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Black Mayors to Discuss Cities' Future at Annual King Center Conference

ATLANTA -- Five black mayors will be featured speakers at the Fifth Annual conference of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Social Change in New York on April 5 to 6, 1974 at the Statler-Hilton Hotel.

Mayors Richard Hatcher of Gary; Kenneth Gibson of Newark; and Howard Lee of Chapel Hill; and newly elected Mayors Maynard Jackson of Atlanta and Coleman Young of Detroit will deliver position papers on the conference theme: "Frontier Issues for American Cities in the '70's."

Other speakers will include Mrs. Coretta Scott King, President of the King Center; Reverend Calvin S. Morris, Executive Director of the King Center; Andrew Young, first Black Congressman from Georgia in a century; John Lewis, Executive Director of the Voter Education Project of Atlanta. Also appearing on the program will be Mrs. Eleanor Holmes Norton, chairman of the New York City Commission on Human Rights and general chairman of the conference.

In announcing plans for the conference, Mrs. King emphasized that it "will bring together representatives of the civil rights coalition of the '60's for discussion of strategies to meet problems of the '70's--especially in the major urban centers of the nation."

The conference will open with the annual business meeting of the center's board of trustees at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, April 5 with a press conference with Mrs. King and other officials of the Center scheduled for 12:30. At the luncheon scheduled for 1:00 p.m., Mrs. King will deliver the President's Annual Address.

"Watergate and the Politics of 1974" is the subject of a panel discussion scheduled for 3:30 at the Columbia University Law School. Congressman Andrew Young, Mayor Howard Lee and Mr. John Lewis will be the panelists. Dr. Charles Hamilton, Professor of Political Science and Sayre Professor of Government at Columbia University, will chair the panel discussion and Dr. Robert Green, Dean of the College of Urban Development of Michigan State University will make the summary.

On Friday evening at 8 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, Mayors Coleman Young and Richard Hatcher will speak on "New Perspectives on the Crime Debate." There will also be music, including gospel/soul singer Linda Hopkins, with remarks by Mrs. King and Congressman Andrew Young.

"Pluralism and the Future of the

Cities" will be the topic for Mayors Kenneth Gibson and Maynard Jackson at a 10:30 session Saturday morning at the Statler-Hilton Hotel. A reception will follow.

The Atlanta-based King Center is the national organization responsible for building a permanent memorial to Dr. King in his home city and for developing programs and new nonviolent training techniques to carry forward his philosophy of positive social change through nonviolent methods. In addition to Mrs. King, officers include Congressman Walter Fauntroy of Washington, D. C., Chairman of the Board of Directors; and Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, President of the Atlanta Board of Education, and Chairman of the Center's Board of Trustees.

The Conference sessions at Columbia University and The Cathedral of St. John the Divine on Friday and at the Statler-Hilton on Saturday are open to the public.

End Isolation, Ray Tells Judge

NASHVILLE -- (NBNS) -- The convicted assassin of civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., has asked a federal judge to put an end to his solitary confinement in state prison. However, prison officials maintain that Ray has proven he might just try and escape again.

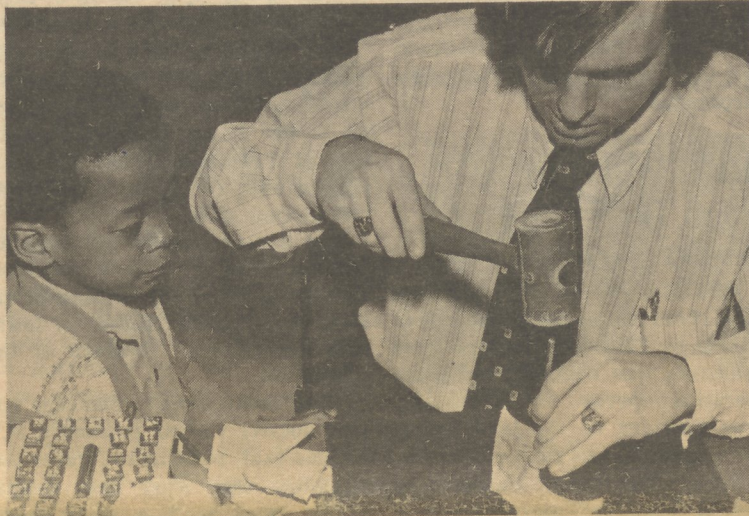
U. S. District Judge L. Clure Morton, who heard arguments on Ray's petition for release from his confinement in solitary from Tennessee State prison, is still awaiting written evidence which Ray -- now serving a 99-year-sentence -- has prepared for the court.

Ray's new lawyers want the convict released from solitary for at least two hours a day and argued that he should be allowed to mingle with the other inmates in the prison yard.

But prison Warden James Rosse, who came to the courthouse with Ray, said that he "has had an opportunity to get out of his cell, but he has refused it."

He then pointed out to the court that Ray has attempted to escape several times in the past and asserted that the prison simply lacked the manpower to guard him as carefully as they felt necessary. Therefore, solitary confinement was the ideal answer to the problem.

Later this summer, state officials expect a full court hearing on Ray's petition to withdraw his plea of



CEDAR FALLS -- It's all part of leather crafting. Joseph Hoepfner of the Tandy Leather Co. of Cedar Falls demonstrates some of the techniques used in leather making to Cory Walton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Walton of 1025 Adams in Waterloo. The demonstration was all part of the Sewing Workshop and Fair held at the University of Northern Iowa March 20 and 21. The workshop was sponsored by the UNI Center for Urban Education, coordinated by Mary Powers, community affairs coordinator.

Nixon Administration Still Considering Negative Income Tax

WASHINGTON -- (NBNS) -- Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Caspar W. Weinberger says the Nixon Administration is still considering the replacement of direct welfare payments with a "negative income tax" which would pay rather than charge the poor.

There have been numerous reports that the Administration was proposing to submit a negative income tax or guaranteed income program to the Congress this year. No such plan was included, however, in the President's State of the Union or 1975 budget messages.

Now Secretary Weinberger, who is best known for his sharp budgetary knife where social programs are concerned, has endorsed publicly the idea of making regular monthly payments to poor families which would guarantee them a specified minimum income.

"Principally," he said in endorsing the proposal, "it gets money to those who need it directly and quickly, just as a tax cut put money into the economy directly."

"Secondly, it does not dictate to people what priorities they should have in their personal budgets; just as tax cuts do not distort national programmatic budgeting on the merits."

Thus, he said, the negative income tax program would be superior to present welfare programs, including food stamps, housing subsidies, aid to families with dependent children, and supplemental security income for the needy aged, blind and disabled.

As part of the program, Weinberger said: "We are, of course,

also examining various forms of work requirements to accompany this supplement."

Mayor IMPOSES Curfew After Racial Outbreak

OSSINING, N. Y. (NBNS) -- Mayor Rudolph J. Joenk has imposed a 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew for youths under 18 who are unaccompanied by an adult after racial disturbances rocked the city.

Three teen-agers were arrested following rock and bottle throwing among black and white youths in the downtown area which was brought under control by 65-riot equipped policemen.

The melee was a continuation of racial confrontations that broke out at Ossining High School earlier in the week.

Police said the outbreak began when white youths, some of whom were drinking, cruised around the downtown area shouting taunts at blacks.

A patrolman estimated that 100 white youths and 100 black youths were involved in what Mayor Joenk called "personal and family prejudices boiling to the surface. He said the curfew was meant to "throw the burden back on the family."

Difficulties began at the high school with fights that left 18 students hurt. It began in the game room, a local hangout. There are approximately 1,600 students in the school, of whom 12 percent are

black. When Mattie Robinson started to work at The James Black Company it was, she considered only a temporary job, but that temporary job has lasted twenty-four years.

Mattie Robinson is acting President of The James Black Company RWDSU Local No. 860 Union. As acting President going into her fifth year (with two years yet to complete in office) Mattie represents all of the employees of the store covered under the union contract.

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Mattie and her husband live at 927 North Barclay. Their daughter and husband, Robbie Fisher, live in Waterloo with their two children, who often visit their grandparents.

Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist is Mattie's church home, where the minister is Rev. R. S. Reuckett.

No New Death Penalty In Virginia This Year

RICHMOND -- (NBNS) -- There won't be a new death penalty enacted this year by the General Assembly as the governor has decided not to call the lawmakers back to work.

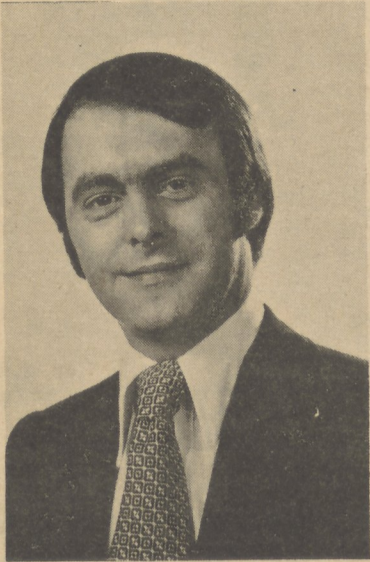
During the session, the House and the Senate failed to agree on death penalty legislation in the waning hours of the 1974 session. The House had agreed to Senate proposals to reinstate a mandatory death penalty for murder, but only in three categories instead of the five proposed by the Senate.

The compromise failed to win legislative approval, so apparently no death penalty legislation will be on the books this year in the commonwealth.

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Fitzgerald Announces for Treasurer of State

Daniel Fitzgerald, Denison, announced recently his intentions to seek the Democratic nomination for Treasurer of the State of Iowa.



Fitzgerald is now serving as executive vice president of the Denison Chamber of Commerce, and before coming to Denison served with the Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce.

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guilty in the murder of Nobel Peace prize winner Dr. King.

Contending that his former lawyers compelled him to plead guilty for their own personal interests, Ray insisted that he cannot properly prepare for the appeal of his guilty pleas in solitary confinement.

In his first court hearing since March 1969, when he pleaded guilty to Dr. King's assassination, Ray, 46, said his mental and physical well-being were deteriorating in solitary confinement.

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The 32 year old Democrat was born in Marshalltown and raised on a farm near State Center. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Iowa.

In making his announcement, Fitzgerald called for the creation of a state investment board of commissioners to advise state government in the placement of available state funds. The volunteer commission would draw from a variety of investment specialists from across the state and would explore the many possible alternatives and opportunities for the investment of state funds.

In this era of greater and greater increases in the rate of inflation, it is a responsibility incumbent upon state government to stretch the people's tax dollars to the greatest extent possible. With the steadily increasing burden of taxation and the rapidly rising prices all Iowans are experiencing, state government must seek out every possible avenue for the effective and efficient use of state funds.

Fitzgerald is presently serving on the boards of directors for the Midwest Iowa Alcoholism Center, Iowa U. S. Highway 30 Association and Kiwanis Club of Denison. He is Secretary-Treasurer of the Crawford County Industrial Development Corporation.

Guinea-Bissau Given UN Status

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. -- (NBNS) -- Guinea-Bissau has been given observer status at the United Nations by Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, who commented that the liberation forces now controlled three-quarters of the territory of Portuguese Guinea in West Africa.

Saying the rebel nation was granted observer status since it was a member of a U. N. agency, Waldheim declared that he had invited them to also participate in a General Assembly meeting next fall. Guinea-Bissau is a member of the Food and Agricultural Organization.

Francisco Mendes, principal commissioner of the council of commissioners of state of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, had asked for permission to open a mission. In his letter, Waldheim said he saw "no obstacle" to the UN Observer mission.

Bob Fulton and Iola Adams to Head Hoth Campaign

Don L. Hoth, Democratic candidate for the two year vacancy term on the Black Hawk County Board of Supervisors, today announced that Bob Fulton of Waterloo and Iola Adams of Cedar Falls would serve as co-chairpersons of his campaign. Fulton has served in the Iowa State Legislature and has been Lieutenant Governor and Governor of the state of Iowa. He is presently Democratic National Committeeman for Iowa. Mrs. Adams has long been active in the Democratic Party. She is serving as precinct committee person for Black Hawk County and is a member of the Black Hawk County Democratic Women's Club.

In addition to Fulton and Mrs. Adams, Hoth announced that George Keith would serve as Publicity

Chairman, Charles Uban as Finance Chairman and Anne Brown as Volunteer Co-ordinator.

Other members of the committee to elect Hoth include: Gale Quirk, Jack Seeber, Paul Larsen, Wendy Brudevold, John Walton, Bob Griffin, Ray Brandt, John Gillespie, G. C. Estes, Lael Rekward and Larry Gordon.

In making the announcement, Hoth said, "I am very pleased and grateful that this committee has agreed to assist in my campaign. This is an important election year for all persons in Black Hawk County and I urge everyone to become involved in the electoral process. We will continue to speak to the issues and actions involving the Black Hawk County Board of Supervisors."

Death Bill Goes to House

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NBNS) -- The U. S. Senate has voted to restore the death penalty in certain specified cases and sent the measure on to the U. S. House of Representatives where it may be buried.

The reason is that the House Judiciary Committee, which has jurisdiction over the legislation, is tied up in the impeachment investigation of President Nixon and may not be able to consider the death bill anytime soon.

The Senate passed the legislation on a 54 to 33 vote with Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts and Harold Hughes of Iowa, both Democrats, leaders of the opposition.

"The death penalty demeans human society without protecting it," Hughes said, pointing to figures and statistics that show that capital crime rates don't go up in states where the death penalty is abolished, or decline in states where it has been imposed in the past.

The bill was prompted by a 1972 Supreme Court ruling which, in effect, struck down the death penalty in federal and state cases.

Leading the charge for reinstating the death penalty was Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Arkansas), who said law enforcement officers consider it necessary to deter crimes of violence.

"The criminal must be made to realize that he is going to die

himself if he chooses to murder-ously deprive someone else of his life," McClellan said.

The bill as passed seeks to narrow the area of discretion by making the death penalty mandatory under certain conditions where aggravating factors are present, and forbidding it under all others.

Adopted unanimously was an amendment offered by Sen. James Buckley of New York to prohibit execution of a woman while she is pregnant. After the baby is born, the mother can be executed, said the conservative Senator.

Senator's Assailant Wants Plea Change

WASHINGTON -- (NBNS) -- The 19 year old accused of shooting U. S. Sen. John Stennis of Mississippi wants to change his plea from guilty to innocent in the incident, Tyrone Marshall says.

Last October, Marshall entered the guilty plea under a provision of the law allowing the defendant to maintain his innocence while asserting simply that the government's evidence is overwhelming.

He was scheduled for sentencing when he made his surprise announcement. The government is expected to oppose the change of plea demand by Tyrone Marshall.

Culver Co-Sponsors Tax Relief Measure

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- Iowa Congressman John Culver Monday joined Wisconsin Democrat Henry Reuss and 30 other House members in sponsoring a bill to provide payroll and income tax relief to the nation's low and moderate income taxpayers.

Culver said the bill (H. R. 13019) would raise the standard deduction (by increasing the low income allowance from \$1,300 to \$1,800, the percentage rate from 15 to 20 percent, and the ceiling from \$2,000 to \$2,200), and would alleviate the regressivity of the Social Security tax by allowing personal exemptions and a liberalized minimum standard deduction, phased out at higher levels.

According to Culver, the bill would provide about \$10 billion in tax relief, more than 95 percent of which would go to families making less than \$15,000 a year.

"It is these families that have been hit hardest by inflation, because they have to spend a higher proportion of their incomes on such basic needs as food, fuel and housing, all of which have gone up in cost dramatically in recent years," Culver said.

In addition to his support for H. R. 13019, Culver said he supports tax relief proposals that have been introduced in the United States Senate by Democrats Walter Mondale of Minnesota and Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts.

Culver said he personally favored a three pronged approach: tax relief, tax reform and an economic stimulus. Culver himself first proposed a tax cut Feb. 4 in Cedar Rapids, saying that "Congress and the President should get together on an immediate cut in federal taxes to offset the effects of lagging economic production coupled with persisting inflation."

Culver said Monday that "people are hurting and something needs to be done on behalf of persons in the lower and middle income brackets now before the economy goes into a worse economic stall."

White Only Rule Violated in S. Africa

JOHANNESBURG -- (NBNS) -- Some 60 colored (mixed blood) persons were arrested by police as they entered a "whites only" foot bridge at a colored township close by.

Although, the Johannesburg City Council -- a month ago -- abolished "petty apartheid" in its city and all "whites only" or "Non-Europeans only" signs have been removed, those arrested were still fined \$10 each.

A member of the Bosmont colored people council, Sam Solomons, called the incident one of the "most irresponsible police action (s) he has ever seen."



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Sterilization Curbs Ordered by U.S. Judge

WASHINGTON -- (NBNS) -- No longer will the federal government be able to finance the sterilization of any child or mentally incompetent person through its family planning program, a federal judge has ruled.

U. S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell, who ordered the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to change the regulations to assure that adults seeking sterilization are not threatened with the loss of welfare payments or other funds if they change their minds, also ruled that the new sterilization rules were "arbitrary and unreasonable."

The action, which was forced by suits by the National Welfare Rights Organization and Lonnie Relf, whose two daughters were sterilized without his permission in Alabama, means that the use of federal family planning funds for involuntary sterilizations is illegal.

In the last two years, the government has paid for the sterilization of about 2,000 needy persons under the age of 21 and another 100,000 to 150,000 poor persons. It is unknown how many of those were mentally incompetent.

In ruling that Congress wanted all federally subsidized family planning programs to function on a voluntary basis, the judge said that an indefinite number of poor people have been improperly coerced into accepting a sterilization operation under threat that their welfare benefits would be cut off.

"In short," he said in a 12 page opinion, "federally assisted family planning sterilizations are permissible only with the voluntary, knowing and uncoerced consent of individuals competent of giving such consent."

"In order to prevent expressed or implied threats . . . the court concludes that the regulations must be amended to require that individuals seeking sterilization must be orally informed at the very outset that no federal benefits can be withdrawn because of a failure to accept sterilization."

He implored the government to "move cautiously" "Under well defined policies determined by Congress after full consideration of constitutional and far-reaching social implications."

"Whatever might be the merits of limiting irresponsible reproduction, which each year places increasing numbers of unwanted or mentally defective children into tax-supported institutions, it is for Congress and not individual social workers and physicians to determine the manner in which federal funds should be used to support such a program," he continued.

At the same time, he suggested that the government "should not drift into a policy which has unfathomed implications and which permanently deprives unwilling or immature citizens of their ability to procreate without adequate legal safeguards . . . in light of the general welfare and of individual rights."

Ella Jenkins Will Visit the Waterloo Community Schools

Ella Jenkins, known to teachers and children throughout the country for her rhythm workshops and singing methods, will visit the Waterloo Community Schools in April as part of a cultural enrichment program in the arts co-sponsored by the Waterloo Schools and the Waterloo Recreation and Arts Center through a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, D. C.

Miss Jenkins, who has evolved her current informal method of introducing children to music over almost twenty years of workshops and demonstrations in schools all across the United States and also at the Orff School in Frohnburg, Germany, is perhaps best known to countless preschoolers for her nine sing-along records and two books. She had her own television program in Chicago in 1965-65 and her publications have had wide acceptance in schools and homes here and abroad. In Waterloo, Miss Jenkins will conduct workshops and dem-

Visit for Nyerere

WELLINGTON, New Zealand -- (NBNS) -- President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania is scheduled to visit here between March 15 and 19, according to an announcement from Prime Minister Norman Kirk.

Hatcher Raps Absent Blacks at Convention

LITTLE ROCK -- (NBNS) -- Gary Mayor Richard Hatcher, in a speech that disregarded the traditional reluctance of black leaders to criticize each other publicly, has rebuked black elected officials who stayed away from the National Black Political Convention.

Although he said he was "pleased" with the results of the convention -- which followed by two years the initial confab in Gary in March 1972 -- Hatcher urged black leaders to "return to the fold" and participate in the assembly in the future.

"We need Roy Wilkins now," he told the 1,500 delegates and visitors to the Assembly, which contrasted with 6,000 persons two years ago. "It's time that Mr. Wilkins stopped defending our grandfathers and started defending our children," he continued.

"We need Vernon Jordan now. We need (Senator) Ed Brooke now. We need Charles Diggs and we need Floyd McKissick and we need Tom Bradley. We need Coleman Young and we need every black man and woman who has risen from the ranks. If our leaders abandon us, we are lost."

Jordan has supported the aims of the Assembly, but Wilkins and Diggs have been troubled by what they regard as a takeover by nationalist factions of the Assembly. Diggs, who was co-chairman of the Assembly until his resignation last week, has made it clear he really doesn't want to be involved in the Assembly any longer.

Brooke, the only black Senator, said he would attend the convention since he had not been invited to do so.

"Everyone must be brought into the fold," Hatcher told the convention delegates. "In the name of all black Americans who have been abandoned, in the name of all the dispossessed and disenfranchised, I summon our leaders back to the ranks."

He pointed out that a "united

leadership" was sorely needed because the opposition "is united and strong," and he warned there would be no help from a morally depleted white America so "troubled" that it "flees to the suburbs . . . and is paying steep tuition fees (to private schools) to purchase new generations of ignorance and indifference."

At the same time he issued a warning regarding crime, which echoed the comments of Detroit's Coleman Young upon his election as mayor of that city:

"Pushers who poison our children are not welcome here (in the black community); rapists who attack our women are not welcome here; thieves who take our possessions are not welcome here; pimps who debase our daughters are not welcome here; Mr. Mack, Mr. Super Fly, Mr. Flimflam, you're not welcome here."

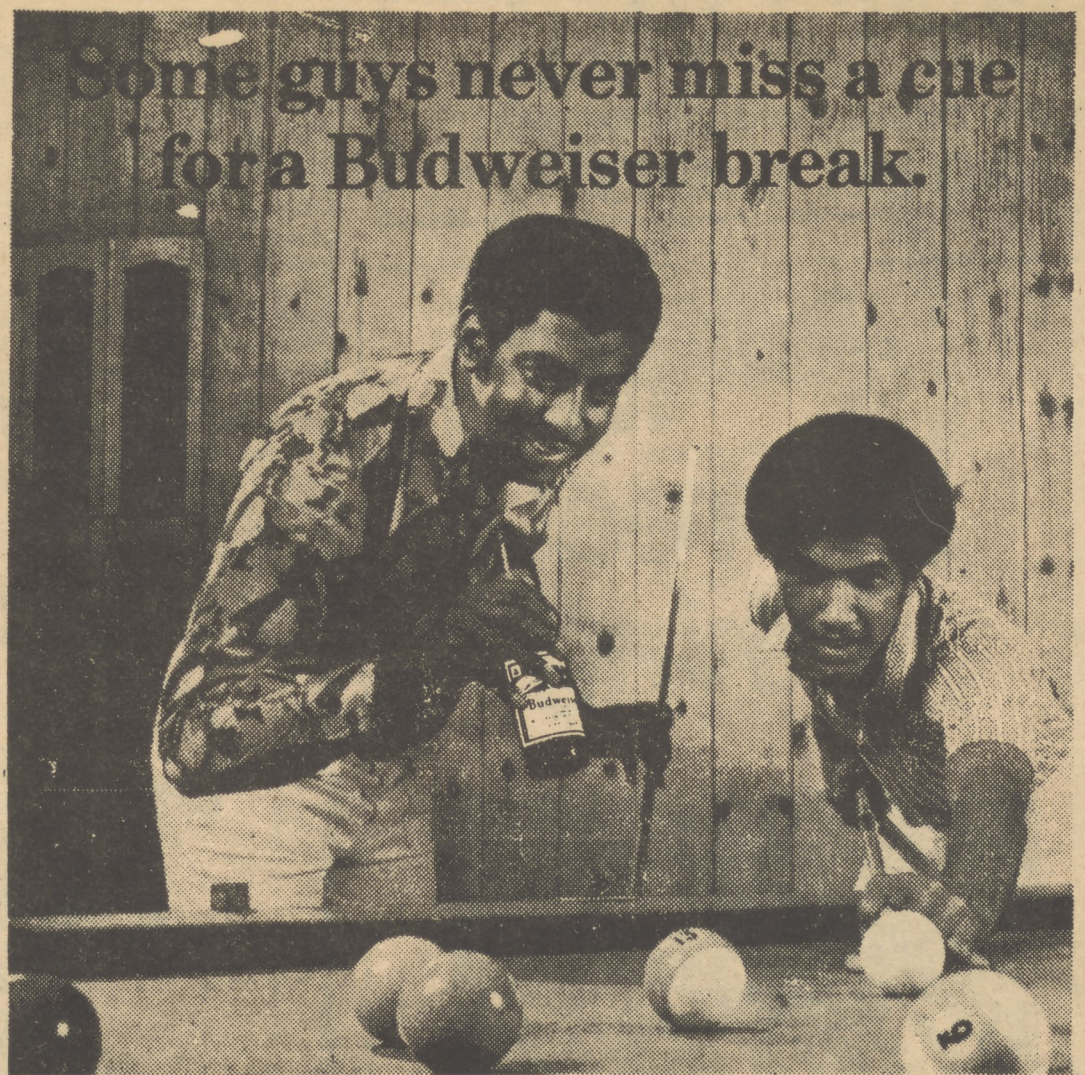
At the convention, the delegates also rejected as "Premature" a recommendation for the formation of a black political party. Most delegates felt that more work was needed on the "grass roots" level at home before such a party could be formed.



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Black Unity Eludes Second Black Political Convention Culver Introduces Foreign Investment Study Bill

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. -- (NBNS) -- The second National Black Political Convention has ended without achieving that black unity of purpose which continues to be the avowed yet elusive goal of black leaders of widely differing attitudes and ideologies.

Perhaps, as the Rev. Jesse Jackson of Chicago's PUSH put it, the biggest accomplishment of the 1,200 delegates was that they "kept the national political conscience alive" for 20 million Black Americans.

In tone the second convention reflected the strong nationalist, Pan African sentiment that was evident at the first convention two years ago in Gary, Ind. But the actions of the convention continued to keep the options open for Black America.

Again the convention overwhelmingly rejected the proposal that blacks organize their own political party, and withdraw their votes and their officeholders from the present two-party system. "We're not so much trying to become a third party as we are trying to become a political institution," said one convention staff member.

Again, as in Gary, the three co-chairmen of the first convention continue to symbolize different approaches, even as one of the three, Cong. Charles C. Diggs, Jr., skipped the convention and announced his withdrawal as one of the co-chairmen.

Diggs, who has become chairman of the U. S. House of Representatives' District of Columbia Committee, told a reporter he intends to continue emphasizing the elected black official by organizing a national convention of black officials -- who now number some 2,900 -- in 1975.

"Maybe we are kidding ourselves to think we can form one organization that will umbrella all the needs

and goals of black people," Diggs said. "Maybe it is time to try something else."

Mayor Richard Hatcher of Gary, another of the co-chairmen, continued to boost the concept of an all-embracing umbrella organization, although his call was shriller as he resorted to calling the names of absent black leaders and calling upon them to "return to fold."

"We need Roy Wilkins now," he said. "It's time that Mr. Wilkins stopped defending our grandfathers and started defending our children. We need Vernon Jordan, (Sen.) Edward Brooke, (Rep.) Charles Diggs, Lloyd McKissick, (L. A. Mayor) Tom Bradley and (Detroit Mayor) Coleman Young."

Mayor Hatcher upheld the "unity without uniformity" slogan, saying:

"Everyone must be brought into the fold. The old-line civil rights groups now resting on past glories must enter the fold. The militants moving toward showdown city must holster their guns and enter the fold. The ideologues, the separatists, must drop their tracts and enter the fold. The absent politicians must climb off the tight-rope and become a true leader by daring to enter the fold."

The third co-chairman, Imamu Baraka, the Pan American leader from Newark, N. J., rejected unity at any price.

"All of us want to work in a black united front," he said. "But we cannot settle for jive as a united front. We cannot give up principle to challenges. If we back off from one group of buccaneers, what is the next group?"

Owusu Sadaukai, a nationalist leader from North Carolina, put the third position in even stronger words, calling "neo-colonialist, petty bourgeois black elected officials" as much the enemy as their

white counterparts.

"Slick-talking black elected officials rode the crest of mass movement and now tell us that electoral politics is our salvation," he continued. "We got to understand our only salvation is to destroy racism, capitalism and imperialism and change the world."

Sadaukai challenged the convention to take a non-elective, direct action approach. "Are we willing to leave here, after the cameras are gone, after the newspapers are gone, after the exhilarating trip into the convention process, after all the scotch is drunk, are we willing to go back and do the day to day work that is necessary for a fighting organization rooted in the masses of our people?"



Appointment of Ada Humburd as Supervisor

The Internal Revenue Service has announced the appointment of Ada Humburd as Supervisor of the Analysis and Computer Services Section at its Des Moines office. Mrs. Humburd began her career with IRS in 1964 as a clerical assistant. She was promoted to the position of Tax Examiner in 1969 and subsequently selected for supervisory assignment through the IRS Management Careers Program. This program identifies, screens and develops IRS managerial personnel from throughout the nation. After selection, Mrs. Humburd will be given a comprehensive training course covering basic supervisory techniques, labor-management relations, personnel management, and employee counseling methods. This will be followed by on-the-job supervision of her activities by an experienced IRS manager. Mrs. Humburd will supervise a group of 20 tax examiners who are responsible for the receipt and processing of certain delinquent Federal tax accounts. This section forwards information concerning Iowa tax accounts to the IRS computer in Kansas City.

Mrs. Humburd resides at 2512 Woodland Avenue, Des Moines.

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- Iowa Congressman John Culver Thursday introduced a bill calling for an in-depth survey of foreign investment in the United States.

The hearings were held to determine the scope of foreign investment in agriculture and natural resources as well as industry, the impact of this foreign investment on the American economy, and the need for a sound national policy to deal with foreign investment.

According to Culver, "the hearings brought out the fact that existing information on foreign investment in agriculture and natural resources as well as industry, the impact of this foreign investment on the American economy, and the need for a sound national policy to deal with foreign investment."

According to Culver, "the hearings brought out the fact that existing information on foreign investment is wholly insufficient. At the present time it is almost impossible to determine with any degree of accuracy exactly how much foreign investment there is in this

Black Diplomat Refused Service

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (NBNS) -- The stark reality of South Africa's segregationist policies was brought home to a black employee of the U. S. Information Agency and his wife when they were refused service at a night club.

Richard Saunders and his wife, Emily, apparently mistaken for local black South Africans, were told by the manager of a Durban night club that he catered only to whites.

When Saunders protested that he was a U. S. foreign service officer, the manager said he and his wife could stay but they would not be allowed to dance.

That, replied Saunders, was "idiotic."

"People had been so darned nice to us in Johannesburg and Cape Town that I forgot what's under the surface. But this has brought me down to earth," Saunders said.

Saunders is the international editor of Topic, a magazine published for distribution in Africa by the USIA. He is also a photographer and his current trip to South Africa is to exhibit his collection of photos taken in Africa.

The hotel night club spokesman, Roger Oldham, said that his establishment had permission to accommodate Africans and Indians and they may eat in the main dining room, but that they must have written permission from the Durban chief magistrate to enter the night club.

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country or what its impact is on our economy. Similarly, it is difficult to determine what our national policy should be toward foreign investment in America today."

Culver cited the testimony of several subcommittee witnesses, including Del Van Horn, director of the Iowa Development Commission, who told of his difficulty in trying to identify the number of foreign-owned companies operating in that state.

"The difficulty of determining foreign ownership is compounded in the area of land holdings," Culver said. "The Commerce Department admits that its list of foreign investments in American manufacturing is incomplete, but there is virtually no information on foreign ownership of real estate and agricultural facilities -- farm land, grain elevators, and barge terminals."

"The only way to determine the true impact of foreign investment on the various sectors of the American economy and to confirm or deny the rumors of foreign penetration of Midwestern agriculture is to conduct an in-depth survey," Culver said.

Culver pointed out that it was critically important to have all the facts in this area so that even-handed policies could be adopted in the overall national interest and avoid the danger of impulsive reaction based on fragmentary evidence.

"The last survey on foreign investment was undertaken by the Department of Commerce in 1959, and the time has come for a new survey, especially one that will include foreign investment in American agriculture and natural resources," Culver said.

Culver's bill would direct the President to (1) collect information on foreign investment in the United States; (2) appraise the policy implications for the United States; (3) compare the policies of other nations toward foreign investment; (4) review existing state and federal regulations governing foreign investment; (5) evaluate alternate policies toward foreign investment; and (6) consider the international implications of these alternate policies.

The bill would require a report on the adequacy of existing information on foreign investment and the need to establish an annual reporting requirement. An interim report would be due one year after enactment of the bill and a complete report two years after enactment.

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MENUS -- Be sure to check your newspaper for weekly menus. The daily menu can be heard on KWWL, KLEU and KXEL. Enclosed in this newspaper is a copy of the menu and the programs scheduled for the month of April.

PROJECT COUNCIL -- The first Project Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 23 at 1:30 in the dining room of the Salvation Army. If you are on the Council, please mark this date on your calendar. The members you elected to the Project Council are: Rose Adams,

Jack Oxford, Mr. Sprague, Margaret Cronan, Almata Yates, A. N. Diehl, Mrs. Lapole and Mr. and Mrs. Parham.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING -- There will be a second Volunteer Training session Monday, April 8. We hope all volunteers who are not able to attend our first session will come to this one. We will start at 9:30 a.m. Transportation will be provided if necessary.

We would like to give a special thanks to our volunteers. They have put in more than 1,200 hours in volunteer time.

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GOOD FRIDAY -- On April 12, serving will begin a half hour earlier, at 11:30 instead of noon because of Good Friday services. The Salvation Army will have services between noon and 1:30 p.m. We would like to invite you to join us or attend one of your own choice. If you use Nutrition Project transportation, you will be picked up a half hour earlier in the morning. There will be two afternoon runs. One immediately following dinner and one after the services.

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13-YEAR African Rebellion Splits Portugal's Army

LISBON -- (NBNS) -- The 13 year guerrilla war waged by African liberations has provoked rebellion in the Portuguese Army among officers convinced Portugal cannot maintain its rule over African territories by force.

The dismissal of Gen. Antonio de Spínola as deputy chief of staff of the Portuguese Armed Forces resulted from his recently published opinion that Portugal's present policy in Africa cannot succeed.

This, in turn, sparked a short-lived revolt of junior officers in resentment over the ouster of the country's most popular military man. The rebellious officers led a column of 300 troops from the 5th Infantry Camp at Caldas da Rainha, 50 miles north of here, but they were met by a loyalist cavalry unit backed up by artillery and surrendered after negotiations.

The dismissal and mutiny reveal the depth of the division which has developed in the Portuguese armed forces as a result of the frustrating effort to crush the African liberation movements in Mozambique, Angola and Guinea-Bissau.

General Spínola is personally familiar with the growing strength of the liberation movement. He was commander of the Portuguese forces in what was known as Portuguese Guinea until liberation forces seized most of the territory and renamed it Guinea-Bissau.

The general has proposed in a best-selling book, "Portugal and the Future," that the three African territories be established as equal states with Portugal in a new federated state. He contends that a military solution is impossible for Portugal.

Sources in Guinea-Bissau report that General Spínola held a series

of secret meetings with the late Amílcar Cabral, leader of the African Party for the Independence of Guinea and the Cape Verde Islands, who was assassinated in 1973.

Prison Reformers Mislead Public, Carlson Declares

SEATTLE -- (NBNS) -- The man who directs the nation's federal prison system doesn't agree with reformers who have been blocking construction of new federal prisons.

Norman A. Carlson, director of the U. S. Bureau of Prisons, said such moves were actually stopping the government's efforts in modernizing and humanizing the federal corrections system.

"Some people say that the day of the correctional institution is past," he told a Seattle group. "If they were simply referring to the traditional fortress prison, I would fully agree with them. The truth is that the day of the new institutions with innovative treatment programs has barely begun."

Carlson pointed to the overcrowding conditions at the 30 federal institutions, which are now housing 23,300 inmates -- about 3,400 above capacity of the institutions.

He attributed most of the increase to a large number of convictions of bank robbers, who now make up 20 percent of the federal prisoners.

Saying he supported attempts to de-emphasize "fortress prisons" in favor of small, community corrections centers, Carlson said claims that 90 percent of those jailed could be placed in such facilities "are at best utopian and at worst patently misleading."

Hearings Will Delay Lead Paint Removal Program

WASHINGTON -- (NBNS) -- A series of public hearings has been scheduled by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, delaying the implementation of the lead paint removal program for Federally-owned housing mandated by the Congress in 1971.

HUD officials have been resisting the congressional instructions and have been warning that the cost of the paint removal program could cut into money that otherwise would be available for other Federal housing programs.

William Lilley, HUD deputy assistant secretary for policy development, said it would cost his department at least \$70 million initially and up to \$40 million a year to implement the paint removal program.

"It would depend on how we remove the paint, by scraping it off or deleading it otherwise," he said, estimating the cost at from \$500 to \$3,000 per unit for removal.

Lilley said the paint removal program also might affect adversely the Nixon Administration's plan to give the poor cash to buy better housing, since the principle of cash allowances depends upon the utilization of existing structures rather than the construction of new public housing or other low-cost housing for poor families.

"I haven't even had time to go into that aspect yet," he said. "But for certain we will have to trade off with other programs if we have to come up with that much money for paint removal. For example, we'll have to divert funds from model cities and from public housing."

HUD owns 53,000 dwelling units that we built before 1950 when the use of lead-based paint was outlawed for use on interior spaces. The paint is a serious health hazard for children who pick up and eat flakes and scales of deteriorating old paint.

Church News

The East Side Ministerial Fellowship of Waterloo is sponsoring its annual Holy Week series of special services, proclaiming its unity through Christ in this great week of the Christian year. The services are scheduled as follows: Each evening, beginning at 7 p.m.

Monday, April 8, Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, with Rev. W. T. Anderson, Associate minister of Antioch Baptist preaching, and music by the Corinthian Baptist and New Zion Baptist Church choirs. Alternate preacher is Rev. G. L. Culpepper.

Tuesday, April 9 at the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, with the Rev. J. A. Farmer, associate pastor of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church preaching, and music offered by the Mt. Calvary Choir and The Soldiers of the Cross from Antioch Baptist. Rev. Frazier will be the alternate preacher.

Wednesday, April 10 at the Savior Baptist Church in Maywood the preacher will be the Rev. Robert Longdon Smith, pastor of Calvary United Methodist Church. The choir of Savior Baptist and the Crowns of Heaven from Antioch Baptist will offer the music. Alternate preacher is the Rev. Stanley Kennedy.

Maundy Thursday, April 11, the service will be at the Calvary United Methodist Church, Rev. Percy Burt of Mt. Calvary Baptist will be the preacher. The Calvary United Methodist Church choir and the Mt. Calvary choir will have the music. The service of communion will be celebrated. Rev. Robert Smith will be the alternate preacher.

Good Friday services will be at the Antioch Baptist Church, with the Rev. Robert Burt preaching. Choirs from Savior Baptist, Mt. Calvary Baptist, Payne A. M. E., New Zion, Union Baptist, Corinthian Baptist and Abyssinia Baptist will be in charge of the music.

A committee consisting of Rev. John Simpson, Rev. George Sisk, Rev. Mose Little, Rev. Ted Keys, Rev. G. L. Culpepper and Rev. Pythias Frazier will be in charge of the devotional period each evening. Rev. W. T. Anderson will be the worship leader. Members and friends of the East side churches are urged to take part in these significant services.

Black Leaders Reject Wallace

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (NBNS) -- Speculation that blacks might conceivably support Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace should he run for president in 1976 was totally rejected by three black elected leaders meeting here.

The three officials spoke at a news conference as the three day National Black Political Convention got down to workshop sessions on community organizing for political power.

"I unequivocally reject George Wallace as a nominee for either of the top parties," exclaimed U. S. Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.). "I would support him under no circumstances . . . Without exception, I find him totally objectionable."

Wisconsin State Rep. Lloyd Barbee said Wallace may offer some rhetoric to appease blacks, but that he (Wallace) certainly was not respected among Wisconsin blacks.

Mayor Jay Cooper of Prichard, Ala., said he viewed some of Wallace's recent statements in Alabama as an effort to vindicate some of his past policies and in the process acquire some respectability in the Democratic party.

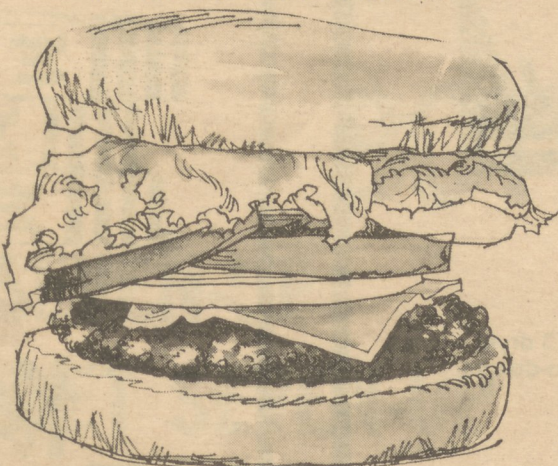
Cooper said Wallace continued to be a racist "and but for his desire to be President" would not be attempting to modify his statements.

Conyers announced that he would fight any Wallace nomination.

No Checks For Rail Employees

NAIROBI -- (NBNS) -- The 5,000 employees of the East Africa Railways Corp. won't be getting their January checks since the corporation is overdrawn and Kenyan banks have refused to honor any of the checks. The company is based here.

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Lynn Cutler Calls for Citizen Group on Revenue-Sharing and End to Secret Meetings

In remarks to the Black Hawk County AFL-CIO Labor Council Wednesday night, Mrs. Lynn Cutler, candidate for one of the Democratic nominations for a four year term on the Black Hawk County Board of Supervisors, outlined a plan to involve citizens in helping the Supervisors to decide where revenue-sharing monies should be spent.

"I would like to see a citizens committee, made up of a true cross-section of the county, act as an Advisory Board on Revenue Sharing. This committee would hear requests from different groups asking for appropriations from revenue-sharing funds, and advise the Board of Supervisors as to the needs in the community. These funds are our money coming back to the local communities, and we have a rare opportunity to really make it work. If revenue-sharing fails, it will be decades before the federal government turns back to funding at the local level. I firmly believe that one way to make it work is to have citizen help and open hearings. It is high time that local government really made an effort to encourage people to have a voice in decision-

making. It is time to open the process of government and put an end to behind closed doors decisions."

Mrs. Cutler went on to tell the group that the majority on the Board, which consists of four Republicans and one Democrat, has been put on notice by the local press that if they violate the Iowa Open Meetings Law again, the media will file charges against them with the County Attorney.

"We may not be much able to influence events in Washington, but we sure can do something about local government, and the time has come to get involved," Mrs. Cutler added.

There is one two year term and two four year terms up for election on the Board of Supervisors this fall.

Death Penalty Approved

DENVER -- (NBNS) -- Colorado residents will have an opportunity to decide whether the death penalty will be returned, following approval by the state Senate, 26-6, of the measure.



Getting Down With The O'JAYS

New York, NY . . .

In the April issue of Essence magazine, writer Vernon Gibbs, turns on to the O'Jays, one of the hottest Black male vocal groups around today, and discovers that their road to success has been an uphill climb all the way -- it took hard work, patience, and togetherness within the group, consisting of lead singer, Eddie Lavert, Walter Williams, and William Powell. "We knew we had something going and all we needed was THE record, which is hard to come by."

It all began to happen for them

when they got together with Gamble and Huff who produced the versatile group and returned them to the spotlight with "One Night Affair" and "Deeper In Love With You." Their second Gamble-Huff album, "Backstabbers," assured them success; from it came such incredible tunes as "Love Train," "Backstabbers," "Sunshine" and "Time To Get Down," accounting for three gold and one platinum singles from that one album.

"There was never any doubt we had the talent," says Eddie, remembering the lull in their career that followed hits like "I'll Be Sweeter Tomorrow" and "Look Over Your Shoulder." "But," says Walter Williams, "the collaboration with Gamble-Huff did it; they have a unique producing style, they know what they want to hear and how to get it out of you. And, with our latest album 'Ship Ahoy' they outdid themselves." Essence entertainment writer, Gibbs says, "The O'Jays have definitely arrived on the music scene and seem to be getting down more and more with each new release." Check them out!

Lynn Cutler Speaks to Lion's Club on Day Care

Lynn Cutler, of the Day Care Task Force of the Black Hawk County Women's Political Caucus, spoke to the Waterloo Lions Club Monday on the crisis facing local day care centers.

After delineating the components of a quality child care program, Mrs. Cutler went on to explain that costly fire regulations demands and rising costs have created a financial crisis for most of our day care centers. Three non-profit centers, which serve mostly low-income children, are in particular peril. Potentially, 297 Black Hawk County children currently in day care centers could be without services in 1974.

"One of the centers, Black Hawk Child Development Center, has been given some assistance by United Way. However, their housing problem is so great, that unless the state legislature passes S. F. 434, a bill to fund child care facilities, they are facing closure," Mrs. Cutler told the group.

"Waterloo Child Care Center has asked the Board of Supervisors to increase their per child contribution, which is currently at \$85 per month. All three centers desperately need a monthly increase to meet per pupil costs. The centers' costs per child run from \$94 to \$101 a month."

"We have an obligation as a community and as a state to ensure adequate care for these children -- many of them from single parent and low-income families. They are our future, and providing for them at this age will save many dollars in the long run," Mrs. Cutler added.

She asked the group to contact their legislators on S. F. 434, and to support quality child care as a community priority.

Mrs. Cutler is a candidate for one of the Democratic nominations for a four year term on the Board of Supervisors. She has been active in the area of child care and previously spoke to Waterloo Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs and other groups on this current crisis in child care.

Jonathan In Iran

TEHERAN, Iran -- (NBNS) -- Lesotho's Premier Leubua Jonathan is spending five days here for an official visit. He is the first leader of his country to visit here since the two nations established diplomatic relations three years ago.

Millions Suffer From Famine in Niger

OSLO -- (NBNS) -- A million people in Niger are dying of starvation and another million are badly hurt by the continuing drought and famine, according to the Norwegian Red Cross. The famine has crippled the group of nations south of the Sahara in West Africa.

Women March In Ethiopia

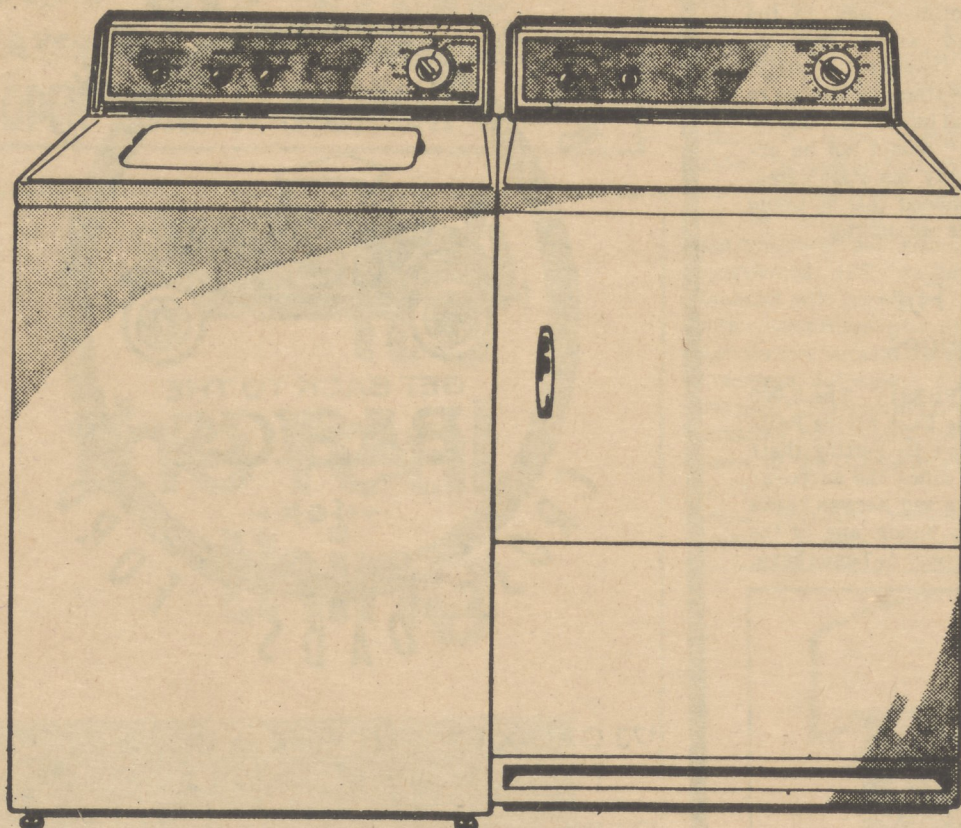
ADDIS ABABA -- (NBNS) -- More than 3,000 women workers, demanding equal pay and better working conditions, have marched peacefully to the Emperor's Jubilee Palace. Although the women were stopped at the palace entrance, a delegation of them was permitted to present their case to the emperor.

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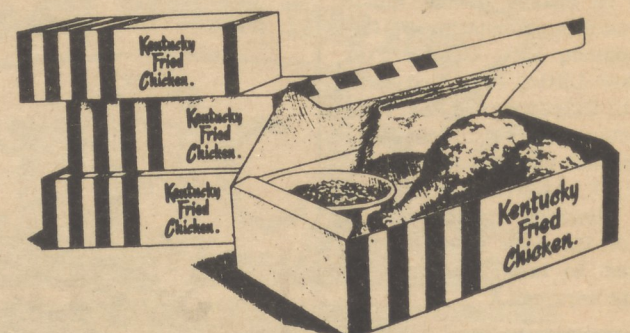
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The New Richard Roundtree!

New York, NY . . .

Not as outgoing and as hip as he seems on the screen, Richard Roundtree was (and is) basically an introvert. In a rare peek behind his "Shaft" facade, in the March issue of Essence, writer Alan Ebert reveals a side of the Roundtree personality seldom seen, and explores the effect stardom has had on the first of the "Reel" Black male superstars.

"Tree," as he is known to friends and associates, describes his former self to Ebert as a "typical Cancer . . . self-centered and hardly what anyone would call open. It's only recently that I've begun to level, to even admit to having feelings." Formerly, he could only express anger physically. "I'd hit a wall or break a telephone, rather than face a verbal confrontation; it was easier to run than to talk. It still is."

It may be. But, when "Tree" does talk, he talks straight! If he chooses not to discuss highly personal aspects of his life, that is, as he maintains, his business.

What of his former marriage, Ebert asked? He's recently divorced after five years of marriage and a five year separation, and neither are open to discussion. They are, "nobody's business," says Roundtree. But, of his two daughters, Kelly and Nicole, he says, "they're what I care most about in the world. They are beautiful, inside and out; and I credit my ex-wife for doing one helluva job in raising them." That's straight!

What of his current relationship with a lady doctor, who also happens to be white? "We've been living together for a few weeks," he says. "She's a good woman: soft, supportive, and a good friend." That, too, is straight!

But, for the straightest answer of all, when asked by Ebert if his approach to women resembled that of John Shaft's, Roundtree emphatically replied, "No way." "John Shaft is like James Bond; he uses women like receptacles. I feel sex with feeling, nothing given and nothing shared, is degrading to men. It's more like war than love-making. I don't know women like those portrayed in "Shaft." I know of them, but I don't know them personally." He does concede, however, that it



RICHARD ROUNDTREE

doesn't hurt his box office prowess to be confused with Shaft. "But I hate the image of the Black sex machine, the superspade. I'm not that, and I pity the guy who thinks he is. We have a desperate need for heroes and it's sad that we chose the superstud as the first to idolize. But I think we're coming to the end of that trip." He continues, "Maybe we needed that kind of cat; maybe that was all Black men felt they could be, could offer. But no more. The brother is moving out, getting on, becoming stronger. And as he does, he becomes softer, sweeter, less afraid to show his vulnerability. It's causing some changes with sister. She is having to learn to take a back seat (?) to her man, and although she says she wants to do it; I'm not so certain. I wonder if she knows how. I also wonder if she isn't fighting like hell, unconsciously, to retain the

position, the power and the control. . ."

"Tree" is originally from New Rochelle, New York. His father, John Roundtree, left Georgia for New York with a dream of becoming a chauffeur and owning two houses. He did both. Richard's mother, Catherine Roundtree was a domestic, and it was his grandmother, "a crusty old lady who lived to 103," who raised him, his sister and brother. His father is described as "one helluva man," who instilled in "Tree" pride, gave him an identity, and was ever so strict.

As with most pretty little boys, he was closer to his mother as a child, and learned quickly "how to get what I wanted from my mama" despite house rules to the contrary. He recognizes that this may have influenced his female relationships. "A good part of me feels I can wheedle what I want

from a woman yet another part is very uncertain, shy and insecure. As a teenager I was a disaster with girls; I felt homely, inadequate, and was scared. None of that has changed all that much. I still have trouble starting conversations with women. Most of the time, they must be the aggressor and . . . they are."

When "Tree" came to New York in the mid-Sixties, after a couple of years at Southern Illinois University, various odd jobs, and his first taste of up-South discrimination, he was an instant success -- as a cab driver, mechanic, gas station attendant and salesman; but he knew something was missing in his life. He started taking classes with the NEC (Negro Ensemble Company), doing some modeling, and generally just hanging on. After seven years of poverty and struggle, in 1971 "Shaft" came along, and he became an overnight success. How does it feel to be a superstar? "Recognition is cool," he admits. "I dig it; but I don't dig being dug into. Sometimes being famous feels like being owned. But no one -- not the public, not my agents, my kids or my woman -- owns me."

Hollywood is now home for Roundtree; he rents a simple two bedroom home in West Los Angeles, where the main attraction is its seclusion. He describes the film capital as, "pretty, clean and phony as hell; wrapped in celluloid and tinsel and sprayed with glitter." He lives a relatively quiet life: "I'm settling down," he admits reluctantly, "facing up to what needs facing, like me and my relationships. I've this need that I wouldn't admit to before -- a need to be close, really close to another person. It scares me, but I've stopped running."

Stevie going to Africa

LOS ANGELES -- (NBNS) -- Singer - composer - instrumentalist Stevie Wonder is planning to leave the United States and work in Africa to help underprivileged children, especially blind children.

Stevie, who says he will probably leave for his new home in Africa within two years, will probably have a nationwide tour before departing to raise money for the African people.

"This is not to say that I don't have a great love here that will be with me always," said the 23 year old rock star. "But I want to go to work helping children over there."

Stevie, who is planning to live in Ghana, has already made contacts with people there so they can arrange for him to move there.

11 Liberators Killed

BEIRA -- (NBNS) -- Eleven Mozambique liberators have been killed by Portuguese security forces since March 6 in the Inhaminga area 112 miles north of here, according to the high command.

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Oklahoma Must End Segregation Now

McALESTER, Okla. -- (NBNS) -- The state of Oklahoma has been ordered to end racial segregation at the state prison and stop mistreating inmates.

U. S. District Judge Luther Bohannon, after reading more than 20 depositions totaling 2,000 pages and examining 50 volumes of exhibits, called the treatment of convicts in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary "so shameful it is no wonder they commit the worst acts known to man."

Last summer, the inmates burned the prison in a week of rioting during which three inmates were killed and more than 50 others were injured.

"I had no idea of the deep cruelty

inmates were subjected to," Judge Bohannon said as he was issuing the order following a week of hearings in the case.

In ordering prison officials to end all racial segregation in the institution and to treat all prisoners alike, the judge pointed to cases when convicts had been punished arbitrarily through the use of mace and tear gas and that black convicts had been treated more harshly than white convicts.

Witness after witness testified that convicts had not been given proper bedding, food or heat in their damaged cellblocks at the prison since the summer riot. The judge also said the prison officials had failed to give adequate medical attention to the inmates. He also said the prison maintained separate housing, dining and exercising facilities along racial lines.

Although the five Black Muslims who brought the suit asked for monetary damages, the judge refused to award them since the inmates had broken prison rules and therefore were partly to blame for being mistreated. He said, however, their case did have merit.

Now, the Justice Department and the American Civil Liberties Union have been directed by the judge to prepare a finding of fact in line with his ruling directing the state officials to take end racial segregation and improve conditions.

Weather Satellite Launched

NAIROBI, Kenya -- (NBNS) -- A weather observation satellite has been launched aboard a U. S. Scout rocket from Kenya's offshore San Marco platform. The four stage rocket boosted the package into an orbit 800 miles above the earth.

Minimum Wage Hike A Near Certainty

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NBNS) -- A unanimous vote by the House Education and Labor Committee makes it a near certainty that Congress will vote an increase in the minimum wage for most non-farm workers this election year.

The Committee bill, agreed to by Democrats and Republicans alike, boosts the minimum wage from \$1.60 to \$2 an hour a month after enactment, on up to \$2.10 next Jan. 1 and to \$2.30 on Jan. 1, 1976.

The House-passed bill differs a little from a version approved by the U. S. Senate a week ago, and in certain respects comes closer to what the White House wanted the Senate to do.

The differences will be worked out in a conference between Senate and House leaders and, unlike last year, it is believed that a wage hike will be passed which the President will approve.

The House bill brings seven million more workers under the minimum wage law, expanding total coverage to some 8.2 million Americans. Included are those who provide domestic services more than eight hours during a work week.

Those farm workers covered under the act would receive wage hikes from the present \$1.30 mini-

mum to \$1.60 an hour a month after the bill becomes law. It would increase to \$1.80 an hour on Jan. 1, 1975; rise to \$2 an hour a year later, \$2.20 an hour by 1977 and up to \$2.30 an hour on Jan. 1, 1978.

Local

The Vocational Exploration Program is holding Drug Awareness Workshops in April. These workshops will run for six weeks and will be held on Tuesday, at 4:30 to 5 p.m., and Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m.

Bill Martin, who is the Director of the Joynr in Cedar Falls; and Jim Freeman, who is the Director of the Black Hawk County Drug Council in Waterloo; will be working together and conducting these workshops.

If I may quote Dr. Hugh Glosster, president of Morehouse College, as saying, "Too many of us are traveling the downhill road to selfdestruction and self-defeat by majoring in the 4 R-s -- rapping, records, ripple and reefers."

I hope we can reverse these R's to: Recovering, Rising, Reparation, and Resuscitation before it is too late.

We feel that with our workshop we will at least make an effort to assist our community with: Recovering from problems that cause us to turn to drugs; rise away from the soaring rates of drug addiction, repair our citizens damaged by drugs; and resuscitate the ability in those involved to cope with every day pressures and problems.

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