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Exploring the factors that shaped Dr. King's life and made him a leader among America's black citizens, the film uses actual news footage of significant moments in his career combined with excerpts from his speeches.

The film is also a chronology of the American civil rights movement from 1950 through the 'Sixties.

It traces the gradual evolution of the movement from the boycott stage through attempts to build political power with the ballot, the first sit-in, the time of the freedom riders, the beginning of mass demonstrations, and the growth of "black power" as an ideology competitive with King's nonviolent approach.

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BOUNCING BEAR — Bernard Barnes, top rebounder for the Morgan State College Bears, girds for tonight's (Friday) contest with Hampton at the Hurt gym. The Pirates were originally set to play here Jan. 17, but were compelled to move the game up to this evening because of the conflict with Hampton exams. Morgan has a busy weekend, travelling to Washington Saturday to meet Howard

Bullets-Hawks go tops doubleheader

The Baltimore Bullets, hoping to better their position in the Eastern Division race, wind up a three-games-in-four-days schedule tomorrow (Saturday) night at Civic Center.

Coach Gene Shue leads his defending Eastern Division champions against the Atlanta Hawks in the second game of a National Basketball Association doubleheader. In the first tilt, the Philadelphia 76ers meet the Phoenix Suns.

Before returning to Baltimore Street, however, the Bullets must battle the improving Boston Celtics tonight (Friday) in Boston Garden.

Earl Monroe gave Baltimore a lead in the waning seconds of the game Wednesday night as the Bullets downed the Detroit Pistons 121-116.

The Pistons were leading 116-115 when Monroe scored on a short jumper with 1:20 left to give Baltimore the edge. He later grabbed a long defensive rebound and scored on a hanging (layin) to make it 119-116 with 48 seconds to go.

Atlanta reeled off five straight points in the final two minutes, the clincher coming on a dunk shot by Bill Bridges, as the Hawks downed the Boston Celtics 112-106 in the second game of the doubleheader.

Nixon to act on appeals of prisoners

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. — President Nixon is expected to act shortly — and favorably — on more than 100 Justice Department recommendations for pardons and prison sentence commutations.

Presidential Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said the recommendations for executive pardons were flown here Tuesday evening. He said he expected Nixon to approve them.

Nixon has granted executive clemency only twice. One of those was last Monday, when he commuted the sentence of Dr. Thomas W. Mathew, a leader in the black capitalism movement in New York City who was serving a six-month term for income tax evasion.

The Chief Executive, rested after an eight-day stay at his oceanside estate, was preparing to fly back to Washington early this afternoon.

Nixon apparently will be taking further affirmative action on a backlog of more than 1,000 petitions for pardons and clemency in the days ahead.

Former President Lyndon B. Johnson started out with a liberal policy of freeing prisoners who appealed during the early part of his presidency.

But during the last two years of his term, he clamped down, apparently because of Congressional criticism. In fiscal 1968, Johnson granted only 13 pardons and three sentence commutations.

Ashe again emphasizes visa wanted for tennis

SYDNEY — Arthur Ashe said this week he's only interested in playing tennis in South Africa, not in playing politics.

The 24-year-old amateur, ranked sixth in the world, created a storm in South Africa recently when he applied for a visa to play in the country's national championships in March.

South African Minister of Sport Frank Waring was quoted as saying Ashe was more interested in stirring up feeling against the republic's apartheid laws than in sports.

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Ashe, who arrived here from a seven-week State Department tour of Asia en route to the Tasmanian Open, refused to be drawn into the racial issues involved.

"I simply want to play in South Africa to win the tournament," he told reporters at Kingsford-Smith International Airport. "I have not yet heard a yes or no as to whether I can play, or rather whether I will be allowed to play."

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In Pretoria, South Africa, the government has yet to rule on Ashe's visa application.

Political observers believe it is unlikely he will be allowed to enter the racially separated country.

Deputy Secretary of the Interior Theunis Booyens says Ashe will be advised as soon as a decision is reached.

When asked to comment on Waring's statement, Ashe shrugged and said wryly, "Look, they have a lot of prize money over there — and I'm not doing anything that weekend anyhow."

Clay verse promised woe to Joe

NEW YORK UPI) — At the urging of newsmen, Cassius Clay recited a poem Tuesday that he had made up in the event he might fight Joe Frazier.

He said he composed the poem in December, when promoters were trying to arrange the fight.

It later was called off after veteran's groups led a successful protest against Clay, who is under conviction for refusing to be drafted into the armed forces.

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"Joe Frazier's always referred to as Smoky Joe because he's always saying that when he fights he's going to come out smoking," Clay explained. "So I wrote a poem about him. It goes like this:

"Joe's gonna come out smokin',
And I ain't gonna be lokin';
"Joe's gonna come out smokin', and I ain't gonna be lokin';
"I'll be peckin' and pokin', pouring' water on his smokin';
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News In Brief

Sergeants Won't Be Tried

WASHINGTON — The Army has informed Congress it lacks enough evidence to bring criminal charges against a group of sergeants accused of world-wide swindles in the operation of servicemen's clubs.

It was charged in Senate committee hearings that the alleged swindles netted the sergeants, including highly-decorated Sgt. Maj. William Woolridge, hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Disclosure that the Army will not press prosecution of the enlisted men came in a letter from the Army to Sen. Ervin, Jr., D-N.C., chairman of the Constitutional Rights subcommittee.

The charges created a sensation when aired last year by the Senate Permanent Investigating subcommittee in hearings headed by Sen. Abraham Ribicoff, D-Conn.

Chrysler Head Promoted

DETROIT — Chrysler Corp. Thursday kicked its president, Virgil E. Boyd, upstairs to a job with little apparent power as vice chairman of the board, and installed John J. Riccardo as president with full control of the company's operations.

The action appeared to be designed to free Boyd of corporate responsibilities so he could asume active leadership of the National Alliance of Businessmen next spring.

Chrysler Board Chairman Lynn A. Townsend currently is vice chairman of the NAB, an organization formed to recruit the nation's businessmen to hire and train the hard-core unemployed. A new chairman of NAB is due to be appointed by President Nixon next April. Townsend is reported to be the likely choice.

It is customary for the NAB chairman to name one of his own company's executives as executive vice chairman of NAB to do the actual running of the organization in Washington. Boyd appeared to be headed for that job.

Reds Boycott Viet Talks

PARIS — The leader of both Communist delegations to the Vietnam peace talks boycotted the first bargaining session of the new year and missed hearing an American warning that the United States would set its own pace for withdrawing U.S. troops.

Philip C. Habib acting head of the American delegation, told the Communists that in absence of meaningful negotiations at the talks the United States and South Vietnam "will continue moving down the second path."

Pension Rise Delayed

WASHINGTON — Social security recipients should not expect their 15 per cent benefit increase until the first week in April according to Commissioner Robert M. Ball.

Although President Nixon has signed the increase the paperwork will hold up the actual increase in paychecks until April, when checks covering the month of March are issued. A separate catchup check, covering the increases for January and February, will be sent out later in April, Ball said.

Wis. Senate Blasts Groppi

MADISON, Wisc. — The Wisconsin Senate, on a voice vote, has condemned the Rev. James E. Groppi and his followers for the Sept. 29 takeover of the Assembly chambers.

But Sen. Wayne Whittow, D., Milwaukee, tried to block the vote, saying it would only put the priest back in the news. "Let's forget about him," he said. "Publicity is exactly what that kook wants."

Wives Charge Hanoi Dishonor

PARIS — The wives of three U.S. servicemen missing in Vietnam have told Hanoi diplomats they have "acted dishonorably" in failing to inform them if their husbands are dead or alive.

They did so in a letter they handed in at the door of Hanoi's permanent diplomatic mission. The letter also asked for a new appointment to ask the questions in person.

Mrs. Thomas Stegman, Mrs. Richard Nelson and Mrs. Robert Duncan, all of Virginia Beach, Va., said a Vietnamese woman took the letter and promised to deliver it.

Hiring Squeeze Is On

WASHINGTON — The number of new workers hired by the nation's factories in November fell to its lowest level since June of 1968, according to the labor department.

The trend, the department said, indicates a cooling of the economy. The factories were hiring at a rate of 34 new employees for every 1,000 workers last November, compared with a rate of 36 per 1,000 the previous month.

New Cavalier Council Head

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA. — A Philadelphian is the new president of the Student Council at the University of Virginia.

James Roebuck, a graduate student in the School of Arts and Sciences, is the first of his race to be elected at the university.

Anthony Sherman of Mechanicsville, was elected treasurer of the Student Council Tuesday.

Chad Kill Ratio High

PARIS — The Defense Ministry said this week 1,269 rebel troops have been killed in Chad since May, 1969, while five French troops and 40 Chad died in combat.

France has been sending troops to Chad since April to help President Francois Tombalbaye put down the rebel Front for the National Liberation of Chad.

Halt Gold Rush, L. A. Says

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles County, contending there is a flow of the poor to California for "instant welfare," has appealed to Congress to set uniform welfare provisions for all 50 states.

The county Board of Supervisors took the action after a report county welfare rolls were increasing by 110,000 persons a year. Welfare Director Elis Murphy said one of every 11 persons in the county is on welfare.

2.5 Million Homes Needed

WASHINGTON — The nation is now suffering the most severe housing shortage since World War II, HUD Secretary George Romney said Thursday.

The Housing and Urban Development chief said 2.5 million more homes are needed now to provide adequate housing for all Americans. He said the shortage threatens to get worse because of inflation and a shortage of funds for home building.

But Romney said he would not want the federal Reserve System to ease its tight money policy despite the restrictive effect on the construction of new housing.

District area youth is West Point selectee

WASHINGTON — An 18-year-old Glenarden Woods, Md. youth, Phillip Samuel Cooper, has been nominated to attend U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Cooper, who was "surprised" by the appointment, is at the same time "very happy" and hopes he will be accepted. If so, he will probably make military service a career.

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Final acceptance will depend upon physical and entrance examinations to be given Cooper by West Point authorities. Cooper was appointed by Congressman Lawrence J. Hogan of Maryland.

Son of Mrs. Cornease and Samuel Cooper, of 7017 Fiske Ave., Glenarden Woods, Cooper is a senior at Duval High School in Riverdale. He maintains a 2.9 average and will graduate in June.

Cooper is one of four children. His brother, Stanley, is a student at Morgan State College, while his sister, Nenice, and another brother, Christy, attend public schools in Glenardet.

The youthful West Point selectee's father is an Army retired chief warrant officer, who saw service in World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

PHILLIP S. COOPER

Famed architect

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Debts were listed as a $2,500 loan due National Savings and Trust Company; a $500 rent bill owed to Hohenstein Brothers and Donahue Inc.; $1,600 in house rents owed to Bernard Margolius; expenses of $250 on his last illness; and about $1,200 in funeral expenses.

A world famed architect and engineer, Mr. Cassell died on November 30, a week after suffering a heart attack.

In his ten-page will dated July 19, 1961, Mr. Cassell had left to his wife, Mrs. Flora Belle Cassell, an outright $5,000 and all the furnishings in his home at 4724 17th St., NW; the balance of his estate to be used to set up a ten-year trust for his wife and children.

At the end of this period, the beneficiaries were to get their shares outright.

This will named longtime associate, Attorney Warren E. Magee of Montgomery County, Md. as executer of the estate and trustee to establish the trust fund.

Two additions were made to the will. The first also dated July 19, 1961 verified that he had sold to Mr. Magee some 8 per cent shares of capital or common stock in each of the three companies known as the Albert I. Cassell Land Corporation, the Albert I. Cassell Construction Corporation, and the Albert I. Cassell Utility Corporation.

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The second codicil to the will was dated August 31, 1968. This verified that he had sold Mr. Magee an additional two shares in each of these corporations; and 10 shares of the capital or common stock of the Chesapeake Heights on the Bay Inc.

In Mr. Magee's recent court petition for probate of the will and letters testamentary, he explained the status of the Chesapeake-Heights corporation as follows:

The company is the owner of about 500 acres of land under development in Calvert County, Md. It is subject to a first deed of trust of $700,000, the interest at 10 per cent per year, payable in 14 quarterly instalments of $50,000 each, commencing Jan. 1, 1970.

The shares of stock are not listed on any stock exchange, and no sales of stock are available for the purposes of determining the market value of these shares.

So unless or until the land is further developed and becomes income-producing through sales of the lots, the stock shares will have no ascertainable market value.

Listed as Mr. Cassell's survivors are his wife, Mrs. Flora Belle Cassell and young daughter, Paula, both of the 17th St. address;

Another daughter, Mrs. Alberta C. Butler, a government architect; three sons, Charles, a government architect and D.C. School Board member; Albert Jr., of Northeast Washington; and Calvin of Roxbury, Mass., a civil engineer in Boston; and a granddaughter, Miss Karen E. Thompson of Chicago.

A native Baltimorean, Mr. Cassell was a 1919 graduate of Cornell University.

He later established the architecture school at Howard University, where he was responsible for the design and construction of eight buildings.

At Morgan State College, he designed the Christian Center and Tubman House; and five years ago, the $1,200,000 O'Connell Hall for Boys.

At the time of his death, his firm, Cassell-Gray was planning a $2½ million field house for Morgan. He was also responsible for the architectural work at Provident Hospital in Baltimore, the women's dorm at Virginia Union University and the Mayfair Mansions in Washington.

In 1938, he used his own funds to purchase the land in Northeast Washington for Mayfair Mansions, intended to be a self-sustaining project for black persons.

ALBERT I. CASSELL

In 1946, the 594-unit that made up the housing development received the Award for Architecture from the Committee on Municipal Art of the Washington Board of Trade.

IN MISSISSIPPI

Whites protest integration, but progress reported

COLLINS, Miss. (UPI) — White students of this small Mississippi town stayed away from classes in large numbers today in a seething protest to the Supreme court's "desegregate now" school decree.

A group of about 25 parents, mostly mothers, gathered in front of the three schoools in this Covington County community paraded with signs saying "Give us freedom of choice," and "My child will be better off at home."

Attendance figures were no immediately available, but school officials conceded white enrollment was off sharply in the Covington District, one of 30 Mississippi school districts in which the Federal Courts ordered complete and immediate integration.

A Dec. 31, 1969 deadline was set for the desegregation, and students returning to classes this week from the Christmas holidays felt the first effects of the order.

The Covington district began classes today, as did students of the Yazoo City school system. School openings in other sections of the state will be staggered over the next two weeks.

Classes at Yazoo City, where local business leaders have been working quietly to make the transition go as smoothly as possible, began without a hitch.

About 1,800 blacks and 1,300 whites showed up and Yazoo City Education Superintendent Harold Kelly said, "It looks like it will work out all right . . . we've been preparing for this change for two or three years. We have had good civic leadership . . . and this has made the difference."

Quinton Napier, the Covington County Superintendent, said he felt many of the white children staying home today would eventually return to the public schools. "It is a two-day protest boycott," he said.

Collins, with a population of about 3,000, is located in Southeast Mississippi, about 25 miles west of Laurel.

The boycott in Covington came on the heels of the first show of open defiance to the Supreme Court's October decision Wednesday when white parents in the nearby town of Petal refused to let their children attend classes with blacks.

Rural southerners seen 'frustrated' by change

ATHENS, Ga. (UPI) — Most rural southerners have lost hope, and many have turned to suicide as their only way-out, a Georgia State University sociologist said Wednesday.

Dr. Alvin L. Bertrand told the opening session of a three-day Mid-South Conference on Crisis Intervention that rural southerners are being frustrated by factors of social change.

"Southerners are tired of being forever cast as some kind of not-too-bright and naughty kinsman who needs to be constantly chastized,' Bertrand said.

The rural southerner is confronted by urbanization, industrialization and the federal government, he said, and these factors have upset the social patterns to which he had been accustomed.

Bertrand saw the changing times, which have brought new interpretations of race relations, agricultural schools and educational improvements, as disenchanting ones for the rural southerner.

All these modernizing factors have resulted in the rural southerner losing control of his regional destiny, Bertrand said.

The three-day conference is sponsored by the University of Georgia Science Research Institute and the Center for Suicide Prevention of the National Institute of Mental Health.

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