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## "Five On The Black Hand Side," Grosses \$303,731

"Five On The Black Hand Side," the new comedy hit, has grossed a huge \$303,731 for 33 days at the Cinerama and RKO 86th Street Twin 2 theatres in Manhattan, it was announced by James R. Velde, United Artists Senior Vice President.

Now in its fifth smash week, "Five On The Black Hand Side" has been hailed for stressing comedy and drama instead of crime, drugs and violence, the usual ingredients of Black-oriented films.

Clarice Taylor, Leonard Jackson, Virginia Capers, Glynn Turman and D'Urville Martin are starred.

Based on Charlie L. Russell's American Place Theatre hit, the motion picture is being presented by Michael Tolan and Brock Peters for release by United Artists, an entertainment service of Trans-America Corporation. Oscar Williams directed from a screenplay by Russell, Peters and Tolan produced.

## Plans Made For Urban Ministry And Enabler Program

Jimmie Porter, Community Enabler, Reverend Stanley Kennedy, Urban Minister, Rev. Don Arthur, District Superintendent, and Harris Ceaser met with Bishop James S. Thomas and his cabinet in Des Moines on Tuesday, December 11, concerning long-range program plans and budgets.

Plans are being developed based on projections which forecast immediate needs to be met as well as those needs seen as long-range.

Mr. Porter said, "In this meeting there was a feeling of support and Bishop Thomas has always been a supporter of the Urban Ministry and Enabler program in Waterloo."

### Blacks Elected In Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA -- (NBNS) -- Arthur W. Thomas has become the first black to be elected president of the Philadelphia Board of Education.

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Community Enabler Jim Porter (2nd from left) and Urban Minister Rev. Stanley Kennedy (on the right) meet with Bishop James S. Thomas (to left of Rev. Kennedy) of United Methodist Churches of Iowa and his cabinet in Des Moines. In attendance but not pictured were: Rev. Don Arthur, Waterloo District Superintendent, and Harris Ceaser.

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## Waterloo Pre-School Academy Begins Third Year

A full schedule of activities is under way at the Waterloo Pre-school Academy, now in its third year. The Academy, founded and directed by Henry Parker, 1155 Independence Ave., is held at the First Lutheran Church and is open to all children, although it was started especially for disadvantaged black children. Fees are based on ability to pay. There are five teachers who are assisted by 12 UNI students. The children are taught in classes of seven by two or three adults which means that each child gets a lot of individual attention.

As the name of the school suggests, there is emphasis on academic work, particularly reading. Reading in pre-school? Yes, pre-schoolers can learn to read if given the chance. One of the goals of the school is to help the children read before they enter the public schools. If they already read at that time, they may never be victims of the discouragement and failure syndrome that marks the lives of nonreaders in school.

Another subject the children study

is Spanish. When one is four or five years old, it is fairly easy to learn language just by hearing and repeating, and most of the children can count and sing songs as well as have simple conversations in Spanish. These successful experiences lead to a child's feeling of pride in what he or she can learn and confidence that this success can be repeated.

Hank Parker teaches the children meditation. They learn to concentrate on what they want to do and to control themselves so that they will be able to accomplish what they want. He also teaches them self-confidence by helping them learn to meet strangers, to talk to a group, and to speak into a microphone. Watch for them on TV soon and you will see how beautifully they handle themselves.

You may be thinking this is pretty heavy stuff for young children. A lot of the learning happens through

games, songs and activities the children regard as fun. There are also opportunities for joyful play in music class, swimming class and gymnastics. During these classes the children are learning coordination and body awareness--such things as skipping, right and left, the parts of the body, moving or clapping in rhythm--while enjoying themselves immensely. The school also arranges for those children who are interested to learn special

skills such as ice skating. Attendance at many special events such as the Suzuki violinists concert at Wartburg College, and the play Hansel and Gretel at UNI, also have been arranged.

It is really wonderful to see a child who is truly pleased with his or her accomplishments and to think that the resulting feeling of confidence will lead to further successes. This is what the school tries to do for each child.



## Black Children Test Higher With Black Examiner

A University of Iowa study, done in Davenport, provides evidence that Black children do better on I.Q. tests given by Black examiners than on the same tests given by white examiners.

Clifford L. Moore, who is Black, earned his Ph.D. for study, which was completed last March. It will be published within the next few months in Developmental Psychol-

ogy, one of the two leading journals in the area of school psychology.

The study involved 42 five-year-old Black children who were enrolled in Head Start in Davenport. Half of the children took an intelligence test first with a white examiner and later with a Black examiner. The other half took the test first with a Black examiner. There were a number

of Black and white examiners, who were students Moore was training to give tests.

Sixteen percent of the children would have been assigned to special classes for the mentally handicapped on the basis of scores they made when tested by white examiners. Only two percent would be sent to special classes when the children were tested by Black examiners. The test used in the study was a

short form of the Wechsler Pre-school and Primary Scale of Intelligence.

Dr. Moore's study did not seek to explain why the children's test performance was poorer when they were tested by white examiners.

It might have been that the Black children were hostile or fearful of being judged by a white person, he said, or the white examiners may have interacted with the children

in some way that made the children less interested in doing well.

Dr. Moore's advisor at Iowa City, Dr. Retish, said that in California it is against the law to give a standardized test to a minority group child without an advocate, or to give a test in English to a child whose first language is not English.

Dr. Moore is now on the faculty of Albany Medical College, Albany, N.Y., teaching about testing.

## Treated Politely By Police in White Areas, Officials Says

AUSTIN, Tex. -- (NBNS) -- Do police treat a black woman the same way -- regardless of whether she was stopped in black or white sections of Dallas?

Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, a black state legislator, decided to take a personal survey of the attitude of the predominately white Dallas police force toward black drivers in different parts of the city -- something she called her "little game."

The findings are expected to be used as a part of an interim study committee's report which is determining if law enforcement officers need to have additional training in dealing with people. She heads the special committee.

"I really wanted to learn if blacks had all this hostility for police because of their treatment, or if it was inborn," she explained. She

then committed minor traffic violations throughout Dallas.

In total, officers stopped her six times. Four times she was stopped in white sections of the city and treated courteously each time, she said. But both times she was stopped in black sections she was met with hostility.

There was definitely a difference in the attitude or approach of the officers, seemingly on the basis of locality."

She said in North Dallas -- the white area -- she was called "Mrs. Johnson" and treated quite politely.

"As I headed into the south Dallas area (predominately black), the attitude was quite different," she continued. "That was when I encountered the real hostile, 'talking times ahead,' down' attitude."

She said a woman officer downtown first talked to her harshly,

saying "Get Moving." But the woman did not give her a ticket.

On Forest Avenue and Oakland Avenue (a black area), the officer who stopped her approached the car and his first comment was, "What are you up to, gal?" He then gave her a warning ticket.

She said she was beginning to believe that officers are being assigned to certain neighborhoods because of their attitudes toward minorities. The committee will probably look into that aspect too.

"There are definitely problems on both sides," she said. "For minorities in general in Dallas, it is going to be extremely important that both sides change. Otherwise I think we're in for some hard times ahead."

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## Pro-Nixon 'Black Capitalist' Cited in SBA Scandals

WASHINGTON -- (NBNS) -- Dr. Thomas W. Matthew, a prominent New York supporter of President Nixon, has been cited in testimony before the House Banking and Currency Committee as the beneficiary of White House intervention to cover-up scandals in the President's much publicized "black capitalism" program.

Curtis Prins, chief investigator for the committee's probe of the Small Business Administration minority loan program, said that someone "quite high up" in the White House had intervened to block a criminal investigation of Dr. Matthew's various business activities.

A 49-year-old New York neurosurgeon, Dr. Matthew has been prominent in the black capitalism

program -- promoted by the Nixon Administration as a means of helping blacks to own and operate their own businesses -- and has been a vigorous political supporter of the President.

He was pardoned by the President in 1969 shortly after being sentenced to six months in jail for tax evasion. More recently he has been convicted on 71 counts of illegally using Medicaid funds.

Dr. Matthew has denied any wrongdoing in connection with SBA loans to operations organized under his National Economic Growth and Reconstruction Organization (NEGRO). But he has acknowledged that the self-help organization has defaulted on a loan of \$175,000. "We still owe the money to SBA," he said.

He further denied any knowledge of alleged attempts by the White House to get the SBA to "burn its files" on him. "I never heard of that before," he said. "I don't see any reason why they would want to burn the file."

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## President Kenyatta Okays Filming Of "The Wilby Conspiracy" in Nairobi

President Jomo Kenyatta of Kenya has given the green light to the filming of "The Wilby Conspiracy," which is slated to go before the cameras in Nairobi on February 15th with Sidney Poitier and Michael Caine starring.

The venerable African statesman had read the script of the Martin Baum production before instructing his Minister of Interior to offer all necessary cooperation to the filmmakers. Ralph Nelson will direct from a screenplay by Rob Amateau and Harold Nebenzal.

"The Wilby Conspiracy" will be released by United Artists, an entertainment service of Trans-America Corporation.

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## Supreme Court Rejects Juror Bias Case

WASHINGTON -- (BNSN) -- The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to review the robbery and assault conviction of a Massachusetts black who claimed he had been denied a fair trial because the judge had refused to permit his lawyer to ask prospective jurors about their racial prejudice.

The 6-to-3 vote contrasted with a decision 11 months ago in which the Supreme Court had seemed to recognize the right of the defendant's counsel to ask about racial bias.

Since only four justices are needed to grant review, the Supreme Court would have heard the case if one other justice had joined the three dissenters, Justices Thurgood Marshall, William O. Douglas and William J. Brennan, Jr.

Justice Marshall, writing the dissenting opinion, said the Court had

held as far back as 1931 that "essential demands of fairness" required that potential jurors be questioned as to racial prejudice in the trial of a black for murdering a white policeman in the South."

Racial prejudice, the Justice said, "is a cancer of the mind and spirit which breeds as prolifically in the industrial cities of the North as in the rural towns of the South."

The Massachusetts court had refused to permit jurors to be asked: "are there any of you who believe that a white person is more likely to be telling the truth than a black person." It said this safeguard was not necessary in the case of a defendant accused of attacking a Boston University security guard because he was not likely to be a "special target for racial prejudice" in that Northern court.

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## Rockefeller Forms National Choices Commission

NEW YORK -- (NBNS) -- Governor Nelson Rockefeller has included two prominent blacks among the 35 members of a national study commission he has founded at President Nixon's request to explore the problems the United States will face in its third century.

Names to the National Commission on Critical Choices for America were Clarence B. Jones, publisher of the New York Amsterdam News, and Wilson Riles, California State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Although Governor Rockefeller said the commission would be non-political, its formation is widely regarded as an element in his prospective campaign for the Republican nomination for the presidency in 1976. He and his brother Laurence Rockefeller each will contribute \$1 million tax-deductible dollars to the \$20 million study.

The new commission will follow up the work of the 1958 "Prospect for America" study funded by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and directed by Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, a Rockefeller advisor who is now Nixon's Secretary of State.

Governor Rockefeller pointed out that the 1958 study produced position papers for the presidential campaign of John F. Kennedy, as well as for his own abortive campaign for the Republican nomination in 1960. He lost then to Richard Nixon.

### Quotas Not Necessary at Schools

NEW YORK, N.Y. -- (NBNS) -- Equal employment does not necessitate the setting of quotas at institutions of higher learning, Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger of Health, Education and Welfare said here.

Perhaps significant this time is his choice of President Nixon's woman counselor, Mrs. Anne Armstrong of the Texas Republican establishment, as his liaison person with the study commission.

Also appointed to the commission were former Nixon presidential assistant Daniel P. Monihan;

atomic scientist Edward Teller; broadcast executive William S. Paley; former Atlanta mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.; advertising executive Mary Wells Lawrence; former chairman of the National Urban Coalition, Sol Linowitz, and economist Dr. Marina Whitman.

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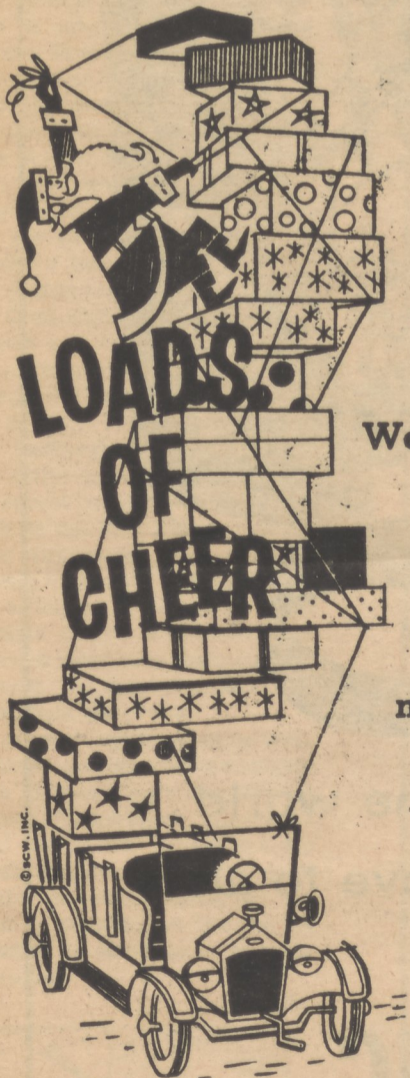


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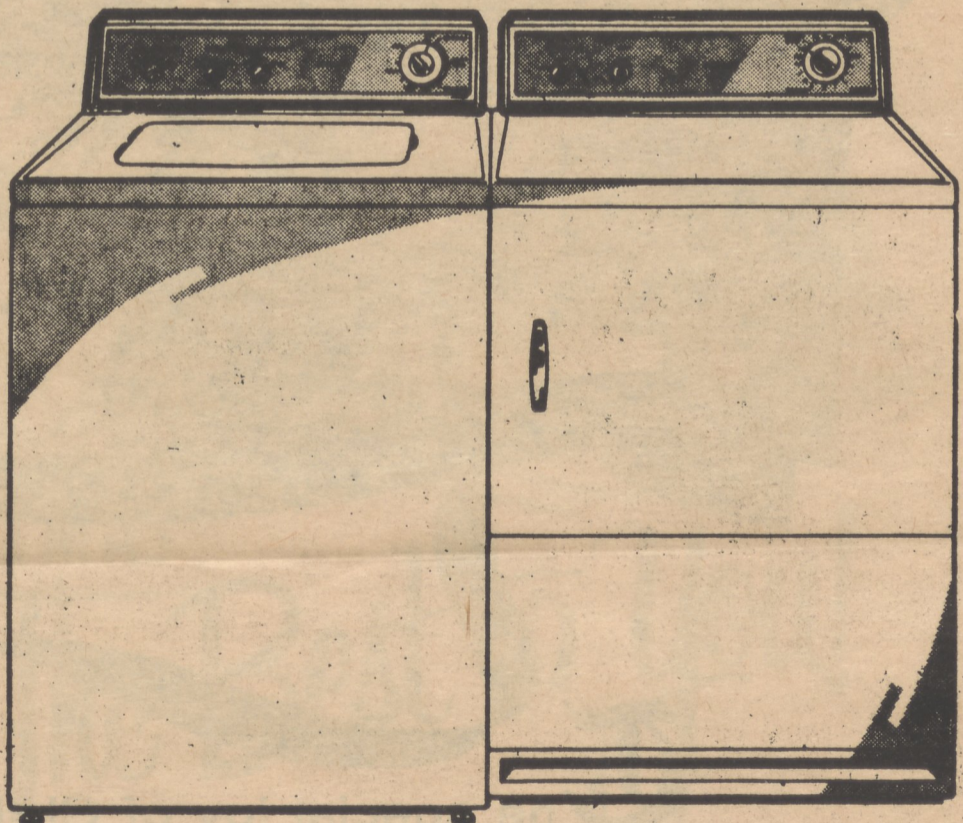


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## Return From Two Week Federal Training Program

A team of interested persons have just returned from a two week federal training program at the Regional Training Center on the University of Minnesota campus in Minneapolis where leaders from the University of Minnesota faculty trained them in ways of dealing with drug abuse in local communities. The group of six was one of eleven teams from Montana to Milwaukee and Kansas to Iowa, and received the training as the result of a federal grant under the "Helping Communities Help Themselves" Program. Drug Education through the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The team gained skills in working together in the community as a team, technical information concerning drug dependency and addiction, and in discovering com-

munity forces that can be used in the prevention and treatment of drug abuse and addiction. The major emphasis was on the causes and prevention of drug abuse and was based on the assumption that drug abuse is a symptom of deeper issues.

The position statement composed by the group is indicative of the interest and concern they have. It is as follows:

"There is a problem of drug abuse affecting those of us who are residents of the Waterloo area. It is caused by our lack of concern for people, which leads to apathy, boredom, isolation, insecurity, lack of real communication, and a lack of equal opportunity.

We need ways of facilitating sensitivity and acceptance toward people so we will be motivated

to get to be knowledgeably involved in change.

We will work to develop education programs and specific services in schools, industry, and medicine, and to work with existing agencies to meet the needs of the community. We will develop and implement educational programs for school administration."

Included on the team are Larry Miller, science teacher at Hoover Junior High; James Freeman, Director of the Black Hawk County Drug Council; Lynn Cannaday, Guidance Counselor at Edison Junior High; Peggy Moch, senior at East High; David Helmick, junior at Central High; and Rev. Stanley Kennedy, Urban Minister for the United Methodist Church.

What: "Help Communities Help Themselves" program on drug abuse, Region VI Training, Re-

## Ousted Soldier Awarded \$25,000

WASHINGTON -- (NBNS) -- The House has approved legislation giving \$25,000 in compensation to the lone survivor of the group of black Army veterans dishonorably discharged 66 years ago by

source and Developmental Assistance Center of the U.S. Office of Education Drug Program. Who: Waterloo Drug Assistance Team -- Larry Miller, Science Teacher at Hoover Jr. High; James Freeman, Director of the Black Hawk County Drug Council; Peggy Moch, senior at East High; Dave Helmick junior at Central High; Lynn Cannaday, Guidance Counselor at Edison Junior High; Rev. Stanley Kennedy, Urban Minister for the United Methodist Church.

When: November 6 - November 17. Where: Regional Training Center University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

President Theodore Roosevelt. Dorsie W. Willis, who is 86 years old, was dismissed along with the 166 other members of the all-black 25th Regiment as they were charged with covering-up or taking part in a shooting incident at Brownsville, Tex. on Aug. 13, 1906.

The men were then summarily discharged dishonorably without a hearing although evidence pointed to their innocence. Last year the Secretary of the Army cleared the 167 men of all charges, but refused to award them or their survivors any veterans benefits.

The Minneapolis resident will receive other veterans benefits if the legislation is approved by the Senate, which is expected. The unmarried widows of the other survivors are eligible for lump sum payments of \$10,000 and other veterans benefits.

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## Black Feminists Hold Conference

NEW YORK, N.Y. -- (NBNS) -- The dual problems of sexism and racism were the subject here of a three-day organizing conference held by the National Organization of Black Feminists.

Site of the conference was the Cathedral Church of St. John the Devine and it drew 425 participants from throughout the country according to Margaret Sloan, an organizer and a former editor of Ms. magazine.

"I'm delighted with this conference and the setting up of this organization," declared Jacqueline Lubell of Norwalk, Conn. She said in the past she worked for predominantly white organizations involved in black movements and was dissatisfied with both.

"Black militant organizations are so male chauvinist that women either dropped out or got kicked out -- there was no cooperation between the men and the women," she said.

Ms. Lubell also told the conference that it was the first in which there had not been "a battle between the 'straights' and the 'gays.'" This has been a serious problem in white women's rights movements, she said.

## Flemming Surprise Nixon Choice For Civil Rights Unit

WASHINGTON --(NBNS)-- Arthur S. Flemming is the surprise choice of President Nixon for appointment to the vacancy of the Civil Rights Commission chairmanship.

Flemming, 68, is a former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare and is highly regarded by liberal and civil rights forces.

The White House announcement that the President would nominate Flemming to fill the vacancy on the six-member commission to be left by Maurice B. Mitchell, who is resigning, caught civil rights forces off guard. Flemming is expected to win Senate approval easily and Mr. Nixon has said it is his intention to then name him to the chairmanship.

The post, which has been vacant for 13 months now since the departure of out-spoken Notre Dame University President Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, was expected to go the commission vice chairman, Stephen Horn, president of California State College at Long Beach.

"The President had made a splendid appointment," Horn said following the announcement. "Arthur Flemming's long-standing commitment to human rights is well known."

The Civil Rights Commission investigates and reports on infringements on individual rights because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin. During his term, Father Hesburgh had been an outspoken critic of the President's policy on school busing.

While he was HEW Secretary from 1958 to 1961 under President Eisenhower, Flemming was a frequent critic of school closings to avoid integration orders as indefensible and warned rebellious districts that they faced the loss of federal aid if the schools were shut.

One reaction appeared to be typical of those coming from civil rights leaders to Flemming's appointment to the post. Joseph Rauth, vice chairman of the liberal Americans for Democratic Action, said: "I can't fault him on civil rights, but the question is whether he has the independence to stand up to this administration."

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The Victorians believed that a heavy cough could be cured by eating a bowl of raw onions. The next cough must have been breathtaking.

## State Claims Murder of Black Legislator Was 'Rehearsed'

BALTIMORE -- (NBNS) -- The prosecution in the trial of Sherman W. Dobson has charged that the 20-year-old son of a prominent minister "rehearsed" the murder of Maryland State Delegate James A. (Turk) Scott last summer.

Scott, who was scheduled to stand trial on federal narcotics charges, was fatally shot last July 13 in the underground parking garage of the

high-rise apartment building where he lived.

Dodson was arrested and charged with the murder six days later. He was alleged to be a member of a group calling itself Black October which had circulated hand-written leaflets proclaiming death for drug pushers. Black October claimed credit for the slaying of Scott.

Presenting the state's case, Assistant State's Attorney Sandra O'Connor told the Criminal Court jury that Dodson and two companions went through "a dry run" of the slaying less than a month before Scott's murder.

She presented a former taxicab driver who identified Dodson as one of the three men who stole his cab last June 18. A second hijacked taxicab was seen leaving the scene of the murder.

Both cab drivers testified that two men hailed their cabs, then handcuffed them, and with a third man who joined them, drove to the same wooded area in northwest Baltimore. There, the drivers said, they were handcuffed to a tree and made to wait with one of the men, who discussed religion with them until his companions returned with the cab three hours later.

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## Virginia Tightens Welfare Rules

RICHMOND -- (NBNS) -- The state of Virginia has implemented new, tougher welfare regulations that no longer will accept the applicant's word for his eligibility. The move is an effort to reduce the number of persons being overpaid or who are ineligible to receive benefits.

The National Welfare Rights Organization has maintained that the new rules may "make welfare mo-

thers subject to harassment." Case-workers will now have to investigate every statement on applications that were previously accepted on faith.

Interesting, the state's rate of error in welfare payments are lower than the nationwide levels, according to figures supplied by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

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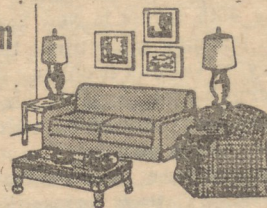
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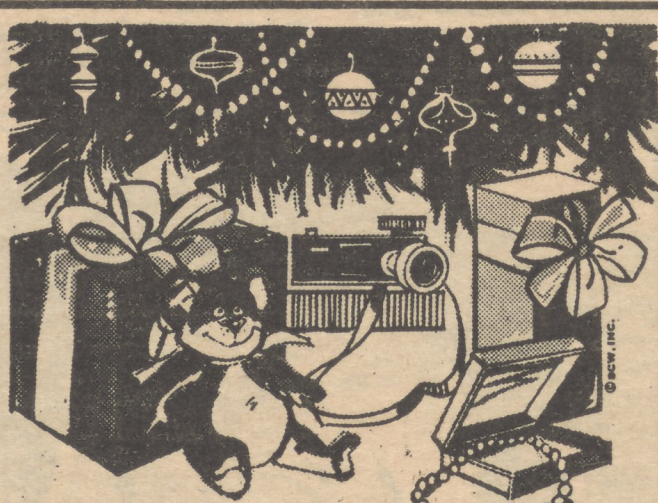
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## Arabs Cut Off Oil to Racist African Regimes

STAOUELI, Algeria -- (NBNS) -- Arab chiefs of state meeting here on oil embargo policy have agreed to extend their boycott to Portugal, Rhodesia and South Africa in recognition of black African support of their position in the Middle East crisis.

The 15 Arab kings, sheiks and presidents met for three-days to determine their common policy with respect to the developed and undeveloped countries supporting their position in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Black African countries gained an advantage in eyes of the Arab nations by breaking relations early with Israel and giving the Arab cause their full support during the recent military conflict.

In extending the embargo on exporting oil to the three African territories dominated by white-minority governments, the Arabs were expressing solidarity with the nations of black Africa.

In a separate "Declaration on Africa," the Arab chiefs of state stipulated that they would take "special measures in order to maintain the normal supply of Arab oil to the brotherly African countries."

Some 42 African countries have broken diplomatic relations with Israel and have expressed their support for the Arabs in their combat with Israeli imperialism.

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## Opposition Party May Speed S. Africa Election

CAPE TOWN -- (NBNS) -- It appears likely that the opposition United Party, which is clearly in the minority in Parliament, will be successful in its call for a general election early next year -- a full year before one was due.

The reason for the new push is the United Party's contention that the ruling National Party's "apartheid theory" is just not working.

Although the Nationalists have promised to keep Black Africans in their place, the United Party leaders say blacks have begun to take an active part in many activities throughout the country. And they often are asking questions on apartheid of National officials

but cannot get answers.

Despite its 71-seat majority over the United Party in the Parliament of 166, the United Party is beginning to look like a winner over the ruling National Party.

It appears that May 29 could be the date of the election, but it might even take place as early as April. The National Party has called for nominations of candidates for Parliament itself, and the United Party has followed suit.

The United Party is regarded as the more progressive of the two major parties and have been critical of the country's apartheid policies for some time.

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## Black Businesses Feared Target Of Federal Probe

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NBNS) -- Representatives of a dozen predominately black businesses have joined the 15-member Congressional Black Caucus in voicing the fear that an ongoing probe into alleged criminal violations in the awarding of Small Business Administration loans may lead to an assault on minority enterprise.

Thus far federal investigators are focusing on the Richmond and Philadelphia offices of the SBA. The twin probes, however, have had the effect of withholding approval of an SBA request to increase its lending authority from \$4.3 billion to \$6.6 billion.

Speaking for the business groups at a joint press conference with the Black Caucus, Malcolm Corrin of the Interracial Council of Bus-

ness Organization said:

"Our clear position is that bribery, corruption, maladministration, violations of administrative and statutory law must be rooted out promptly and vigorously.

"Of equal importance," Corrin continued, "is the necessity for the immediate depoliticalization of these agencies. No agency designed to help minority enterprise can do the job fully and effectively if political considerations, along partisan lines, are the paramount concerns."

Corrin was referring to recent reports that the Nixon Administration demanded political allegiance last year before its Office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE) would fund minority business programs. OMBE made

## Ashe Sued for \$25,000 For Bad Loan of Friend

DANVILLE, Va. -- (NBNS) -- Tennis star Arthur Ashe has been sued by the Small Business Administration for a \$25,000 defaulted loan he co-guaranteed for Ronald and Ruth Harvey Charity who wanted to start a clothing store named Safari, Ltd. here.

Ashe, who is in Johannesburg, South Africa, for a tennis tournament, had his trial postponed because of the tourney. The SBA is seeking \$24,943 plus interest on the bad loan from Ashe and Thomas D. Williamson, who also signed the loan.

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grants totaling \$26.5 million last fiscal year with the SBA increasing its loan volume from \$69 million at the end of 1968 to a current \$435.3 million.

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## Oil Wells May Be Blown Up, Algeria Warns

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia--(NBNS) Algerian President Houari Boumediene has warned Western powers that if they take military action to obtain Arab oil, they will see the wells and pipelines destroyed.

Boumediene's comments, which came in an interview with the Algerian government newspaper El Moudjahid, pointed out that Saudi Arabian Petroleum Minister Zaki Yamani had said the same thing in response to a statement by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger that Washington would have to consider "countermeasures" if the embargo continued "unreasonably and indefinitely."

"If the West tries to act with arrogance or to use force," he said, "it will undergo a catastro-

phe. All the oil wells will be burned. All the pipelines will be destroyed, and the West will pay for it."

Interesting, Yamani arrived in New York recently to meet with Kissinger.

He told a news conference that the Arabs "will insist on withdrawal from the occupied areas of 1967, including Jerusalem" before the embargo is lifted. He was obviously referring to the lands which Israel gained from the Arabs in the 1967 war.

He pointed out that when the embargo ended, production levels in the Arab states would initially be restored to match the output of September, the last full pre-embargo month.

The Persian Gulf oil producers

will meet in Tehran at the end of this month to decide on new price increases. Yamini insisted that there will no longer be any price negotiations with the oil companies until the matter of the Arab lands is resolved to their satisfaction.

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## Mississippi Prisons Scored Again

GREENVILLE, Miss.--(NBNS)--The Federal Government told a federal judge it has new evidence of beatings of inmates by guards at the Mississippi State Penitentiary.

The Justice Department asked the judge to re-open the hearings on the brutality at the prison, since he had said before that the evidence was not available to the United States at the time.

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## GOP Must Appeal to Blacks

WASHINGTON -- (NBNS) -- Virginia's Gov. Linwood Holton has called on the Republican Party to "seek every possible way to appeal to our black citizens." If the party does not, Holton warned that it "would be committing political suicide."

Addressing the liberal GOP Ripon Society, Holton pointed out he could not have been elected in 1969 without black support and said without black votes "future Southern statewide Republican candidates are likely to be going through an exercise in futility."

"Moreover, as the party of Lincoln, we would be desecrating his very name if we tried to turn the southern branch of our party into an all-white club. We would also guarantee that we remain a minority party in the South."

He noted that North Carolina Gov. James Holshouser had become the state's first GOP governor in 72 years with the help of black voters in 1972.

Holton, who in planning on re-

turning to his law practice when he leaves office next month, said he would be "dedicated to the interests of all Virginians, be they black or white."

Later, the Virginia governor said he felt the victory last month by Republican Mills Godwin without black vote support couldn't happen again.

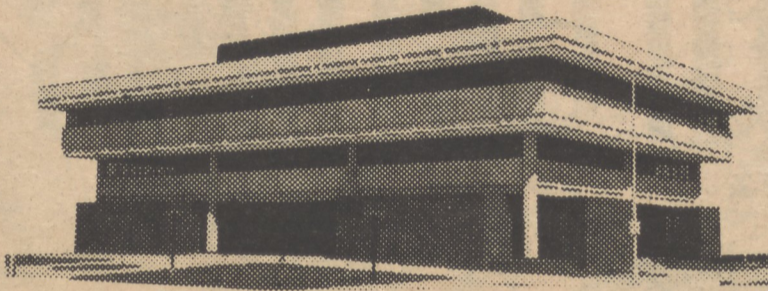
"I think he's the last one in Virginia to do it," Holton commented. "You can't start by giving away 18 to 20 per cent of the vote." That represents the percentage of black voters in the state.

Holton maintained that racial harmony must be the keystone of the GOP's success. And it must actively seek out the black voter and attract these voters to the party.

Holton was also critical of the Southern Strategy of the party, in which whites have supported the Republican candidates instead of the Democratic candidate, particularly if they were supporters of Alabama's Gov. George Wallace.

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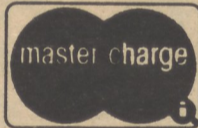


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## Blacks To Help Influence U.S., Diggs Asserts

NAIROBI -- (NBNS) -- Rising sympathy among Black Americans should help force the United States to deal in a "more even-handed" fashion in the Middle East, veteran Congressman Charles Diggs told reporters on his arrival here.

Diggs, chairman of the House subcommittee on Africa, said the feeling of "brotherhood with the Arabs" was spreading among blacks on college campuses across America. He is enroute to Addis Ababa to conclude a seven-nation African tour.

Warning that some Black American students in Cairo have been "very much disenchanted by experiences based on color," Diggs said blacks should be cautious about

basing ties with Arabs merely on brotherhood.

The Michigan Democrat, former chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, also predicted that Guinea-Bissau, which had already been recognized as an independent nation by more than 90 countries, would be admitted to the United Nations before the end of next year.

The new African state is made up of guerrilla-won territory claimed by Lisbon as Portuguese Guinea. The United States and a number of other key Western powers have continued to refuse to recognize the new African government.

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