UT's training and service program.

"Support from leading citizens, such as those who guide the Shainberg Foundation, enables the University of Tennessee Medical Units to make further progress in educating students and providing services to give the best possible health care to the people of this area."

Bethel Grove PTA to meet

The Bethel Grove PTA will meet Thursday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the school's cafeteria. A Christmas program will be presented by all the grades. One hour earlier, at 6:00 p.m., the executive board and all room sponsors will hold a special meeting. Mrs. Margaret Toler is sponsor of the event, and Eugene Calloway is principal of the school.

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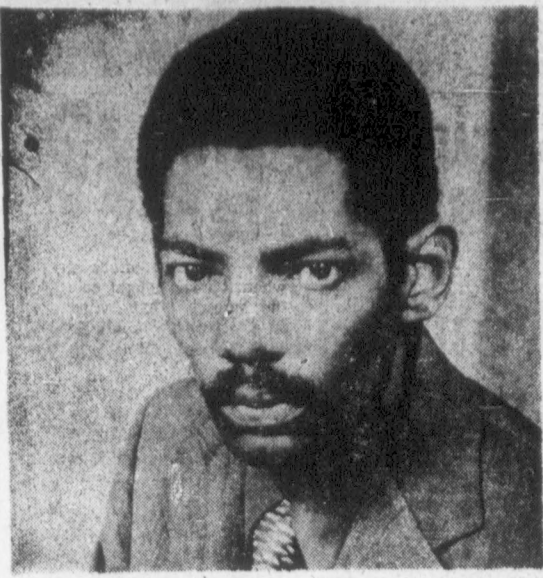
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Memphian moves up...

Phillip M. Duncan has been promoted to the position of office manager at ITT Continental Baking Company, in Columbus, Ohio. Duncan, who attended Tennessee State and Memphis State University, formerly was chief accountant of the Mahalia Jackson Chicken system. He also worked with the baking company here in Memphis for about a year.

MSU gridders ready for bowl

Billy (Spook) Murphy has been head football coach at Memphis State University for 16 years. But right now, he'll be among the first to admit he's a little worried over his club's first appearance in a major-post season bowl game, the Pasadena Bowl, to be held Saturday, Dec. 18, in the Rose Bowl.

"We never expected anything but that we would have some real tough competition in the Pasadena Bowl," Murphy said. "But San Jose State is not just an average football team — it is an excellent football team, much stronger than we ever really expected."

San Jose State, representing the Pacific Coast Athletic Assn., holds a stunning 13-12 upset victory over Rose Bowl-bound Stanford and figures as a slight choice against Memphis State, kingpin of the Missouri Valley Conference, when the two clubs collide.

And Murphy can only agree. "When Dewey King (San Jose coach) says his club uses a multiple offense, you'd better believe he isn't kidding. They have in Dave Chaney, All-American line-backer, one of the finest athletes in the country and he is by far their finest athlete, but their offense is very strong, too."

"I would compare San Jose State favorably with the University of Mississippi. The only difference is that

Kennedy youths are helpful

The Kennedy Democratic Youth Organization recently made a tremendous contribution to the poor of Memphis by donating Thanksgiving baskets when they were most needed.

The group also gave a party on November 20 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Morris of 981 Alaska. Members of the group are: Othella Sawyer, president; Willie McWilliams, vice president; Barbara Wooten, secretary; Zina Jackson, treasurer; Herbert Jackson, sgt. at arms, and business manager, Avis Walton. Advisor to the organization is Mr. Ernest C. Bell.

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Baptists invest in Memphis

The American Baptist Home Mission Societies, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, deposited \$20,000 in the Tri-State Bank of Memphis, 213 S. Main st., P. O. Box 2327, as part of a total of \$600,000 authorized for placement in minority community banks across the country.

Acting for the Baptist group, the Reverend Charles L. Dinkins, Pastor of First Baptist Church (Lauderdale), and the Reverend W. C. Holmes, Pastor of Beulah Baptist Church — both of Memphis — explained the concern of the American Baptist Convention for consistency of its investment policies with the theology

and program of American Baptists.

Approximately 25 banks will receive funds. The deposits will be treated in the regular fashion, earning current interest rates and in turn will be made available as new loan funds to the community.

The purpose of this program, according to the Rev. Dinkins and Holmes, focuses on the Home Mission Societies' concern for justice (equality in life). These deposits will make loans available to members of minority communities whose personal and business loan applications oftentimes are rejected because of the low priority given to those of minority

racism and because banks who serve minority communities usually have insufficient loan funds.

Horace E. Gale, Treasurer of the Home Mission Societies, has said, "At a time when the substructure of America seems on the verge of collapse, a national agency of the church must re-examine its goals, objectives and activities to be sure that expenditures of funds, energies and ideas are on target so as to be meeting man's most pressing needs today." He said that "the Societies' investment portfolio is becoming a major resource to effect social change and to extend the benefits of HMS programs."

Black officials battle for sickle cell funding

State Senator Mervyn M. Dymally, co-chairman of the National Conference of Black Elected Officials, said he has begun a nationwide effort among the 2,000 black office holders to push for passage of Senator John Tunney's \$90 million bill to help combat the deadly disease, sickle cell anemia.

At the same time, he lashed out at the Nixon Administration's opposition to Tunney's bill. "How can a President back a plan to spend \$2.6 billion to conquer cancer, yet claim \$5 to \$6 million is enough to devote to a disease which attacks one in every 500 black children?" Dymally asked.

"This is institutional racism at its ugliest," he added.

"I am sending letters to the 2,000 black elected officials across the land, urging them to organize community support for the Tunney bill," the Los Angeles legislator said.

He said he is also urging black officials to take the lead in setting up groups to study and focus public attention on the problem of SCA. "Further, I am urging that they put pressure on their city, county and state governments to set up screening programs to detect cases of this deadly disease," he added.

Bills to accomplish these purposes in California, and introduced by Dymally, Assemblyman Leon Ralph and the Legislature's Black Caucus, are already making their way through the current session of the California Legislature.

He said he will also ask the Legislature's Black Caucus to petition Congress to pass the Tunney bill.

Sickle cell anemia, a blood disorder, is fatal to 90 percent of those whom it attacks, and is a disease limited almost entirely to blacks. An estimated 50,000 blacks have the disease now, and another 2 million may be carriers, according to medical estimates.

Tunney's bill Senate Bill 2677, would provide \$30 million a year for the next three years for diagnosis, treatment and public education on the disease. The bill is now on the Senate floor for vote. A similar bill, House Bill 11171, is being heard in the House of Representatives, and was introduced by the 13 black Congressmen. Nixon Administration spokesmen have opposed Tunney's bill on grounds that current spending, of \$5 to \$6 million a year, is sufficient.

In his letter to black offi-

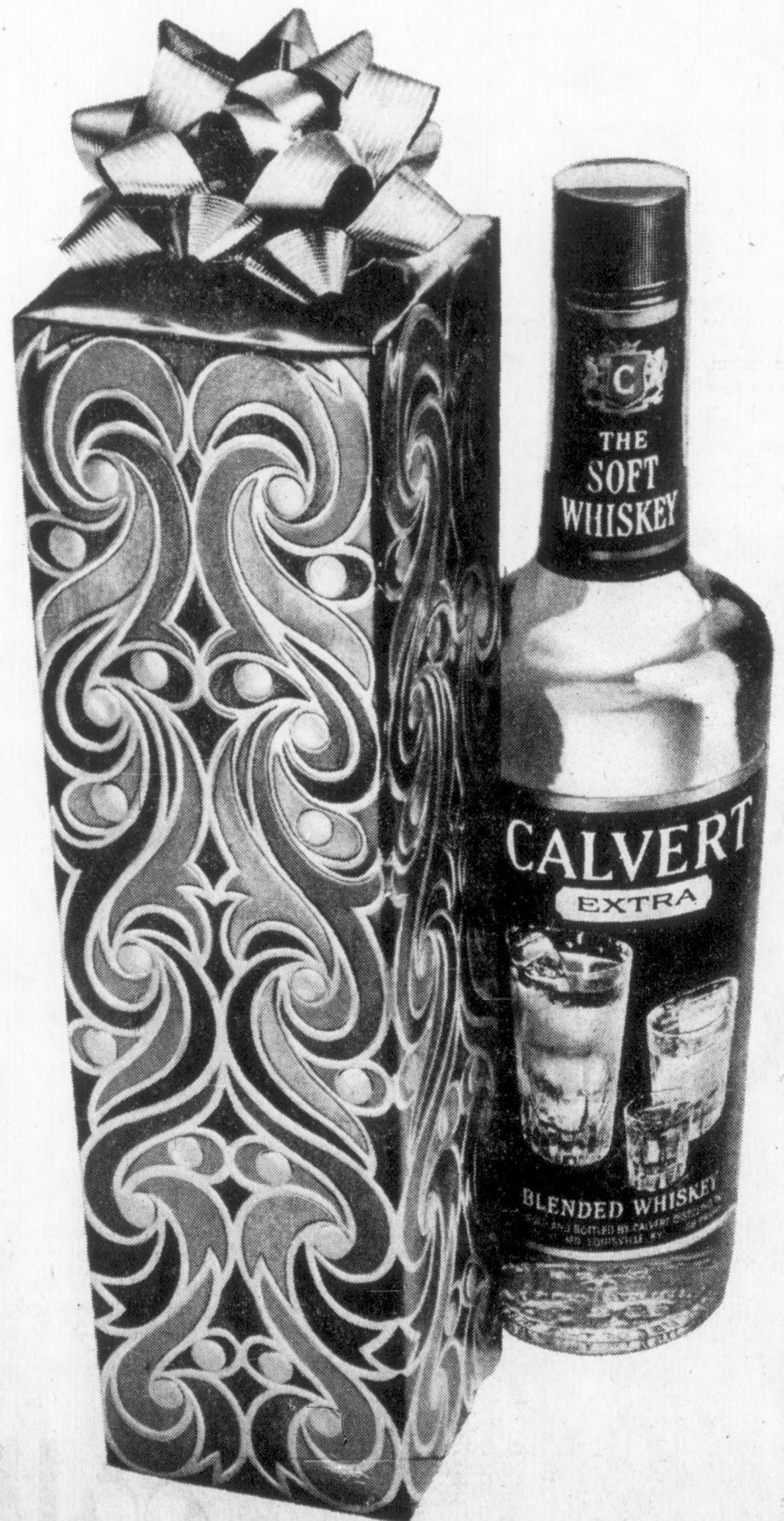
cials, Dymally wrote that "Certainly we must not downgrade efforts to conquer cancer or any deadly disease. But surely, efforts to combat disease should not be decided on a racial basis."



Present at the depositing ceremonies were (l-r) Rev. W. C. Holmes, Rev. Charles L. Dinkins, Jesse Turner (vice president of

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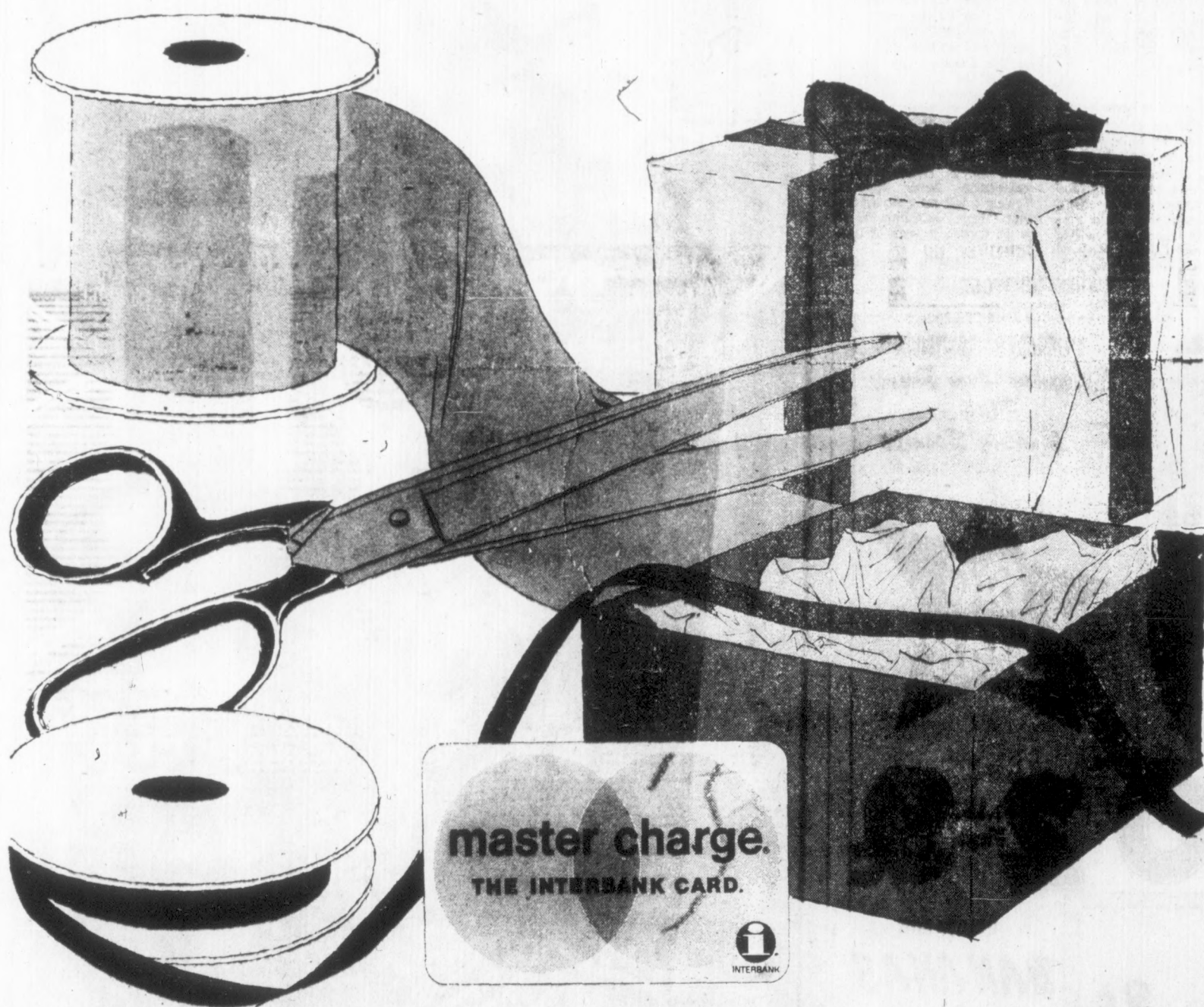
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Foundations are the biggest aid

One of the important supporting organizations for black colleges, is the foundation, which makes grants so that the school may carry on its valuable service to the community. In a recent statement by Frederick D. Patterson, President of the Robert R. Moton Foundation, some very interesting comments were made about the importance of the black college. He put specific emphasis on the significant grant made by the Ford Foundation.

Mr. Patterson stated, "the Ford Foundation grant announcement, in which one hundred million dollars will be used to aid minority education over the next six years, is a splendid recognition of the unique and continuing role of black colleges in general, and specifically of the particular institutions that will be funded under this grant."

"It is hoped this splendid recognition of the important work being done by black colleges, will be sufficient evidence for many additional foundations, corporations and individuals to consider the worthiness, not only of these institutions, but of the most of the nearly 80 that will not benefit from this particular grant program," he continued.

Mr. Patterson stated, "The Ford Foundation grant should not be considered as anything more than it is, namely, a specific recognition of a few of the institutions they have studied, but in no sense is it a declaration of unworthiness in terms of those not included."

LeMoyné-Owen College is one of the colleges chosen to receive the gift, Mr. Pat-

erson stated. "Every foundation has grant limitations and program directions which it must follow. It would be an unfortunate result, if therefore, an interpretation has already occurred in an article in the New York Times, which depicts this beneficence as passing judgment on the total deservedness of black colleges in general for support."

"Black colleges are public and private, small and comparatively large, as well as both insignificant and outstanding in the quality of services they perform."

"In these regards, they are no different from any number of white institutions which represent their counterparts and they are just as worthy as these institutions of the opportunity both to survive and progress as they attempt to do their share in helping the nation meet the need for the higher education by American youth."

He continued, "It is hoped, therefore, that the significant grant of the Ford Foundation will be seen in its proper context and the net result, not only for the colleges which are directed beneficiaries, but for all of the worthy black institutions not included, will emphasize the need to provide funds, from every contributing source to enable institutions truly worthy in their potential to remain in existence for their specialized and qualitative addition to the effort which must be made in behalf of all higher education and to see that American youth, regardless of race, creed, color or geography, are brought to a level of acceptable competence in the decade of the 70's."

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The Big Parade We live in a silly season

By LOUIS MARTIN



Whatever may be the differences between the Rev. Jesse Jackson and the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, between Chicago's Operation Breadbasket and the SCLC officialdom, it is the hope of every thoughtful citizen that these differences will be promptly resolved.

The rash of rumors, the gossip and the partisan press accounts of the controversy serve no constructive ends.

Some of it, perhaps, is inevitable. Anyone who dares to aspire to leadership among us today must of necessity climb a slippery ladder. We live in a period when the way a man wears his hair seems to some more important than what he thinks. We confuse style with substance and lock up our minds with snap judgments. We live in a silly season.

Martin Luther King knew that his views, his motives and his actions would be questioned not only by those whom he fought against but also by those on whose behalf he fought. No leader was better prepared for this testing.

Incidentally, Lerone Bennett, Jr. made an observation at the recent Congressional Black Caucus Conference which may be apropos. He said "It is important for the black community to judge individuals on the basis of their contributions. Some men can write, some men can fix cars, some men can cook, some men can raise hell; all the writer, the mechanic, the cook, the hellraiser—are valuable because their skills are complementary and not contradictory."

The Rev. Jesse Jackson and the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, both have contributions to make. They walked with Martin Luther King. They shared his dreams and responded to his call. They shared the agony of his tragic death.

It would be presumptuous to suggest how these strong leaders should relate, or not relate, with one another. They are men and not children.

It must be said, however, that the nation has never been in greater need of courageous and enlightened leadership, black and white. It has become a cliché to say that we live in a sick society. The supreme tragedy is that in this sick society there are few doctors in whom the American people, black or white, have any confidence.

Our plight was well described by Vernon Jordan, the new national head of the Urban League movement, when he said last week:

"Our task is a grave one, especially at this time, when there is a growing despair that this nation can ever solve the racial divisions that have so torn and bloodied the fabric of our society. White America's attitude seems to be frozen in a sullen resentment against what interprets as a capitulation to blacks in the sixties. Middle America seems to be complaining that: 'They've got their laws. We've more clearly defined their rights. We've hired a few; voted for one. A black doctor just moved into our suburban neighborhood. We eat with them in restaurants, sit beside them in buses; and even allowed a few to desegregate our schools — on a token basis, of course. What more do they want?'"

"But while black Americans are saying 'a little bit of freedom won't do', white Americans respond 'thus far for black folk — and no further'. Hence, there is a national impasse found on white America's reluctance to complete the moral and social revolution started in the sixties, and its inability to fully understand that the issues of that decade are no longer civil rights issues of the seventies."

"In the sixties, the issue was the right to sit on the bus, today the issue is where that bus is going and what does it cost to get there. In the sixties, the issue was the right to eat at the lunch counter; today the issue is the hunger and malnutrition that stalk the land. In the sixties, the issue was fair employment. Today, that can no longer be separated from full employment of black people and equal access to every kind and level of employment. . . the restructuring of America's economic and political power so that blacks have their fair share of the rewards, the responsibilities, and the decision-making in every sector of society."

Louisville favored

Louisville is the solid favorite in the Missouri Valley Conference this season and Big Eight basketball coaches are running scared from another Valley product, Iowa State Coach Maury John.

John, after a highly successful tour at Drake, has shaken the staid Big Eight with the promise of an outstanding program at Iowa State.

John recruited five junior college transfers, promised that four of them would start and will showcase them in a new 14,325-seat arena at Ames. Cyclone partisans responded by buying out the new fieldhouse with more than 9,000 season tickets being sold to students.

Surgery for Star

MONTREAL — (UPI) — Defenseman Guy LaPointe of the National Hockey League Montreal Canadiens has been admitted to the Montreal General Hospital with a fractured right cheek bone, a club spokesman said Monday.

LaPointe sustained the injury Sunday night in Detroit when the Red Wings beat the Canadiens 4-2.

Canadiens officials said doctors expect to operate on LaPointe. He will be kept off the lineup for at least two weeks but may be allowed to skate next week.

Where is Miss Black Memphis

Four more receipt contestants in the upcoming "Miss Black Memphis" pageant to be held January 20, at the Holiday Inn Rivermont are Cynthia Renee Perkins, 17, a student at Central High, and a young actress who appeared in MSU's production of "Tommy"; Brenda Joyce Parter, 19, a student nurse at MSU; Bettye J. Miller, 18, a student at Northside, and Sharon Anell Lucas, 17, also a student at Northside. Entries for the contest are still being taken at: Miss Black Memphis, 1880 Lamar, or call, 272-2745 for information.



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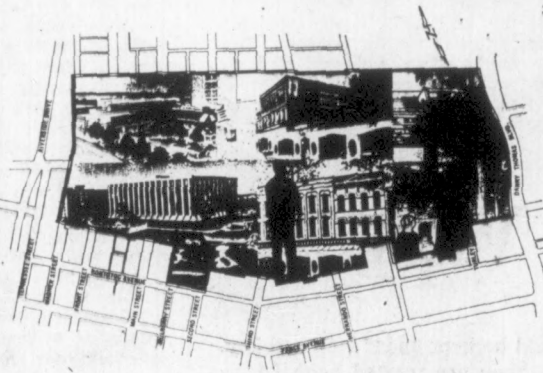
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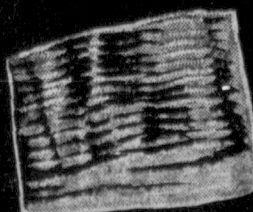
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WHAT A BACKLASH!



So This is Washington



African chamber an ambitious undertaking

By ETHEL L. PAYNE

The International African Chamber of Commerce is an ambitious undertaking to promote and foster trade and cultural relations between the USA and the developing African nations. Creator of the plan is an energetic and voluble young Ghanaian, Oshene Darko, who is married to an American black woman. He arranged a meeting in Chicago in July, 1970 with 24 African ambassadors present where the proposal was made. It was formally chartered as an organization with tax-exempt privileges in June of this year in Washington, D. C.

The board of directors includes the names of some prestigious black and white leaders of the business and academic worlds. Elected president at the October meeting was Charles M. Reynolds of Atlanta, president of the Citizens Trust Co. and chairman, Asa T. Spaulding retired president of the North Carolina Mutual Insurance Co. Elwood Quesada, president of the L'Enfant Plaza Corporation where the IACC is headquartered, is a board member, as are:

John Wheeler, president of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank in Durham; Walter Carrington, executive vice president of the African American Institute; Joseph Goodloe, president of the North Carolina Mutual Insurance Co.; George E. Johnson, Chicago, president, Johnson Products; Charles Patterson, Vice President World Airways; Rev. Leon Sullivan, Chairman OIC; Joseph Ali-Bandi, Whittaker Corporation, Los Angeles Dunbar McLaurin, New York City and Dr. James E. Cheek, Howard U.

Nearly everyone agrees that the idea is a good one, long overdue; but last week, it became clear that what is needed to make it viable is a thorough overhauling of its present structure before it can attract the solid financial support which it must have. Operating largely with enthusiastic volunteers, IACC has, nevertheless, floundered in an administrative quagmire.

A safari to Texas with a number of African ambassadors and representatives of several other African countries to participate in African Unity Day at Fort Worth and Dallas last week was beset with mishaps even before it left Washington. At the 11th hour, World Airways which had promised a plane to fly the group to Texas suddenly told Darko that he would have to come up with \$27,000 in cash. Frantic, he appealed to all the sources he knew, including the U. S. State Department to make the money available.

Somewhat, a miracle was wrought through the intervention of Reynolds, Spaulding and other members of the board and the good offices of James

Plimpton, a vice president of Eastern Airlines, who is black. Eastern furnished a D. C. 6 chartered jet with a price tag of \$15,000 and a 60-day grace period for payment. This was \$12,000 less than the cash payment demanded by World Airways.

A well-planted rumour floated around Washington to the effect that there was some sinister underground connection between IACC and the Union of South Africa was enough to cause several embassies to pull out altogether and others to designate lower-ranking diplomats instead of the ambassadors. As it wound up there were eight ambassadors on the trip, but missing were such countries as Nigeria, Zaire, formerly Congo, Zambia and Tanzania. Ghana's E. M. Debrah who was scheduled to have a street named for him in Fort Worth, had other business.

The cold rain which greeted the visitors when they landed at Love Field cast a pall over the activities and there was another snafu when the two buses carrying newsmen and the troupe of dancers and models who had accompanied the dignitaries were left standing at the airport for nearly three hours while some details were being worked out. The failure in communication and coordination bruised the sensitivities of the French-speaking delegates, but with superb tactfulness, this was resolved by Reynolds.

On the Texas end, Otis Martin, president of the Superior Tool Co., and his white business associate, Pat Rutherford, assumed the responsibility for most of the arrangements. Both are members of the national board of IACC. Rutherford, a millionaire businessman was brought into the IACC after Martin took him to the meeting in Chicago and he became convinced that the idea was a good one. The plane was four hours late leaving Texas for the return flight to Washington while some matters of financing were threshed out. Fortunately, there are enough people who

think that IACC is worthwhile. Reynolds and his associates are moving with business-like precision to put the organization on a sound footing and to shore up confidence among the embassies. After listening to a full-blown speech on black power, one diplomat put it succinctly: "Green power is more important. We cannot become entangled in your American race problems nor your politics. This is a question of economics. We want to develop more trade. We need new markets. We have the resources. You have the know how. Bringing these two things together. That is our interest."

Being Frank



Fla. columnist raps black rage, violence

By FRANK L. STANLEY

Leon Mindlin, columnist in the Miami Herald, has written an interesting and provocative column entitled "Blacks Must Give Up Rage."

After quoting some depressing statistics on incidents of assaults, disruption, and insubordination, Mindlin says: "The staggering increase in violence presents a bewildering picture. The teacher who told me her story sobs that understanding, patience and forgiveness are being asked of one side in what seems to be a new kind of ugly black-white confrontation."

According to Mindlin, a white teacher told him a grisly tale of being brutally beaten by a 15-year-old black girl in the high school where she is on the faculty. Continuing, Mindlin says: "A corresponding willingness to accept the responsibility for creating a society where there are no longer any sides is not demanded of the other."

Oppressed Human
"The teacher says she is being asked to think of her black assailant as an oppressed human being — that the student who attacked her is disadvantaged and oppressed and, what is worse, emotionally crippled by these disadvantages. "But, she wonders, what efforts are being made to instruct the girl that, disadvantaged or not, you can't go around beating people?"

"The teacher has a point. It is right that the white community should be called upon to contribute its vast resources to heal the injustices for which it is itself largely responsible."

"But it is wrong that the black community should not also be called upon to contribute something of its own to help knit the racial schism. Whites are still being taught that their resistance to racial egalitarianism cannot square with their political principles. That is as it should be; the lesson is not yet entirely learned."

"But now blacks must be taught the importance of a total black commitment to the responsibility of membership in a free society. Thus, Mindlin concludes that: "The rising tide of violence in our schools shows that his lesson has not even begun to be offered."

"Part of the reason for the violence lies in the Black Power philosophy — the black man's punishment of the white man's sin."

"But Black Power is not American; it is African. It's roots is Frantz Fanon, the black Martinique psychiatrist whose writings inspired the Algerian revolution."

"Fanonism prescribes (1) black vio-

lence against the white oppressor until the black man's rages are spent in an 'acting out' of the centuries of humiliation he has suffered; and (2) black separatism on the basis that white civilization is inferior to it."

Furthermore, Mindlin points out: "But the growing incidence of racial violence, whether in the schools or on the streets of the nation's cities, shows that the revolutionary black man may not really be sure of just what he wants at the moment, and so he plays Frantz Fanon by ear until he decides."

"The time for that kind of improvisation is over. The black man must give up acting out his rages as a substitute for taking hold of the reins and accepting the responsibility of his freedom. "In failing to demand this as part of a mutual partnership in a peaceful society, whites may well be adopting a new kind of white racial arrogance toward their black neighbors of whom they now conceive as errant children, needing somehow to be helped through a temper tantrum."

"Instead, the lesson that must be insisted on is a simple one: Violence is not responsibility. It is anarchy. And to teach responsibility is not to be prejudiced."

Much of what Mindlin has written constitutes a valid argument against violence. Certainly it is most unfortunate that this white teacher suffered a brutal beating by a black girl. However, it is fallacious to draw conclusions that the crime increase in Florida or anywhere else is due mostly to blacks and that such a record indicates that all blacks are "errant children." No sane person, black or white, can argue successfully against the fact that freedom entails citizenship responsibilities and that all teachers are required to teach responsibility and accordingly should not be beaten for carrying out their duty."

The majority of black persons in this land abhor the violence that may be attributed to blacks who constitute a small minority. At the same time we abhor violence of every sort, regardless of the race of the perpetrator. Indeed, violence is an American problem involving white and black instigators — a part of whom should be ferreted out and rightfully punished. Even though Africa is looked upon as the mother-country of American blacks it does not necessarily follow that America's black citizenry is practicing Fanonism."

We suggest that Mindlin do some research on the majority of blacks in America who are measuring up to their citizenship responsibilities.

Norfolk points the way

Times are a 'chargin'...

For many years, the Black man has been asking himself, "When are my people going to awaken?" Now it is time for him to ask the white man, "When are you going to awaken?"

Tokenism in jobs, positions, homes, grants, gifts and countless other ways, has been the establishment's way of pacifying the Black man to forget his anger and return to a "more peace-co-existence" for decades and decades.

What will it take to awaken the white man that no longer will token actions suffice?

Black Memphians are not going to be satisfied with the upgrading of the present Human Relations Council to pursue their police abuse charges. It is pugnaciously obvious that upgrading the present system with more money, and a longer name or title, without delegating more power to it, will change little more than the diet on which its members feed. Instead of hamburger, they will now dine a steak.

Mayor-elect Wyeth Chandler commented on the new proposal by saying, "whether right or wrong, true or untrue, there is a feeling on the council, we need to do something to develop a better feeling between the Black community and police."

An attitude such as Mayor-elect Chandler put forth, is exactly why black-white and police-community relations are as they are today. When the attitude and mood of the Black community appears to pose a threat to the white community, the white establishment, says, "do something now, even if it's wrong."

At the same time, they keep the idea in mind not to give the Black man anything, "just make him think we are doing him a favor." In effect, what usually happens is, "Mr. Charlie" takes the Black man's nickel and gives him five pennies in return, telling him now he has five pieces of money instead of one.

The day and age when Black Memphis will be fooled by the old "shell and nut" game, is coming to a close.

Black Memphis knows what it wants.

Black Memphis is saying, "we know what we want, and AIN'T nobody going to turn us around."

Last week the Shelby County Grand Jury returned indictments against nine individuals out of the more than 30 "Law and Order" representatives at the scene of 17-year old Elton Hayes' death two months ago.

Many Black Memphians were surprised to learn of the nine indictments in light of the actions that have occurred in the past when white policemen were accused of misconduct. How they (the Grand Jury) arrived at a figure of nine, is a puzzle to all, but in light of public and nationwide concern in the case, something, even at a minimum, had to be done.

As a result of the number charged, and the specifications made, four indicted for murder, four with "assault to murder," and one neglect of duty, it is no wonder the grand jury has always chosen to seek exclusion from the press behind closed doors.

Had "everyday Black Joe" been charged with murder, and lived with his family until such time as he was apprehended, and it were made known that the family knew of his crime yet failed to turn him in. . . The whole family would be subject to arrest for harboring a criminal or accessory after the fact.

But in the case of policemen, who seemingly are almighty when it comes to interpreting the law, there can be no such charges.

Should not Sheriff Roy Nixon be charged with harboring a criminal? Three of the four men charged with first degree murder are his "children." Police Chief Henry Lux suspended 23 of his men without hesitation upon learning of the circumstances, although they received pay while "suspended." Nixon repeatedly denied that his men had anything to do with the death of young Hayes.

After learning of the indictments, Sheriff Nixon put on a very touching show by crying for TV newsmen, but this should not exonerate him for his crime.

Surely all 30-odd law officers at the scene are guilty in one form or another. Their absolute silence regarding the case, itself, makes them accessories.

After observing the "establishment of law and order" protect itself for so many years, the Black community is prepared for the time when it is announced that no one will be charged. The black community is acutely aware that indictments are not convictions. How the Black masses will react, remains to be seen.

My View

Why Charles Evers lost his bid in Mississippi

By DR. BENJAMIN E. MAYS



There is no one reason that can account for Charles Evers' defeat in his run to become governor of Mississippi. There are many reasons and all the reasons I name may not include them all. To summarize it in a few words — EVERS IS BLACK. No black man could be elected Governor of Mississippi in 1971. The days of miracles may not be over, but it would have taken an act of God to get Evers elected. So much for the generalization.

Most of the white people in Mississippi would have voted against Evers just because he is black. Many white men have been elected Governors of Mississippi who had no more on the ball than Evers and some did not have as much. If God were known to be black and ran for governor in Mississippi, God would have been defeated; especially if God made no use of His divine powers.

This does not mean that no whites voted for Evers for I understand that a goodly number of whites did vote for Evers. But at this point in time, not enough whites would have voted for Evers to put him in the governor's chair. There are always a few whites around who would vote for a black man to win the governor's chair; but their number is infinitesimal.

Then there is the plain fact that blacks have been voting so short a time that many of them do not know the significance of voting. They could care less who is governor. Black people may cry BLACK POWER, BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS, BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL, etc.,

but black is not beautiful enough to make a black man governor if it takes virtually all black votes to get him elected, depending of course, upon some white votes.

All this is compounded by the fact that there are still many blacks who have no faith in a black man's ability to run a state. There are still many blacks around who think white and when they vote, they will vote white.

I was recently told by a Mississippian that blacks are still intimidated in many sections in Mississippi. Whites threatened blacks in order to keep them from voting. Many of these blacks can be intimidated merely by being told by their white landlords to stay away from the polls. This happens not only in Mississippi, but in other sections of small towns and rural areas in the South.

There is a final factor that contributed to Evers' defeat. It was mighty fine of Lindsay, Hubert Humphrey and other well meaning liberals to go into Mississippi and campaign for Evers.

But it did not help Evers with most white people in Mississippi to have Yankees coming into the state to campaign for a black man against a white man. This is more than the average white Mississippian can stand.

Be this as it may, it was good for Charles Evers to run for Governor. The whites in the state will get used to blacks voting and running for office. I hope Evers' campaign is prophetic of things to come.

Point of View

By NAT D. WILLIAMS
PRISON TALK

The community is beginning to seethe with verbal expressions of concern regarding the situation of inmates of prisons and penal farms in Tennessee.

This interest is perhaps general throughout the nation. The dramatic impact of prison outbreaks and rebellions in various sections of the nation obviously account for the growing volume of talk about what is going on in penal institutions all over.

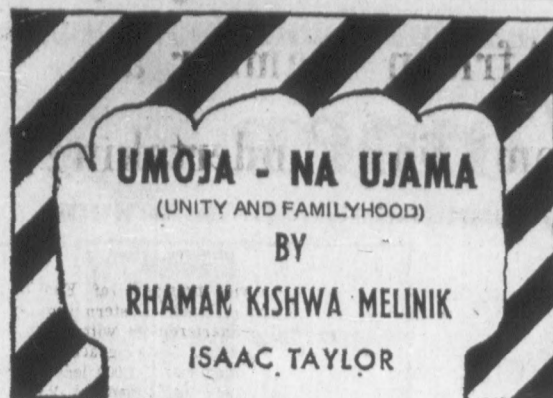
Amidst this volume of comment, a variety of attitudes may be discerned. Some folk display a maudlin sentimentality about the prisoners. They talk in terms of their feelings. Their comment revolves mainly around the theme of the "poor, mistreated, forgotten prisoners." And there is much merit in this position, but more sound than substance.

Then there are those whose attitude is one of callous indifference or perhaps hostility. This attitude holds on to the old idea that prisons exist to punish wrongdoers. This attitude supports the view that the inmates have got what is coming to them. . . that they are a menace to society, and

should be kept under lock and key. How they are treated behind bars does not occupy the thinking of persons who hold the attitude that prisoners are only receiving deserved punishment. It causes people to brush aside the reasonable complaints of prisoners, if they happen to be voiced. It leads to a willingness to express annoyance from the prisoners with brutal acts of repression, even to the extent of slaughtering the prisoners.

Another attitude has strong overtones of reactions to racism. Persons who hold this view insist that since more than 85 percent of the inmates of most prisons in the United States are Black, or are members of other dark-skinned minorities, these inmates are maltreated, brutalized, neglected, and otherwise dehumanized. And there is a basis of truth in the observations.

But over and beyond such attitudes there is the growing and sober attitudes that there is a dire need for the American public to take a long, hard look at the nation's prison situation. Some important questions need to be asked. Some drastic reforms need to be made. Some concern should be shown.



Who Are The Offenders of the Law: Those caught between the hammer and the anvil, the judicial system and vested property interest. The black landless man on the shores of North America has been put on two slave ships, the one of wood and steel, the other of paper, the 13, 14 and 15th amendments. The black man is the offender of the law, caught between the white judicial system and the white property owner law makers, the hammer and the anvil.

The mood of white America boiled to the surface when the Supreme Court's Dred Scott decision in 1857 ruled the Missouri Compromise unconstitutional, holding that a slave's residence in free territory did not make him free and denying citizenship rights to descendants of slaves.

This mood of the vested interest of the lawmakers of white America emerged again after the family quarrel between the cotton makers of the South and the factory builders of the North in the so-called Civil War. Congress gave the slaves the "due process and equal protection of the laws" in the 14th amendment and the "right to vote" in the 15th amendment denying them the promised 40 acres of land, while the same lawmakers gave away to railroads and corporations an empire of land larger than the whole of Western Europe.

The laws laid down by white lawmakers at the turn of the 20th century, regulating the economic interest of white America, are the same laws that determine that the black man is the offender of the law today.

Due process of the economic laws have filled the Shelby County jails, penal farms, and state penitentiaries with black men who are considered the offender of the law.

The eyeball to eyeball death hold strangulation of the economic laws is that they force black lawyers and black judges into a situation where they are forced ultimately to give sanction to the laws of a white culture. The black man who is without cultural, educational, and an economic base is forced to be the offender of white laws.

Every move of the judicial system is to rehabilitate the black man back to his slave position before he offended white law. This puts the black slave man in a position of either being a good slave boy or being offensive to the law, a cycle of slave containment. Since the black lawyer has studied nothing by Anglo-Saxon law, he is forced to have faith in the judicial system, and since the economic system controls the educational and judicial system, the black lawyer is forced, by logical conclusion, to have faith in the economic and cultural system of white people.

To extend logic to the ultimate conclusion, then, is to see that the whole prison reform movement could only result in better and more comfortable prisons for the offender of the economic laws, the black slave man.

By the nature of things in this country, the judicial system was set up to handle exceptional breakdowns occurring in the general Anglo Saxon economic and cultural system. That leaves black people outside of the whole arrangement. The strength of the argument should force black lawyers to construct arrangements through black people for black people.

Radio, TV pioneer dies

NEW YORK (UPI) — Gen. David Sarnoff, pioneer of the radio and television industry in the United States and retired board chairman of the Radio Corporation of America, died Sunday.

He was 80 years old.

Catholic parents are to blame

BOSTON (UPI) — An expert on the financial plight of American education said "changing attitude" among Catholic parents are more to blame than money problems for the growing number of Catholic school closings.

"We find very often that the younger, more affluent and better educated parents are simply not starting their children in Catholic schools," said the Rev. Ernest J. Bartell, president of Stonehill college in Easton, Mass.

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Dr. J. E. Johnson speaks at MSU

Dr. Joseph E. Johnson, chancellor of the University of Tennessee Medical Units, will be featured speaker for the Dec. 18 commencement ceremonies at Memphis State University, Dr. Cecil C. Humphreys, MSU president, announced.

A member of the UT administration since 1963, Dr. Johnson served as executive assistant to President Emeri-

tus Andrew D. Holt, vice president for institutional research, and vice president for development and administration prior to his appointment to the chancellorship a year ago. He also serves as vice president for health affairs for the UT system.

A total of 977 students are scheduled to receive degrees in the 10 a. m. ceremonies

at the Mid-South Coliseum. Bachelor's degrees will be awarded to 729, master's degrees to 238, doctoral degrees to seven and law degrees to three. With the winter commencement, Memphis State will have awarded 28,319 degrees since it became a four-year institution in 1925.

Dr. Johnson, 38, is a native of Vernon, Ala. He received his bachelor of arts degree in 1955 from Birmingham Southern College and both his master's and doctorate from the University of Tennessee.

For three years prior to his appointment at UT, Dr. Johnson served as director of budget division, deputy commissioner of finance and administration and executive assistant to former Tennessee Governor Buford Ellington.

When he came to Memphis, the medical units had been operating without a permanent chancellor for almost a year. Although he was originally expected to remain in this capacity for 18 months before returning to Knoxville, UT President Dr. Edward Bolling recommended his permanent ap-

pointment after noting Dr. Johnson's effectiveness here. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the Kiwanis Club of Memphis, the Tennessee and National Education Association, the American Educational Research Association and the Association of Academic Health Centers. Dr. Johnson is married and the father of two children.

New briefs of Le Moyne-Owen

LeMoyne-Owen College will crown a new campus queen this Friday night, December 17.

The crowning will highlight a coronation ball starting at 8 in the Hotel Chisca Plaza ballroom.

Winner of the contest will be the result of a campus-wide vote taken last week but her name will remain secret until the night of the coronation ball.

The winner is among six finalists: Johnetta Phillips, Patricia Dowell, Jacquelyn McKinney, Mary Walker, Emma Anderson and Diantha Beasley.

The LeMoyne-Owen ball will be patterned after the "Miss America" coronation, with A. C. Williams, of WDIA radio station, serving as emcee.

Miss Eunice Carruthers and Villa of Sears will narrate the fashion portion of the ball.

All 16 contestants in the contest will be presented at the ball, along with other campus queens and representatives of classes, sororities and fraternities.

The Rated-X orchestra will play for the coronation.

HALFWAY MARK

The joint annual campaign now being conducted by LeMoyne-Owen for the college and the United Negro College Fund reached the halfway mark this week. The goal is \$100,000.

The \$7,783 reported by campaign workers Tuesday morning, Dec. 7, pushed the total raised to date to \$50,915.48.

Charles Brakefield, chairman of the campaign, said another report meeting will be held on campus at a breakfast scheduled for 8 a.m. Tuesday, December 21. The campaign will end on December 31.

Odell Horton, president of LeMoyne-Owen, said 25 percent of the amount raised will go to the United Negro College Fund and the other 75 percent to the college for operating expenses.

The investment in the United Negro College Fund will mean a return of around \$100,000 to LeMoyne-Owen from the UNCF national campaign.

Memphian to move to N.Y.

Dr. Berkley B. Eddins, who served as Resident Visiting Fellow at the Center for Democratic Studies in California, during last spring, has returned to the State University of New York, at Buffalo, where he serves as an associate professor of Philosophy. He was the first black to be appointed Assistant to the President of that University.

While at the Center, Dr. Eddins distinguished himself in a debate with Senator Harold Hughes, Democrat, of Iowa, on the Tugwell Draft Constitution.

Eddins, a native Memphian and product of the Memphis City Schools, earned his Bachelor and Master's Degrees at Howard University. He completed his doctorate in philosophy at the University of Michigan. He has taught at the University of Colorado and at Howard University.

Articles by Dr. Eddins have been published by the Review of Metaphysics, Systematic Journal of Conflict Resolution, International Journal of History and Political Science, and The Encyclopedia Americana. His brilliancy has won national recognition for him in the field of Philosophy.

Here in Memphis, Berkley Eddins may be remembered as a quiet studious young fellow, who won high honors in his graduation class at Booker T. Washington High School in 1944. He taught himself music, — how to play classics on the piano. He taught himself French when he needed a reading knowledge of that language to pass orals for the masters degree.

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Kennedy Democrats visit Nash.

Several members of the Kennedy Democratic Organization attended a National Democratic Rally held in Nashville, Tenn., December 2 at Municipal Auditorium.

The day-long meeting offered all-day programs, workshops on fund raising, voter registration and public relations. A workshop on understanding the new national Democratic party rules, the Constitution and by-laws was also held. Each person in attendance was given a kit containing all the necessary facts, including voter registration manuals and other such materials such as precinct workers guidelines.

Bob Clements, son of the late Gov. Frank Clements, told the group that the Democratic party, known as the "people's party," must go back to the grass-roots level in politics.

The rally ended with a cocktail party to delight the guests who paid \$100 to attend. Those present from Memphis were: Mrs. Alma Morris, Mrs. Jeanette Brantley, Mrs. Sandra Elion, Mrs. Bordenia Taylor (all of the Kennedy club), and Mrs. Pat Owens from the Eighth District Democratic Club.

A good time was had by all, with Boots Randolph orchestra providing the entertainment.

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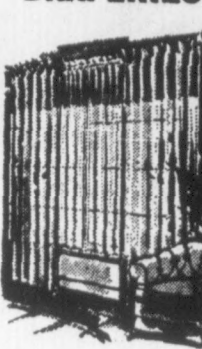
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After entering the house it was easy for the guests to find their way to the party room. It was held in the newly decorated (ballroom size) den, which has a marble floor, red drapes and was laid out in a beautiful Spanish decor. There was music, a catering service and drinks of all kinds.

Members of the group seen circulating across and around the dance floor were:

Mrs. Birdie Brown, Mrs. Carrie Morton, Mrs. Julia K. Jones, Mrs. Shirley Richmond, Mrs. Leathe Johnson, Mrs. Willie Jones, Mrs. Ora North, Mrs. Willa Lenore, Mrs. Aslene Pittman, and the hostess for the evening, Mrs. Marion Thomas.

All the ladies were said to be stunning in their elegant evening gowns and pantsuits.

The ladies seeking mem-

bership in the club were, Mrs. Barbara Gibbs, Mrs. Carrie Williams, and Mrs. Bobbie Rayford.

Mrs. Carrie Morton, president of the Exclusive Ladies, presented each member and her guest with a gift, which ranged from lounge-wear to sleepwear. Later, the club members presented the president, secretary and assistant secretary with a set of china for each.

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A saleslady full of smile

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"I really love the furniture business," said Mrs. Daugherty, "and I often spend my free time looking up information about upholstery work as well as getting familiar with the best of furniture, which can be found here."

The mother of two girls, Sheila Ann, 17, a senior at Hamilton high, and Aurelia Renee, 9, a student at Hamilton elementary, Nina has been employed at Joel's only three months, but won the



respect and admiration of her supervisor, Jimmy Brimm, while she was employed at Shainberg's.

"I worked at Shainberg's for 18 years, and the last eight, I was manager of the ladies sportswear department," said Nina.

"This business is a lot more fascinating than a lot of people would think," she added. "There's a lot to learn besides being just a saleslady."

As an active member at Columbus Baptist Church, Nina is also a member of the senior choir. She has been with the church for over nine years.

When she left Shainberg's,

Nina had two other offers, but decided on Joel's because of the type of work, (and the better salary).

About the customers, Mrs. Daugherty added that "more often than not, women do have the better taste in furniture than men, but most important, either way, it's usually the woman who decides which style to buy."

Although Nina is still working on the idea of being a "super-saleslady," one visit at Joel's at 3339 Jackson, and you'll be convinced that not only did you see the best in furniture, but a smile that would rival Mona Lisa.



Lana Vernice Bosley, a 17-year-old senior at Carver High, was one of 81 girls competing in a recent "Miss Personality Queen Pageant", held at the Downtowner Motor Inn. As one of the 18 finalists, Miss Bosley was awarded a Blue Ribbon. Added to this, Lana was awarded a trophy for instructing the other girls in modeling their fashions. Lana is a graduate of Patricia's Modeling School on Madison ave. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Borters at 7 West Norwood.

Sorors honor Emma Dewberry

The Alpha Eta Zeta Sorority held its monthly meeting recently at Robilio's Cafeteria. All sorors present were dressed in black dresses to perform memorial service

for the late Emma J. Dewberry, executive secretary for the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated.

Soror Rosetta Peterson was in charge of the service, while soror Bernice Calloway read a tribute to the deceased who served as secretary for the fraternity for many years.

The three-story national headquarters of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, located in Washington, D. C., was her former home, where she was official director of the headquarters.

She was widely known for her photographic memory and superb mind.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies, Basileus Juliet Jones announced that the organization has planned an Emma J. Dewberry scholarship fund in honor of the deceased.



Contempora

Erma Lee Laws
Woman's Editor



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PRE-CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL PARTY . . . was tossed Friday night by the PATS Bridge Club in the Red Room of the Sheraton-Motor Inn. The bash, with its bountiful table bedecked with holiday decorations, great hand thundering out sounds reminiscent of the New Orleans Jazz Age, a well-stocked bar with potables mixed according to individual requests and last but not least, superb hostesses, was an elegant affair.

PATS greeting the cheerful guests were Thelma Miller, President, escorted by Dr. Elbert Hayes, Wilhelm and Charles Thompson, Eurallia and Charles Fletcher, Ezelle (Mrs. Hannibal) Parks, Lucy Jackson, Shirley and Leroy Jackson, Ethel and George Isabel, Mollie Fields with Marlon Carter, and Hazel Lee.

Among the handsomely clad guests in holiday moods, were Mr. and Mrs. James Cowan, Mrs. Jean Lee Harris with Dr. Charles L. Dinkins, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Flowers, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Crossley, Mr. and Mrs. Major Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilkerson, Mr. and Mrs. Spenser Smith, Mrs. Fannie Johnson, James Miles, Mr. and Mrs. Ocie Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. David Gardner, Mrs. Lee Ethel DeWalt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Draper, Mrs. Brownie King, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parker, Mr. and Mrs. James Herndon, Mrs. Lillian Lott and Solomon Prioleux, Sgt. and Mrs. John Mitchell, and Mr. and Mrs. Elton Higgins.

Still others singing praises to the PATS were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Biggers, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodman, Jack Humes, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gray, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Lewis, Mrs. Evelyn Tubbs, Miss Carolyn Pickens, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thomas (she spent the Thanksgiving Holidays in Detroit); Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shackelford, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Floyd, Mrs. Celestine Owens with J. L. Lowe, Mrs. Emma Mitchell, Mrs. Florine Davis, Mrs. Jacquelyn Bailey with Norville Sanders, Mrs. Laura Roberson, and Willie E. Lindsey, Jr.

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Members shown on photo left to right are: Mrs. Lawrence (Janet) Seymour, Charles (Maria) Pinkston,

Honoree, D. J. (Lois) Moses, Samuel (Maggie) Peace, and Edward (Gladys) Reed. Standing in same order: Mrs. William (Addie) Owen, James (Angie) Hawkins, Charles (Fannie) Woodard, Felton (Ethlyn) Earls, Burrus (Leana) Fouché, William (Ann) Weathers, Houston (Mary) Braswell, and Odell (Evie) Horton. Others present were Mrs. J. W. (A.B.) Greer, H. H. (Erline) Hay, er, Booker (Frederick) Hodges, O. B. (Emma) Johnson, Howard (Joyce) Pinkston, William (Bernice) Stidham, Linkwood (Katie) Williams, John (Bobbie) Stokes, and Charles (Evelyn) Iles.

Bio-medical minority schools to receive aid

Institutions of higher learning with predominantly ethnic minority student bodies will be able to participate in the first federally-supported grant program designed specifically to bolster their biomedical research and research training capability, the Division of Research Resources of HEW's National Institutes of Health announced.

This week the Minority Schools Biomedical Support (MSBS) Grant Program applications and program guidelines are being mailed to some 125 four-year colleges, universities, and health-professional schools whose student enrollment is drawn mainly from ethnic minority groups. Ninety-five of these are institutions founded for blacks, eighteen are Mexican-American and Puerto Rican, one is American Indian, two are oriental, and nine are composed of Hawaiian and other racial extractions.

The new program is consistent with the clear mandate expressed by the President of the United States in his Congressional message of February 22, 1971, proposing measures to "expand opportunities for higher education" for minority groups. It also is responsive to the Senate Appropriation Committee Report of July 29, 1971, in which the General Research Support Branch of the Division of Research Resources was encouraged "to initiate a program for the development of the health sciences at predominantly black colleges." Appropriations were set at \$2 million for FY '72.

"The main thrust of the MSBS Program is to strengthen institutional capabilities and pave the way for meaningful biomedical research activity in the black, brown, red, and other ethnic minority schools," said Dr. Thomas G. Bowery Director of NIH's Division of Research Resources. "At the present time, fewer than 600 blacks have a doctorate in the sciences. There are more than 250,000 science Ph.D.s in the country. We hope to stimulate greater involvement of faculty and students so that the Nation may benefit in the future from this almost untapped resource."

Twenty-five minority institutions were surveyed during the past summer by the General Research Support Branch to determine their needs and capabilities in the biomedical research area. In October, administrators and scientists from ninety minority institutions participated in nine area meetings at which tentative guidelines were discussed. From these

nine meetings and other consultations, the framework of the Minority Schools Biomedical Support Program was developed.

Awards under this program will range from approximately \$30,000 to \$500,000 per year for a possible five-year support period. Applicant institutions will compete for available funds at three levels of activity. Smaller awards could enable institutions to support the activities of a few faculty members involved in individual research or research training activities. At the intermediate level, the institutions could extend and expand the biomedical activities of one or more departments, such as biology, chemistry, psychology, etc. In the larger grant category, institutions could make long-range commitments for the general expansion of their overall biomedical research capabilities through the involvement of sizeable

faculty groups.

The MSBS Program is designed to provide institutional support for biomedical research and research training rather than support of individual categorical research projects. Funds awarded under this program may be used for a broad range of biomedically-oriented purposes, including the support of faculty "release time," biomedical research programs, salaries of research personnel including undergraduate students as research or laboratory assistants, research training programs, undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate research trainees, research resources, and consortia biomedical programs.

Only one MSBS award will be made to a successfully qualifying institution for the present, according to Dr. Robert J. Gibbs, Chief of the General Research Support Branch, which administers the grants.

James E. Jones recreates life of Frederick Douglass

His fingers slap the side of his tuxedo-trousered leg, as he recites a slave's barbed comment on antebellum justice: "We peel de meat, dey gib us de skin. And dat's de way dey take us in."

There is a mock nostalgia in the voice of James Earl Jones — like some hereditary undercurrent that would reach full boil a century later in his playing of the great Black boxer Jack Johnson in "The Great White Hope." But today he is Frederick Douglass, escaped slave, writer, and diplomat. And his words recreate a slave's Christmas during the NET Playhouse taping of "An American Christmas" on Channel 10 at 7:00 p.m. on December 20.

Like Douglass, Jones is precise in his speech, for his intonations and timbre are those of a Shakespearean actor. And he affects a drawl — perhaps remembered from his own Mississippi upbringing — as he shifts from Douglass' voice to the rhythms of a slave's plaint.

But the ritualistic slapping of the leg — dubbed "ham-bone" — is foreign to him. He keeps seeking the beat, as a voice in the control room calls out. "Let's try

another take of that, Jimmy."

Finally he settles into it, and a grin becomes fixed on his bearded face. The words and the "beat" cohere, and Jones' reading is applauded by the invisible director.

Now, as he crosses the set, he appears too gentle, with his soft tread and quiet voice, for Douglass' caustic remembrance. And yet it was his quality of contained anger that catapulted him to Tony-winning stardom in "The Great White Hope."

These two qualities — gentleness and strength — mingle in the words he speaks and the attitudes he has evolved. There is anger at aspects of American life, and a sense of his own professional response to it.

Thus, it is apt that Jones should read the words of Douglass, who saw the holidays as "among the most effective means in the hands of slaveholders of keeping down the spirit of insurrection among the slaves."

But Jones finds "no kindred spirit" in the man he is portraying. "His image — of the noble, upstanding, proper Negro — is something we've long since forsaken. There's an interesting irony in the perfection of

his English, I enjoy sharing that irony — like a sound gag — with the audience."

He continues: "Too often minority-group people get caught up in an image. So, someone like Cassius Clay became the victim of an unpopular image. Jack Johnson knew how to exploit his image."

For a slave, in Douglass' words, the accepted mode of Christmas celebration was "ball-playing, wrestling, boxing, running, foot-races, dancing, and drinking whiskey; and this latter mode was generally most agreeable to their masters." Jones comments: "Caesar knew that you must beware your enemy when he is thinking. It's better if you can get him to play baseball. That's why sports opened faster to minority groups."

Jones himself "got diverted from sports because I was a slutterer. During football practice, I was in those literature and poetry classes, learning to talk. You might say the communication mystique was stronger than the athletic mystique. Just as blues is the instrument of the oppressed, so poetry is the instrument of the repressed."



JAMES E. JONES

Sheltered on his grandparents' farm, he first experienced racism when the family moved north to Michigan "where I least expected it." But to Jones, "there's a heavier pain than racism for the victim and the victimizer. The hurt was never in being called 'nigger.' The hurt was in being put down."

Even today, he admits, "one of the most shattering things is for a famous Black person to face the rejection of a cop, a cabbie, or whoever it might be. And it's no comfort to have that rejection turned to acceptance because they recognize who you are."

Yet he accepts stardom gracefully. Years of off-Broadway and Shakespeare in the Park gave Jimmy Jones an actor's pride that "The Great White Hope" could never inflate out of proportion.

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