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## Waterloo Black Community Rises To Support Worthy Lady

### Hunger Knows No Color

The Black Hawk Welfare Rights Organization has worked long and hard to eradicate the ills of poverty in this community.

For the last month this organization has worked many hours to have a successful gate collection on Nov. 10.

Letters were sent to several factories in the area requesting permission to conduct collections. Most of the businesses responded

positively to the request.

The W. R. O. explained in each request that the funds collected would be used as an emergency fund for welfare clients who ran out of food or fuel in the middle of the month.

Where the W.R.O. went wrong was in sending a request in to the Solicitation Review Board asking for their "blessings" in their ef-

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MARY HELEN BERDELL

A new position has been created in the Waterloo School system called Coordinator of Human Relations. This coordinator will supervise, coordinate and promote various segments of the Human Relations program.

Mary Helen Berdell has applied for this position. It has recently come to the attention of some of the Waterloo Black Community that a young man from Dubuque had been offered this position.

This cannot be!! This must not be!!

The members of the community who have been involved with negotiating with the School Board made several demands, among them were: 4B -- which states that in recruitment of staff, priority will be given to local people. Demand 14 states that the community be given a voice in the hiring of staff.

The concerned citizens feel that the director of School Community Relations (Mr. W. Ray Richardson) is advocate for the community and as such should be an extension of the community and not an extension of the administration. With this in mind, Mr. Richardson has sent the following to Mr. Diestmeier:

The subject of who to hire as the Coordinator of Human Relations Development, has arisen in the Black community. The community feels very strongly that a prior commitment, of input into hiring has been violated. The community also feels that I am an extension of the community and cannot make this hiring decision in total. Therefore; if I am to be an extension of the community and provide for the wishes of the community, then my recommendation for the job is Mary Berdell. My prior recommendation is unacceptable to the community because it is felt that Mary Berdell can relate better to the total Waterloo situation in all respects than an outsider. I urge you to consider the above carefully. The recommendation is made with the total community in mind.

Demand Number 14 -- Community input in the hiring procedures be used in all the above stated demands related to the topic.

Mary Berdell's qualifications really need no airing for they are well known by all.

On Dec. 6, 1970, Ruth Ann Matre of the Waterloo Courier did a full scale story on Miss Berdell. It was an excellent job and we are reprinting it through their courtesy.

By RUTH ANN MATRE  
WOMEN'S STAFF WRITER  
When a person is blind, this condition may create a potentially  
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## AN EDITORIAL November 7--Election Day

Every two years politicians come into the black community hustling our votes. Most of them we never see again until the next time they are up for election. This year it is the same old story.

We feel that neither party nor presidential candidate are addressing themselves to the needs of black people. They don't even say they have a secret plan. It appears as though our existence is being ignored.

Both candidates are aware of the needs of farmers, laborers, businessmen, women, industrialists, unions, suburbanites, educators - all recognized by both parties as special interest groups. Little or nothing has been said that deals specifically with the survival of all black people in this country.

Nevertheless, it is important that we vote this Tuesday, November 7, since there are other contests equally as important to us, if not more so, as the offices of president and governor.

Both the State and U. S. Constitutions delegate powers to each of the three branches of govern-

ment in specific areas. For example, the legislative branch levies tax monies and appropriates funds. The legislative branch also has power to override the executive's veto of a bill. We need to vote for candidates for Congress and the State Legislature.

The most important office to us in Black Hawk county is the County Board of Supervisors. This group oversees the poverty programs, county relief, social services (welfare), and the crime commission to mention just a few areas of jurisdiction.

Therefore, it is time that we take a hard look at the candidates for this board. It is even more important that every registered black go to the polls to vote for those candidates for this office who are not anti-black, anti-poor white, anti-welfare recipient.

We have to do our part on election day to help make local government more responsive and meaningful to all citizens. We have got to be in that ballpark as players and watchdogs when the man says, "Play ball!"

### YWCA Dialogue Groups To Meet

The YWCA Dialogue Groups will meet November 14, at 1:15 p.m. at the YWCA. We are having as our guest speaker, Mr. Ray Richardson, who is Director of School and Community Relations. He will speak on the problems in the schools and how we can work effectively to bring about a better relationship.

The public is invited to attend. We need you to help us to venture out into new ways of working together for peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all people.

The Dialogue Groups and the Operation Threshold Neighborhood Centers will have a pre-Thanksgiving dinner November 16 at the YWCA at 12 noon for the senior citizens from the Neighborhood Centers.

### Our Sympathies

The Waterloo Defender extends its sympathies to the family of the late Mr. Coleman Baker who passed on Thursday, Nov. 2nd. He will be missed.

The Waterloo Defender extends its sympathies to the entire Burt Family.

Robert Burt, Sr. was an outstanding member of this community.

He leaves his legacy in his children who all offer much to our community.

CHICAGO -- (NBNS) -- Johnson Publications, publishers of Ebony and Jet Magazine, have purchased radio station WGRT for \$1.8 million. It will become the city's first black-owned radio station.



W.R.O. President Anding and Vice-President Anfinson, along with one member, Miss Dorothy Perkins.

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forts. From this reporter's investigation, it seems that the Review Board was about to give its "blessing" when W.R.O. made the mistake of going in to the supervisors meeting to be fed.

**W.R.O. PICKETS SUPERVISORS**  
The picketers from WRO first took their problem to the County Relief Office, later they went into the County Supervisors meeting looking for help.

The signs read, How long must we be hungry? Where do we go for help? We are cold! Supervisor Henry Willoughby told them to return to the County Relief office and they would get help.

Mr. Ed Miller of County Relief only wanted to speak with one person (this is the age-old trick played on the oppressed -- If no witnesses are present everything can later be denied.) After much discussion back and forth, Mr. Miller asked for specific names of those who were hungry.

When he was given these, he suggested that they make an appointment. Everyone who has been to any of the county "so-called help" agencies knows that appointments are of little or NO value.

**SOLICITATION REVIEW BOARD REACTS**

An application for the Welfare Rights Organization here to conduct a gate solicitation Nov. 10 was disapproved Monday by the Metropolitan Solicitations Review Board.

The board, made up of representatives from Waterloo, Cedar Falls and Evansdale, disapproved the application on the basis of its being a duplication of services already provided in the community

by other agencies.

**NO SUM SPECIFIED**

WRO had asked to conduct a factory gate fund drive "to raise an unlimited amount of money." Their intent, according to the application filed by Marvin Fagerlind of Raymond as spokesman, is to provide food and fuel for poor and low income people.

Listed as president of WRO is Allie Anding and LaVonne Anfinson is vice president.

Monday, a group of WRO members carrying signs walked into the county Board of Supervisors meeting in the courthouse demanding an overhaul of Social Services and the county relief program.

The WRO members insisted their members were hungry Monday in their confrontation with supervisors, and said they would be back the last Monday of each month in the future.

The group of around 17 was sent to the county relief office where they were told their complaints would be heard individually but not collectively. They rejected this assistance, insisting their demands should be taken care of as a group.

We would urge you, the PUBLIC to support the W.R.O. collection at your factory gate on Nov. 10.

If you have ever tried to get help in Black Hawk county you will be especially understanding.

Your help is needed.

**WASHINGTON -- (NBNS) --**  
The U. S. Commission on Civil Rights has been extended for another five years and given additional authority to guard against sex discrimination.

# The Shameful Des Moines Raids

On Friday, Oct. 13, 1972, Barney Donald son, United States Attorney conducted an "unheard" of type Drug Raid.

Four Blacks were barricaded and every person in the area was searched. The raiders stormed into Roberts and the Ebony Lounge with shotguns drawn terrorizing all the patrons.

Women's dresses were pulled up and many of them had their wigs forcefully removed. Every news-

paper in Des Moines was tipped off in advance concerning the raid, except the Black Press.

The Blacks in Des Moines have unified following the shameful acts of the law enforcement agencies in our sister city.

Black lawyers are giving free services to see that justice is obtained.

It is important to report that:  
1. No dangerous drugs were found.  
2. Though the police officers had 12 warrants against specific persons they felt that the shameful way was the only way to get drug arrests.  
3. This "raid" took place immediately following President Nixon's speech on drug abuse.

The Waterloo Defender stands with its "sister paper" The New Iowa Bystander in its condemnation of these kinds of acts.



Beatrice Green Allen

equality for all, dialogue must be deep, honest and provocative, open to diversity and representative of every shade of opinion.

We know that acting is more effective than talking, and this is part of our new strategy. If we are to maintain a calm, patient attitude, we can through quiet action, accomplish positive results. We know that attitudes are influenced by the particular roles that people play.

An important first step toward reducing friction between groups is to understand how the other person really feels, regardless of the image he wants to project. One way to understand is to put one's self in his situation. To play his role.

We want to initiate specific programs to enable community members and staff to participate in creative learning situations about racial concerns (e.g. race relations seminars, Black Art and drama exhibits, Black history study groups, and study of multi-racial cultural achievements).

In our dialogue groups, we hope to receive the enthusiastic cooperation of many segments of the community, such as churches, League of Women Voters, NAACP chapters, AAUW Board of Education and social agencies. We hope to involve all the agencies that are not mentioned. This is one sure way to: Get our youth involved in leadership and decision-making; To reshape the Quality of the Environment; To end war and build for peace; To confront drug use and abuse; To combat racial injustice and to eliminate poverty.

## Sermon Of The Week

This week's sermon is by Rev. L. J. Jordan.

Rev. Jordan is the Associate Pastor of Mt. Calvary M. Baptist Church, Waterloo.

ROMANS 6:23

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is Eternal Life through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

**SUBJECT**

If you dance to the music you have to pay to the piper.

Music is the art of combining tones in such a way that they are pleasing, expressive sounds, having rhythm and melody.

The piper of our time can play the most pleasing music that our ears have ever heard.

He's the piper of old as well as the new. Many of men have found themselves dancing to his tunes of pleasing expression.

Men love to have sweet sounding things whispered in their ears and the piper knows just what to play.

Satan is the piper and spends all of his time in the rehearsal. Halo of our life, playing tune for our destruction if we turn our ears to listen.

He is a well learned musician and his purpose is to lure us away from God, by dancing to the sounds of his music.

His aim is to have death tag you out, while he has you dancing and you pay your Soul to him and reap eternal damnation. Like all musicians he has a favorite tune he loves to play for the ears of men. His favorite tune is sweet, sweet temptation, he really makes it sound delightful and pleasant.

Many of men have fallen to the tune of temptation. Adam and Eve danced to the lure tune of temptation and paid a high price losing that likeness of God. King David heard the piper exchanting music and danced to his tune and he paid the piper long hours of "needless" suffering.

Samson "also" listened to the music of the piper and rested his head in the lap of one of the piper la-la-by named Delilah, revealed his secret and awakened with his strength all gone.

No matter who you are, or what you are, rich or poor, saint or sinner, if you dance to the music you have to pay the piper.

Rev. L. J. Jordan III

## Explains Aims Of The YWCA Dialogue Groups

By Beatrice Green Allen  
Decentralized Program Director

We are visible, audible action; action that's heard, seen and felt. It can provide a time and place in which people of a community -- committee leaders, teens, college students, women and men, young and old, rich and poor residents; representatives of local government and business -- can meet face-to-face to talk, with one another, back at one another, across barriers of age, race, creed and economic background; for and against whatever concerns each one, personally and urgently.

The groups are open to all the people in the community. We are open for suggestions, constructive criticism, methods, techniques and active ways to help the community. We need you to help us to venture out into new relevant ways of working together for peace, justice, freedom and dignity.

To achieve our purpose of finding ways to advance justice and

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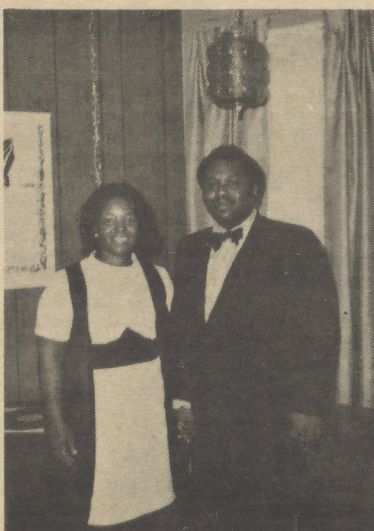
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# WHAT'S GOING ON

## West High News

BY KIM ELLIS

Last week West had their homecoming dance. Quite a few of us Blacks attended the dance. It was alright but could have been better especially for us Blacks if there had been a Black band.

This is the week of the football game everyone has been waiting for, East vs. West. I'm sure it is going to be a pretty tough game.

A few of us Blacks have been selected to put on a skit. It is a fantasy based on the theory of evolution conceived and designed by Judith Martain. The name of it is Dandelion. The Blacks selected are Kim Ellis, James Lipey and Stanley Wise. It will be performed Nov. 18 at the Recreation Center. It is put on for an art exhibit which is free.

Today a Black girl and a White girl got into a fight. They were both sent to the office neither one of them was kicked out of school but the White girl preferred to go home. On the office some Blacks who were at the scene of the fight and a few more went to the Principal's office (Mr. Fain) and had a conference with him on racial discrimination, they haven't finished and they are going to continue tomorrow.

## Payne Missionary Society Host Area Meeting

The Northwest Area of the Women's Missionary Society of the AME church will meet at Payne Memorial on Saturday, Nov. 4.

This meeting was originally scheduled for Oct. 21 but had to be rescheduled due to the death of one of the participants. Mrs. Otha (Lucy) Ellis, program chairman has announced that a panel on Faith and Justice will be one of the highlights of the meeting. The panel will be moderated by Jimmie Porter. Panel Participants are Pastor Leonard Williams, Terrance Shane and Walter Cunningham.

The Youth choir of Payne will sing at the noon worship service and Rev. George Moore, pastor of Bethel AME church, Cedar Rapids, will bring the message.

The Young People's department will be meeting at the same time.

The Northwest area includes churches from Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, Minn., Fort Dodge, Sioux City, Cedar Rapids and Waterloo. Also Yankton, South Dakota.

Mrs. Portia Bailey, Chicago Conference Branch president of the Women's Missionary Society and Mrs. Geneva Coleman, young people's director of the conference will also be present. Mrs. Bertha Keys of Minneapolis is the area chairman.

Delores Williams is President of the Payne Society and Rev. Leonard Williams is the pastor.

## African Palace

Two hundred youngsters attended the Halloween Party Tuesday, Oct. 31. We would like to thank all the people and organizations who gave donations and especially those who came out to help us. Also we are planning on having some type of holiday treat for Thanksgiving.

## Les Dames

Our regular meeting will be held Nov. 6 at Mrs. Clatterie Thomas home at 222 Mohawk St. At this meeting Mrs. Paul Temple will be our guest and she will be showing us Christmas crafts. She is from Janesville, Iowa. Also we

will be discussing our Thanksgiving potluck to be held Sunday, Nov. 19, 1972. This is our annual event for members and their families. And it will be held at the Knights of Pythias Club on Ash St.

## Cultural Center

The Cultural Center is sponsoring Career Day on Nov. 17. Further information will be given in our next issue.

## Waterloo Women's Civic Club

Our regular meeting will be held at the Jesse Cosby Center at 7 o'clock on Nov. 6.

## Uni-Cue

We would like to thank the Defender for their write up about our Tax Seminar which was held Oct. 27. We had a good turn out. And we are planning a follow-up session this spring on Tax.

## City View Community Neighborhood Center

A Halloween party was sponsored by the City View Heights Parent Teacher Association and City View Neighborhood Youth Center at City View School Tuesday evening. Approximately 120 young people attended. Prizes were awarded to Billy Johnson for the best boy costume and to Evelyn Keller for best girl costume.

## N.A.A.C.P.

The N.A.A.C.P. invites the public to attend all their meetings and urge them to come out. On Nov. 11 our regular meeting will be held at the Jesse Cosby Center at 7:30. At this time we will discuss the static of the law suit against the Waterloo Schools.

## Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship - 11 a.m.  
Wednesday - Prayer Service - 6 p.m.

This Sunday, Nov. 5 at 4 p.m. we will have as our guest the Silver Sight Singers from Cedar Rapids, Iowa.  
Rev. Elick Patterson Pastor  
825 N. Barclay St.

## Savior Baptist Church

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Worship - 11:30 a.m.  
Rev. Robert Burt Pastor  
1220 Roosevelt.

## Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship - 11 a.m.  
Rev. Percy Burt Pastor  
202 Sumner St.

## Church Of God In Christ

Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.  
Worship - 11 a.m.  
Evening - 7:30 p.m.  
Rev. Pearl Hayes Pastor  
307 Shilliam Ave.

## Church Of God In Christ Gospel Temple

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Worship - 11:30 a.m.  
Service Tuesday and Friday - 7:30 p.m.  
Y.P.W. - 6:30 p.m.  
Rev. Finzer Pastor  
601 Douglas St.

## The Greater Abyssenia Baptist Church

Sunday School - 9 a.m.  
Worship - 11 a.m.  
Evening Service - 7:30 p.m.  
Rev. Clarence Terry Pastor  
1811 East 4th Street

## Corithian Baptist Church

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Worship - 11 a.m.  
Evening Service - 7 p.m.  
Mid-Week Service - 7 p.m.  
Rev. Arthur Mills Pastor  
915 Willow St.

## Payne Memorial A.M.E.

Celestial Choir Friday Nov. 3, 7 - 9 p.m.  
Queen's way fashion, come in and put in your order.

## Church Payne Memorial A.M.E.

Youth Fellowship meet this Sunday at 6 p.m. at the church. Mr. Robert Wright is the supervisor.  
NEW YORK TRIP

The Edythe M. Primm Missionary Unit is sponsoring a trip to New York City May 17-22. The cost of the trip is \$100. This will cover transportation, hotel, a night on the town (dinner) and a Broadway play.

Persons who want more information can call the church office (233-8189). Cost of the trip can be paid on the installment plan, but must be all paid by April 15, 1973.

Lucy Ellis is the chairman of the Edythe Primm Unit. The trip committee consists of Mary Rogers, Mary Theroith and Delores Williams.

This Sunday, November 5th at 7:30 p.m. 15 new members will be read into full membership and given the right hand of fellowship. The new members of the Payne Family have been in a training class each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. All the Choirs will sing.

## Rose Hill Church Of God In Christ

Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Morning worship - 12 a.m.  
Evening Service 8 p.m.  
Rev. R. McDonald  
Assist Pastor Dave Robinson  
800 Broadway St.

## Antioch Baptist Church

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Worship -- 11 a.m.  
Mid-Week Service 7:30 p.m.  
Rev. Eugene Williams pastor  
426 Sumner St.

## Mt Carmel Baptist Church

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship - 11 a.m.  
Evening Service - 7:30 p.m.  
Rev. R. S. Ruckett Pastor  
805 Adams

## Antioch Baptist Church

The Lounge committee, organized to furnish a new ladies lounge, will sell chicken and ham dinners on Saturday, Nov. 4 during the noon hour (12 noon - 1:30 p.m.)

Customers may have dinners delivered by calling the church. Janie Zanders is the chairman of the committee.

Zone 8 will sponsor a smorgasbord beginning at 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. Tickets may be purchased at the door and are only

\$2. All your favorite foods will be served.

On Sunday, Nov. 5, Zone 8 will present the African Palace Soul in concert. The program is a one-hour program and will begin at 4:30.

Tiney Austin is chairman of Zone 8.

## Union Baptist Church


Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Afternoon Service 4 p.m.  
Evening Service - 7:30 p.m.

Fall Revival started Oct. 30 through Nov. 10. Rev. D. J. Green of Omaha, Nebr. is the conductor.

## Civil Rights Agency Extended Five

WASHINGTON -- (NBNS) -- Two officials of the Philadelphia office of the Federal Housing Administration have been indicted along with five contract realtors, 10 contractors, and a Certified Public Accountant on a number of bribery and conspiracy charges.

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## Attacks On Black Nixon Supporters Labelled 'Vicious'

WASHINGTON -- (NBNS) -- "I have never seen such attacks by Blacks on each other as I am witnessing this year -- it's vicious. In the past, we've accepted each other's political differences, but not this year," said William A. Scott III, a Black supporter of President Nixon and an owner of the Atlanta Daily World, in explaining the increasing division between Black McGovernites and Black Nixonites.

Black Democrats have charged that Black supporters of President Nixon's re-election have sold out for such gratuities as Federal contracts, invitations to the White House, or because they are Federal employees looking forward to saving their jobs.

These Black supporters -- including such personalities as entertainer Sammy Davis Jr.; former football star turned actor Jim Brown; Floyd McKissick, former director of the Congress of Racial Equality and founder of Soul City, N.C.; and soul singer James Brown -- have been labelled as "Uncle Toms" and "political prostitutes." Some, like Sammy Davis, have been booed by Black audiences. Others, like Jim Brown, are being picketed by Black moviegoers. Even Soul Brother No. 1 James Brown accustomed to performing before sell-out crowds -- has recently experienced a backlash from his fans.

McKissick, whose Black housing development in North Carolina received a multi-million dollar Federal grant, has consistently denied allegations that he is supporting the President because of favors received from the Administration. He explained his endorsement by saying that the Democratic Party has made "some accomplishments" for Blacks but "has done as much as it can do at this time."

The former CORE director also said it was necessary to preserve the two-party system so that Blacks, who have traditionally voted Democratic, could negotiate for concessions from both the Democrats and the Republicans. Last week, McKissick announced in New York that he had formed a new Republican-oriented organization, the National Committee for a Two-Party System.

A former Labor Department official and presently a coordinator for Black political activities for the Committee for the Re-election of the President, John Wilks, sum-

med up the denunciations of Black Nixonites by saying, "man, we are catching hell in the Black community because Black Democrats are creating the impression that the President is antiblack."

Dr. C. Clayton Powell, an Atlanta optometrist who directs Nixon's campaign among Blacks in that area, said he has received threatening telephone calls because of his support for the President.

He added that "the charge that the President is buying Black votes

is the biggest lie being told. The people who are making these charges are the same Democrats who have sought a piece of the action from the Federal Government under President Kennedy and Johnson and didn't get it. Now that Blacks are getting a piece of the action and supporting an Administration that provided it, the Democrats are making it a dirty campaign," he concluded.

In the 1968 presidential election, President Nixon received approximately 10 to 12 percent of the Black vote. This year, the Republicans say they hope to double that figure. However, recent polls show that Sen. George McGovern is running well ahead of Nixon in picking up the Black vote.

## Emergency Employment Program Doomed?

WASHINGTON -- (NBNS) -- The Black community can expect another jolt from the Nixon Administration according to informed sources.

A Labor Department program which employs a 21 percent Black and other minority work force is going to be discontinued at the end of June, 1973, these sources revealed.

The enabling legislation for the Public Employment Program which provides about 180,000 local and state public service jobs around the nation was signed into law by President Nixon in July 1971.

The President signed the Emergency Employment Act after having vetoed a larger congressional Democrat-sponsored public service jobs bill earlier last year.

A spokesman in the Labor Department's Manpower Administration Office attempted to discredit the information contained in the news article. He told a NBNS reporter that nobody can predict what will be contained in the President's budget which will be submitted to the Congress next January.

According to sources in the Labor Department no request for funds has been made by the Administration to the White House's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to continue PEP beyond its expiration date of next June. They point out that fiscal year 1974 budget is already well planned. The office of Management and Budget is said to oppose the federal jobs program for several reasons.

First, the yearly \$6,700 per

worker cost compares unfavorably with on-the-job programs, which cost only half as much.

Another basis for opposition is the fact that the Nixon Administration dislikes "make-work" programs. And finally, the budget savings are considered more important than the fact that probably at least ten percent of those in the program will end up on welfare -- where they will then be accused of being "lazy, and unwilling to work."

The Public Employment Program is designed to go into effect whenever national unemployment goes over 4.5 percent. (It is now, officially, 5.5) Under the program some \$250 million yearly is reserved for areas where joblessness is above 6 percent of the work force.

The Research Department of the National Urban League figures that in Black Ghetto areas the unemployment rate is 10.2 percent, or nearly twice as high as that of the overall population.

According to a formula that the League uses in estimating the "unofficial rate" among Blacks, the incidence of unemployment was actually almost four times as much. Needless to say, the unemployment picture has hardly improved for Blacks since that time. By last December 64,000 persons were working in the PEP program and this figure has nearly tripled according to Labor Department sources. They add that without the program overall joblessness would average about 5.7 percent, instead of the current 5.5 percent. Again, this figure would be multiplied in the Black community.

Average earnings of employees is \$6,500 per year, including fringe benefits. More than a quarter of the program participants are Vietnam veterans -- another group containing a large number of Blacks.

Eleven percent of the people had been on welfare before finding employment through PEP.

Labor Department officials reportedly met last week to discuss methods of dissolving the program.

The Nixon administration is apparently planning to add another twist to the long-held axiom for blacks -- "last hired, and first fired."

## Black Supporters Of President Under Attack

WASHINGTON -- (NBNS) -- In recent weeks, Black supporters -- especially Black entertainers and sports figures -- of President Nixon's re-election have repeatedly come under attack from not only their fans but also from Black legislators.

At the annual Black Expo sponsored by Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity) in Chicago two weeks ago, Sammy Davis, Jr., was booed by the audience when he appeared on stage.

When the crowd finally quieted down, Davis, whose picture of him hugging Nixon at the Republican National Convention last August disturbed many Blacks, said, "I am a Black man and I have the right to my political opinion."

Davis' comments resulted in another shower of boos until Rev. Jesse Jackson, president of PUSH, came on stage to quiet the crowd so that Davis could perform.

Robert E. Johnson, the executive director of Jet, a Black weekly news magazine, said that the photograph of Davis caused numerous responses from its readers -- almost 100 percent opposed to Davis -- some of them bitter denunciations of the longtime entertainer. And, recently, a Washington, D. C. record shop owner announced that he has stopped selling Davis' recordings.

Last Sunday, WHUR, a radio station owned by Howard University, blasted soul singer James Brown who had lunched with President Nixon the week before and subsequently endorsed his re-election, saying, "I'm not a sell-out artist. I never got no Government grant. I never asked for one, don't want one. I'm not selling out, I'm selling in." Brown said, disclaiming allegations that Blacks are supporting the President's re-election because of receiving Federal grants.

WHUR, however, denounced Blacks whom it described as members of "sports, entertainment, and hustling," and added that, "James Brown still is Soul Brother No. 1, but as a politician, he ain't doodle squat worthless."

Brown appeared in Baltimore Sunday night but only 2,500 persons attended his performance in a 13,000-seat auditorium. About 50 persons picketed outside and a crowd in excess of 500 persons roamed the streets from the auditorium to the downtown area, some smashing windows.

In addition, Blacks in Baltimore said that they will picket films of former Cleveland Browns football great Jim Brown, the star of "Slaughter."

Last Tuesday, four members of the Congressional Black Caucus -- the 13 Black members of the U.S. House of Representatives -- lambasted the Nixon Administration for "blatant exploitation of politically naive" Black entertainers who have announced their support of the President's candidacy.

In a press conference, Rep. Louis Stokes (D-Ohio), chairman of the Caucus, said, "Sammy Davis, Jr., Lionel Hampton, Billy Eckstine, James Brown, Johnny

Mathis, and Jim Brown all have one thing in common: They are all dancing to the tune of 'benign neglect'. It's a tune that's being orchestrated by the White House -- by the same Administration that, in four short years, has begun to strip away the constitutional and human rights of minority, poor, and disadvantaged Americans."

The Ohio Democrat also criticized Nixon for his Supreme Court nominations, his conduct of the war in Southeast Asia, and for allowing "grain dealers, milk producers, railroad executives, and high Republican officials... to use their money and connections to open White House doors."

Stokes added that, "either the Black entertainers know about this record and don't care, or they are uninformed. In either case, they have turned their backs on their own people, and they deserve the strongest condemnation from Black Americans," he concluded, noting that if Nixon is re-elected, in 1967 "when Americans are celebrating their Declaration of Independence, Black Americans will have nothing to commemorate but a return to slavery."

Joining Stokes in the press conference were Reps. William Clay (D-Mo.), Ralph Metcalfe (D-Ill.), and John Conyers (D-Mich.)

Conyers summed it up by saying that, "It is clear to me that Mr. Nixon finds it easier to tell sports and show business figures rather than legislators that he is doing to eliminate the tremendous disadvantages of Black America. Fortunately, the evidence shows that Black voters, nationwide, will look at what public officials did rather than with whom they were seen."



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## Citizens Committee Of East Waterloo Sponsors Pre-Election Meeting Of Candidates And Voters

On Saturday, October 28, a "Coffee and talk" meeting was held at the Antioch Baptist church hosted by the Citizens' Committee of East Waterloo, Mr. T. L. Henderson presiding.

The purpose was to introduce voters in the black community to candidates from both parties. Ten candidates for state and local offices responded to the invitation. Each candidate was asked to speak for five minutes on what he or she saw to be key issues in the campaign. Before and after the speeches, time was allowed for informal conversation between candidates and voters. Piano music was provided by Bob Tate. Candidates for the state legislature included Charles Uban, Democrat, a member of the House, running for Senate District 18; Bart Schweiger, attorney, a member of the House, running for Senate District 17 on the Republican ticket.

Representing Bill Hansen, candidate for Senate District 18, was Frosty Miller. Two first-timers in the race for seats in the State House of Representatives were Steve Rapp, Democrat and Carol Magee, both candidates for House District 34. Only one of the three

incumbents up for re-election to the Black Hawk County Board of Supervisors made his appearance at the meeting, Henry Willoughby, currently chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

Representing Henry Zanders, Democratic candidate for the office of sheriff of Black Hawk County was Dave Nagle, chairman of the Black Hawk County Democratic Party. Other candidates for the office of Black Hawk county supervisor were Doctor Erma Plaehn, Democrat and Mr. Carroll Hayes, Democrat.

### EVALUATION:

On the whole the evening was most cordial and both candidates and voters appeared to communicate freely. The audience was very attentive as the candidates spoke and each candidate did a creditable job of speaking. Among those who seemed most relevant in terms of those issues which have priority in the black community were Steve Rapp, Bart Schweiger and Dr. Erma Plaehn. Among the many issues touched on by Rapp was the condition of the Iowa Civil Rights Commission and his commitment to improve their situation. Schweiger appeared well informed and

sincere in his concerns about the community and under questioning about educational issues, introduced some unique ideas as to how to solve some of our problems. Those who have been aware of the record of the Board of Supervisors on issues concerning the poor will appreciate Dr. Erma Plaehn's position on these issues. Honorable mention should go to Henry Willoughby for the sincerity with which he approaches the responsibilities

of his office. Most of us came away with a clearer impression of the candidates and in terms of who they are and where they stood

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## Blacks March In Dallas Protesting Police Shootings

DALLAS, Texas -- (NBNS) -- Police Chief Frank Dyson has temporarily halted police from going into black neighborhoods with arrest warrants, following two nights of demonstrations in the downtown area.

The demonstrations came about after the blacks had complained about the shootings of three blacks by officers in the last two weeks.

During the protest the second night, more than 200 blacks marched toward downtown and then reversed their field and returned to a church for a meeting before they could learn of the police chief's announcement.

"We wanted to prove to police that they don't have to watch us," said Rev. George Holland, local director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference who organized the marches. "They should use all that money they are spending watching us in hiring more black policemen," said Holland.

During the first night of protests, state police, riot troops and city and county officers were summoned to the scene of the protest. The marchers, however, left peacefully after less than half an

hour of singing, chanting and speech-making on the steps of a barricaded city hall. There were no arrests during the protest.

At the first rally, Holland had told the crowd that "we're through dealing with police. We're taking our complaints to the streets."

Apparently during the meeting, word reached the protestors that another black had been shot and killed. The report, however, was not completely true.

"The man was shot and wounded and is now in the hospital. He was not killed," explained a police spokesman.

Police identified the man as Claude Williams, 23, who was shot in the head by police during a drug raid in which Williams and six others were arrested. He was the third black to be shot by police officers since Oct. 11. The other two persons were killed.

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## Blacks Fared Poorly In 92nd Congress

Despite support from a large number of Democrats as well as liberal Republicans, civil rights legislation fared poorly during the last session of Congress according to a just released report on the civil rights voting record of the 92nd Congress, 1971-1972.

The coalition of conservative Republicans, Southern Democrats and some previously "liberal" Democrats feeling the heat from their constituents over the burning "busing issue" -- succeeded in defeating six of the eight issues viewed as key by the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, an organization of more than 170 Civil Rights organizations.

Even so, the Democrats present a better record on these matters than does the Republican Party. A look at the voting records of Congressional members of both parties provide a clue to the reason why this year, as during the past forty years, Democratic Party candidates are expected to be the overwhelming favorites of Black voters.

Civil rights issues before the Senate during the 92nd Congress were:

- Rule XXII, the filibuster rule
- The Rehnquist nomination to the Supreme Court
- OEO, Child Care
- Strengthening of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- Two amendments on the strengthening of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- A bill to simplify voter registration
- An anti-busing amendment
- A bill to extend coverage for the Minimum Wage laws

On these issues of vital concern to Blacks, only the Minimum Wage and anti-busing issues were favorably voted upon by the Senate.

Using the symbols (R) for right (a favorable vote) and (W) for wrong (an unfavorable vote), the Conference report shows the civil rights voting records of all members of both Houses of Congress. (O) denotes the failure of a Congressman to vote on a particular issue. The notation (O) is not considered in the NBNS analysis of this report in instances where only one (O) is shown.

This comprehensive tabulation, kept by the Leadership Conference, shows that all of the major contenders for this year's Democratic presidential nomination have 100

percent correct votes. This includes Senators Hubert Humphrey, Ed Muskie, George McGovern, as well as Senator Edward Kennedy, who did not seek the nomination.

The lesser contenders for their party's presidential nomination likewise show up casting 100 percent correct votes--Senators Fred Harris, Harold Hughes, Birch Bayh and Vance Hartke. Again underscoring the Democratic record of supporting issues of concern to the Black electorate, 18 of the 54 Democrats in the Senate, or approximately 33 percent, are recorded as having perfect civil rights voting records.

In contrast, only two of the 44 Republican senators, Javits (N.Y.), and Brooke (Mass.), are "100 percenters". This means less than five percent of the GOPers have a favorable voting record.

With one exception, analyzing the report by states reveals that the only "100 percenters" are those states in which both Senators are Democrats. States with perfect records are California, Minnesota, Montana, Indiana and Washington. The only other state showing a straight "correct" record is Massachusetts which is represented by Senator Edward Brooke and Edward Kennedy.

It is not surprising to find the aforementioned states in the "100 percenters" category because some of the better known liberal senators represent them -- Kennedy, Humphrey, Bayh, Alan Cranston, as well as Democratic Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield.

States batting a 90 percent favorable record are New Jersey and Rhode Island. Rhode Island has two Democratic Senators, Pastore and Pell; New Jersey is represented in the Senate by Williams (D), and Case (R).

Another breakdown by states shows that those which have solidly unfavorable records are Arizona, Nebraska, and Tennessee with two Republican Senators; as well as Georgia and Mississippi which have two notorious Democratic Senators, Eastland and Stennis.

Democratic Senator John Sparkman's favorable vote on the OEO, Child Care legislation saves Alabama from falling into the solidly negative state category.

Republican Senators having "zero percent" records are Cotton (N. H.), Thurmond (S. C.), Tower (Texas); Bennett (Utah); Hansen

Wyo.); Brock (Tenn.); Baker (Tenn.); Fannin (Ariz.); Goldwater (Ariz.) and Dole (Kan.) Two items may be noted here; Tennessee has several urban centers which are heavily populated by Blacks, and Dole is the national chairman of the Republican Party.

Democratic Senators falling into the totally negative civil rights voting record category along with Mississippi's Stennis and Eastland are; Georgia's Talmadge and Gambrell, Allen from Alabama, and Byrd of Virginia.

As in the Senate voting records of members of the House of Representatives reflected this country's obvious pulling away from the concern for civil rights that enabled the passing of much progressive civil rights legislation during the decade of the 60's.

Of the 11 issues noted as "key" by the Leadership Council only two were treated favorably by that body. The issues in question were:

- Strengthening of the Employment Opportunity Commission
- Repeal of the Internal Security Act
- Child Care bill
- Six anti-busing amendments
- Two Minimum Wage votes
- Public Service Jobs bill

Of these issues only the Public Service Jobs and Internal Security Act were favorably disposed of.

Not surprisingly, the entire membership of the Congressional Black Caucus, consisting of 13 Democrats, had a perfect civil rights voting record.

According to a staff aide of one Black Congressman, some members of the Caucus have considered ways of publicizing the "horrible" voting records of some House members who have heavy Black constituencies. Among such Congressmen are Nick Galifianakis, a Democrat representing Raleigh and Durham, North Carolina; Mazoli, a Democrat from Kentucky; Rarick, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Buchanan of Birmingham, Alabama.

There are a number of other interesting facts to be gleaned from the report. For example, the House votes of Representatives from Michigan and Pennsylvania add graphic testimony to the much publicized current anti-civil rights attitudes of the white electorate in these normally liberal northern industrial states.

The tabulation of votes from these states looks much like that of the congressmen from the deep South. Other names with perfect voting records are Congresswoman Bella Abzug (D-N.Y.), Catholic priest Robert Drinan, (D-Mass.), and John Brademas (D-Ind.), who reportedly was one of those considered for the Democratic Vice Presidential nomination.

Senator Thomas Eagleton, the Missouri Senator who briefly shared the Democratic ticket with McGovern, voted favorably on every issue with the exception of the Rehnquist nomination.

A spokesman for the Leadership Conference, which consists

## Food, Medical Program Undergoes OEO Reorganization, Possible Dismantling

WASHINGTON -- (NBNS) -- In a decision that may lead to the eventual dismantling of the nation's emergency food and medical services program, the Office of Economic Opportunity has reorganized the seven-person office in headquarters and put its responsibilities into other OEO departments.

On Oct. 6, OEO decided to make the change in the project which has been designed to supply money for a number of programs aimed at providing food and medical assistance for the country's poor, who otherwise could not have been helped.

"I am very concerned about the future of EFMS," said Sen. Warren Magnuson, D-Wash., who last year succeeded in getting an annual appropriation of \$20 million for the program after the Administration had asked for a cut of its budget from \$42.4 million to \$3 million.

OEO says the responsibilities of the program are simply being

transferred to other departments and it indicates no dismantling of the anti-hunger effort at all.

But the Senate Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs doesn't see it that way at all. "It's quite clear that this represents an OEO decision to cease its support of food advocacy programs," said committee staff director Nancy Amidei.

"It means there will be no focal point for concern about the things EFMS is responsible for. . . There will be no one place where senators or congressmen can get straight answers."

But OEO says each regional office will be responsible for the program under the general supervision of the Office of Health Affairs.

The director of the project, Mark Israel, has been transferred into OEO's research and evaluation office and the other six staff persons have gone into other departments with different responsibilities.

## Romney Recommends Dismantling Of Housing Program, Abolition Of Subsidized Housing

WASHINGTON -- (NBNS) -- George Romney, secretary of the nation's Housing and Urban Development department, wants to abolish all federally subsidized housing programs and has recommended a "radical decentralization of the federal housing role to the states."

In remarks made to the annual convention of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America in San Francisco, Romney admitted the steps he suggested would practically do away with his department -- an unusual step for a cabinet officer. His remarks were released in Washington to the press.

"We would end subsidy programs, 'privatize' the Federal Housing Administration, move to a combination housing allowance-income subsidy for the poor and end operating subsidies for public housing," Romney said in recommending "the termination of a direct federal role in housing" to the bankers.

Romney said he envisioned his suggestion as a long-range alternative to the present "mess

of the country's housing programs are in." These programs have been marred through widespread bureaucratic abuses over the last few years.

The secretary who for some time now has voiced openly his dissatisfaction with the housing programs says he will leave the administration shortly after the November elections to help create a voluntary effort for metropolitan-wide development of urban areas.

Romney's second recommendation dealt with what he called "a radical decentralization of the Federal housing role to the states."

The Federal government would make a block grant for housing to the states -- with no strings attached," he commented. "The existing HUD area and officials would be turned over to state government. The states would decide how to allocate housing funds among new construction, housing preservation, types of subsidies, local housing authority operations and so on."

For some time now, the national housing department has been moving toward just this type of alternative with the creation of area offices in many states and the shift of power from Washington to the local and state offices. Romney said this move should continue.

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# Mau Mau Case MAY Become Witchhunt

WASHINGTON -- (NBNS) -- Concern is mounting here in several quarters over the handling of police investigations of the case involving the murder arrest of six young Black ex-GI's in Chicago last weekend.

At least two Black Congressmen's offices admit that the matter is being "closely followed" but as yet the lawmakers themselves decline to make statements on the issue, "until we've done more checking", said one Black congressional assistant. The Black community is particularly sensitive to police repression during this period because it is still reeling from three consecutive years which saw the political trial of Angela Davis, the murders of George Jackson and two Chicago Panthers, the frame-up and shooting of members of the Republic of New Africa, the mysterious shooting-arrest of H. Rap Brown and the Attica Prison murders, to name a few incidents that have terrorized the Black community.

"I agree that it sounds as if another witch-hunt is on its way to being carried out," says Jonathan Shapiro, a NAACP Legal Defense Fund lawyer in New York. Publicity around the case began with the police arrest of six of the eight accused young men last weekend acting on information given last summer by a youth arrested in an unrelated case.

According to Chicago Sheriff Richard J. Elrod, there is evidence of a "nationwide network of De Mau Mau organizations made up primarily of Vietnam veterans—although we're not certain it is made up exclusively of Vietnam veterans." However, Black veterans interviewed in Chicago have said De Mau Mau had its roots in Vietnam and was formed primarily to combat racial discrimination. Several Black veterans characterized it as a small organization.

Jimmie Williams, who is a counselor at the Illinois State Employment Service, told reporters that the organization was not a terrorist organization but was formed to fight racial persecution.

"I was in Vietnam in early 1971 and I would say about 85 percent of the guys I knew belonged," he said. "We tried to get fair and equal treatment for Blacks. Many Blacks were harassed and singled out for the worst kinds of duties," Williams said, explaining the need for the organization.

What is giving pause to civil libertarians and others is the fact that a police organized nationwide network, including a Chicago police "hotline", has been set up in an attempt to link unsolved slayings anywhere else in the country to De Mau Mau.

Moreover, Sheriff Elrod has solicited the aid of Army Intelligence and the Pentagon to determine if any of the accused men were involved in racial incidents while in service in Vietnam and Europe.

After a preliminary investigation, a Pentagon official said "isolated instances" had been found where a Black organization called "De Mau Mau" had existed at

U. S. military installations but nothing to link the organization with racial disturbances or other disciplinary trouble.

The Defense Department spokesman added that De Mau Mau groups appear to have been organized among Black marines, some of them in Vietnam but that they appear to be small informally organized groups.

The Defense Department is

## Nixon Says He'll Renew Anti-Busing Fight In New Congress

WASHINGTON -- (NBNS) -- President Nixon, in a 15-minute "political" address to the nation, has pledged to renew his fight for legislation to prohibit court-ordered busing of school children in the new Congress.

In defending his Administration's proposals on the busing issue, Nixon said he was "irrevocably committed" to the course of action.

"The answer to inequities in our educational system is to spend more money on learning and less money on busing." He claimed the Administration anti-busing bill would have "legislated an end" to busing and "concentrated funds for the improvement of education of underprivileged children." He criticized the Senate for allowing the bill to be filibustered to death by probing Senators.

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checking its files for the service records of the accused.

One of the Chicago officials involved is Cook County States' Attorney Edward V. Hanrahan, who is on trial on charges of obstructing justice in the case involving the murders of two Black Panther Party members in 1969.

Meanwhile, Circuit Court Judge Paul Caesar postponed arraignment of four of the men until next Tuesday. The other suspects were scheduled to have appeared in court October 20.

The accused are Reuben Taylor, 22; his brother Donald, 21; Michael Clark, 21; Nathaniel Burse, 23; and Robert Wilson, 18. The two men being sought were not named.

# Black Virgin Islands Governor Named 1973 Southern Governors Chairman

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C.-- (NBNS) -- On the heels of a strong anti-busing resolution, Southern governors meeting here have selected a black -- Gov. Melvin Evans of the Virgin Islands -- as vice chairman. He will succeed Alabama's Governor George Wallace next year as chairman of the group.

Evans, chosen unanimously by the 17 governors at the close of the annual conference here, said his selection by his colleagues makes a "maturing" of the South.

"When the Southern Governors elect George Wallace and a Black

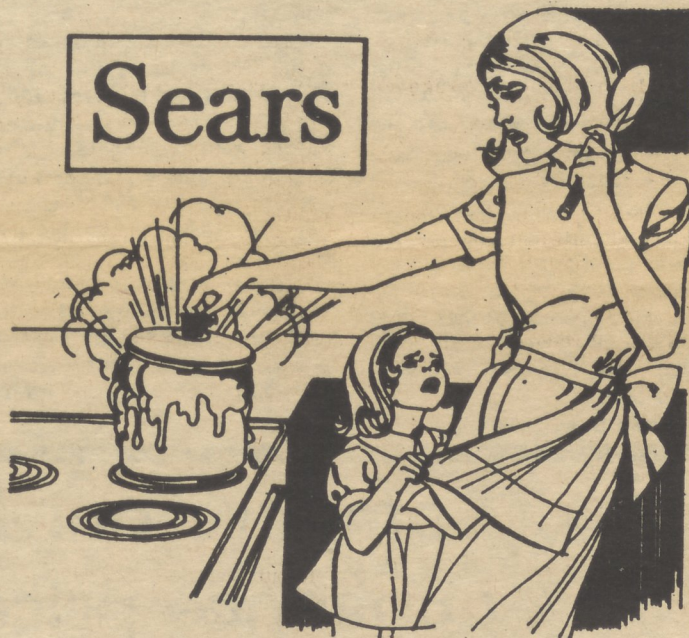
Republican, then I think we've shown to the world an example of southern unity and progress," said South Carolina's John West, who stepped aside from the chairmanship as a tribute to Wallace.

After Evans selection by the governors, Wallace leaned from his wheelchair and clasped hands with Evans as the other governors applauded.

The resolution on school busing, adopted over the objections of Evans, is basically a restatement of the resolution adopted two years ago by the Southern governors at their meeting at Biloxi, Miss.

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fertile ground for prejudicial treatment. When that person is also black, the fertility of the ground may cultivate a virtual jungle growth of prejudice.

Mary Berdell is both blind and black, but from her list of accomplishments, job experiences and simply from her outlook on life one would never guess her life hasn't been a proverbial bed of roses.

Mary does not allow her blindness to be a hindrance, but uses it as an aid in working with other blind people and with her contacts as a social worker. Her blackness combined with a sharp intellect and strong desire to aid the cause of the blacks make her a prime candidate for positions of influence on municipal committees.

#### DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

Mary said her blindness has given her a deeper understanding of people, their voice tones or subtleties in their conversations that a sighted person would not be able to hear because of the "interference" of being able to see.

She said she can hear innuendoes in a conversation that may lead to a solution of a patient's problem that can't be heard by the other social workers "because they are seeing the situation rather than hearing it."

While Mary herself rarely lets her blindness stop her from doing something she wants done, her condition seems to "get in the way" of a prospective employer's opinion of her ability to do the job. When applying for a job, Mary concluded her blindness must provoke people to think, "She's blind and if she can do my job, where does that leave me when I can see what I'm doing?" And thus, Mary said, she doesn't get hired.

#### LESS VULNERABLE

With troublesome relationships resulting from her blindness Mary has found that, "It is more the sighted person's hangup than mine. I've become less vulnerable through the years to discrimination."

She was turned down for a posi-

tion, she often wondered which condition she was being turned away on - for being black or for being blind.

#### SOCIAL WORKER

Mary currently holds the position of social worker at both East High and McKinstry Junior High School. She emphasizes that her students are extremely courteous to her even in the shove and push of hall traffic during class changes.

"They're very careful not to bump or shove me. They're never rude in any way," she said.

The junior high age group displays a great deal of curiosity about being blind. They're never too shy to ask questions about how Miss Berdell copes with ordinary exercises such as reading or writing. And they don't realize how acute Mary's other senses have become to compensate for her lack of sight.

"A junior high student is still full of fun and games and sometimes they try to trick me. But I can hear them bending over or fiddling with the items on the bulletin board and when I ask them to please sit up straight or stop fiddling with the board, they're astonished. They ask, 'How did you know?' 'how can you tell what I'm doing?'"

#### STUDENTS DIFFERENT

The attitude of the students is a bit different than that of the adults who encounter Mary in her many positions in the community. They're a bit more cautious until they realize how little Mary lets her handicap restrict her activities. There are always offers of assistance from unsuspecting Good Samaritans.

When she lived near the campus at the University of Los Angeles while getting her Masters in Social Work there, every semester a pattern would repeat itself. A new crop of students would come in and offer to help her get around until they realized that the help was not needed.

Even at McKinstry, each year the seventh graders who don't know Mary offer to help her in the hall and sometimes there are new sophomores at East who offer to help.

"These people come up whenever I'm in a new population," she said.

#### NEVER WANTS FOR HELP

Mary never wants for help at home in her apartment at 419 Willow St. either. She does her own cooking when she isn't eating with her father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. George Berdell. Three sisters also live in town, so there are always family and friends running in and out of the apartment helping Mary select matching clothes in the morning or making sure her shoe color coordinates with her outfit.

Mary grew up in Waterloo and went to school at what was then called the Iowa School for the Blind in Vinton and has since been renamed the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School.

She received a BA degree in English with a minor in music from Fisk University, a private all black institution in Nashville, Tenn.

When she returned to Iowa and applied for a job in the Polk County Welfare Office in Des Moines, she was told that she needed two years of experience in the office before she would be qualified as a case worker. After completing training at Gates Business College as a typist-clerk, Mary returned to Des Moines and started what grew into a nine year stay with the Welfare Department in Polk County.

During several trips to California exploring new fields of employment, Mary discovered they "were doing fantastic things there."

She attended the Braille Institute of America in Los Angeles and thus made application to the University of California at Los Angeles School of Social Welfare. She was accepted and received her Masters in Social Work in 1964.

Her next stop was a three year stay at the Metropolitan State Hospital in Los Angeles. During her time at Metropolitan, Mary was a field instructor for the School of Social Work at the University of Southern California. She also was a psychiatric social worker there

doing individual, group and family therapy with both in and out patients.

After the Metropolitan State Hospital, Mary moved to the Mental Hygiene Clinic in Long Beach, Calif., to take a job which she terms, "really the most educational experience of all my training." She did marital counseling and group therapy for those people who had left the hospital, but still needed treatment. The marital counseling involved couples with one spouse having been hospitalized, but both needing help in developing a more meaningful relationship.

#### VOLUNTEER WORK

While Mary was at Metropolitan and also at the Clinic, she did volunteer work in the evenings with the Manhattan Project, a residential home for children on probation for drug conviction, felonies, or some other crime, or for some reason could not live at home.

She returned to Waterloo in October 1968 for a vacation and while here made the decision to go into school social work. She bases that decision on the impact which the racial disturbances at East High School had on her at that time. She obtained employment at East High School and at McKinstry Junior High School as a social worker.

Mary's work at the two schools involves working with the students individually and in groups. She deals primarily in relationships between individuals.

#### OTHER DUTIES

In addition to her social work at East High and McKinstry Junior, Mary is a member of the education committee of the Waterloo Commission of Human Rights and is on the board of the newly formed Iowa Council of the Blind, a chapter of the National American Council of the Blind. The Council assists in the employment and education of blind people.

She is also chairman of the Talent Search Advisory Committee, a new program at UNICUE. The program is working toward the goal of helping juniors and seniors in high school select and prepare for a career.

Mary's list of accomplishments and other activities is longer than many individuals who are not handicapped by blindness. She says she owes a lot to her parents who were always anxious for her to complete her education and to do many things regardless of the fact that she could not see.

In addition to her parents' encouragement, Mary says there must be something in her own nature that keeps her fighting.

"I always seem to want to push on to something new. It's fun to learn and it's challenging. There's always something new coming along."

Mary is also a very active member of OPERATION F.R.E.E. WHITE COMMUNITY SUPPORTS THEIR OWN

When the entire community was up in arms concerning Miss Alice Hayes and "Little Brown Koko" the white community rose to her support. Can we as a community do less for so fine a lady as Mary Helen Berdell!!!

#### EDITOR'S NOTE

As we go to press, we learned that the young man being considered for the position has turned

## Teacher Of The Week



OUR TEACHER OF THE WEEK IS MISS PEGGY SPATES. MISS SPATES SAYS:

I was born and raised (unfortunately) in Des Moines, Iowa where I graduated from North High School. After receiving a Merit scholarship, I graduated from Drake University with a history major in secondary education. I also attended the University of Iowa my junior year and the summer of 1971 I spent in East Africa attending the University of Nairobi Kenya -- a fantastic experience.

My hobbies are acting, playing the piano, writing political editorials and reading Black history, politics and economics. I am also a reluctant Pisces/Aries and an only child.

My ultimate career goals would include being a principal in an 'inner city' high school and later a professor of African history at a predominantly black college.

I believe that every Black person expresses (or should) his blackness in his own way and hope to see the day when black people can live politically, economically and socially independent of a white power structure and totally free here or in Africa.

I enjoy teaching Black history at East High very much -- I just wish more people would take the course in the future so I could have 5 sections of the subject instead of one or two.

## Sayers Sammy Davis Named To Drug

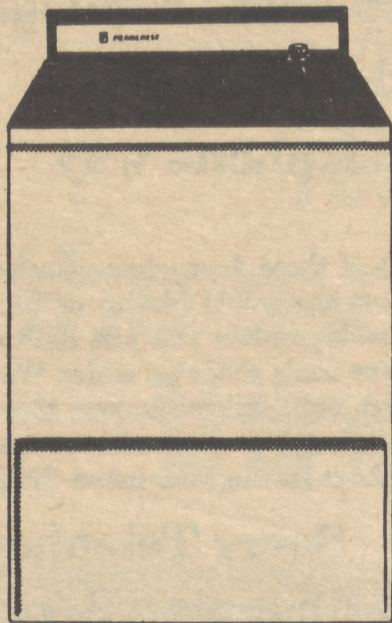
WASHINGTON -- (NBNS) -- Singer Sammy Davis, Jr., who recently endorsed the re-election of the President, and former professional football great Gale Sayers have been named to the National Advisory Council for Drug Abuse Prevention.

Ten other persons were named to the panel

the job down for several reasons. The primary reason given was lack of community input in his selection.

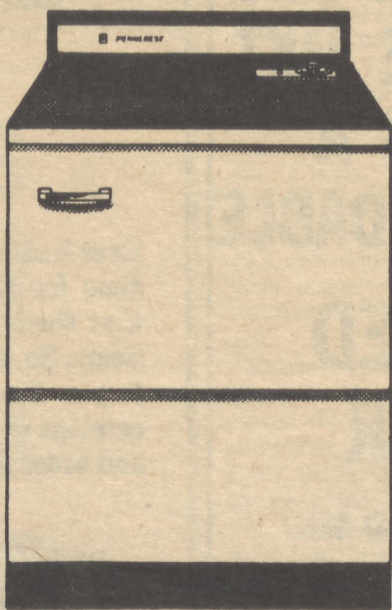
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