Libyan boss ousts premier

CAIRO (UPI) — Libyan strongman Col. Moammer Khadafy last week ousted civilian Premier Mahmoud Soliman Elmaghiray and took over that post and the defense ministry himself, the Middle East News Agency reported from Tripoli.

Khadafy, who overthrew King Idriss last September, has now become Libya's Revolution Council chairman as well as prime minister and defense minister.

Khadafy announced a 12-man cabinet which includes both civilians and members of the military.

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Four members of the ruling Revolution Council were also appointed as cabinet ministers.

Maj. Abdel Sallam Jalloud was appointed interior and local administration minister, Maj. Bashir Hawadi was named minister of education and national guidance; Capt. Omar Elmahishi, economy and industry; Capt. Mohamed Elkharif, housing and municipal affairs.

Five civilian members of the outgoing cabinet retained their portfolios, including Saleh Buweisser, minister and foreign affairs.

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Three other civilians were appointed to other portfolios.

The new cabinet under Khadafy replaced the 11-man cabinet led by Dr. Suliman Elmaghiraby, which was appointed Sept. 8.

The defense and interior portfolios had been vacant since Dec. 10 when Khadafy announced that Col. Adam Elhawaz, then defense minister, and Col. Mousa Ahmed, then interior minister, plotted against his regime and that they were under arrest.

CALIFORNIA WIVES of U.S. pilots missing in Vietnam, Mrs. Carol Hanson, 30, left of El Toro and Mrs. Constance A. Hestle, 37, of Los Angeles, are escorted by Los Angeles television newscaster Bob Dornan during stroll near airport in Moscow as they await permisson to enter the city to make pleas to Soviet officials for news of their missing mates. The duo is part of a group of four wives who arrived in Moscow from Bucharest without visas, last week. Marine Capt. Stanley Hanson was a helicopter pilot who disappeared in June, 1967. Lt. Col. Roosevelt Hestle was shot down June 6, 1966.

HEALTH IN ACTION

U.S. lacks studies showing superior health of minorities

By DR. PAUL B. CORNELY

Racism, many of the people in health like to insist, is least found in the health industry, but there are many examples to prove that this is not so.

DR. PAUL CORNELY

All of us are aware of many health surveys that show the bad features the health of black Americans.

The findings in these studies often are used by segregationists and other white supremacists to back up their claims of racial superiority. They feed the results of these surveys to the public as support for efforts to keep segregation and discrimination in schools, swimming pools, hospitals and health clinics.

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Is that why so many of these surveys are made and published?

A much more important question is, why are there so few health studies and reports about health matters where black Americans are equal, or even better, in comparison to whites?

Could it be because of racism, either active or passive?

Let's look briefly at three concrete examples.

In each of these, one has to keep in mind that in addition to giving the black American an improved health picture, further investigation and studies in these areas could provide spectacular health advantages for the nation as a whole.

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To be sure, the health progress made by blacks, many of whom were under extremely poor circumstances, would lead to the belief they have physical, mental and social aspects which need to be observed and investigated now when our way of life has increased the many chronic diseases which slowly are crippling and killing useful men and women.

First, look at how long one may expect to live. The average life expectancy of blacks climbed dramatically between 1900 and 1967, so that the longevity gap between the races is being closed.

An even more startling aspect shows up when we compare the old people, black and white.

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After age 67, the black male and female have a better chance of living longer than whites. By the time they reach the age of 85, this is about one and a half times that for whites

Very little is made of this phenomenon in the health research field.

Secondly, physical abilities have been shown all too often in baseball, football, track and other sports by blacks who have come out of ghettos and slums.

For some reason, nobody has really bothered about investigating this, although there are many sources available. Selective Service examination findings as reported for 1940-49 showed that while black and white rejection rates were approximately the same, the rejection rate was lower for blacks in 19 of 28 defect categories.

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Veneral diseases, educational deficiency and defects of feet and heart were the only conditions in which blacks showed higher proportions.

Blacks had about half the rejection rate for vision and teeth, about one-third the rate for hearing and lower rates for nose, neurological and musculoskeletal rejections.

Only the data dealing with low rejection rates for vision have been studied according to race, and then only statistically.

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The Reports of the National Health Survey, based on a nationwide study (1960-62), show six levels more favorable to blacks.

Amazingly, no significant medical studies have been carried out to determine whether heredity or environment, or both, were important.

Lastly, all of us in public health realize the weaknesses of using data about the prevalence of illness. Nevertheless, if they can be used against us, they can also be used for us.

And there are some which show us in a very favorable light, including hookworm and pinworm infestations, which are associated with the poor, and cancer, particularly of the skin.

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Nevertheless, surprisingly little or no research has been done in these areas to determine why this difference exists.

Much continues to be made of the negative aspects but little of the positive side, both among health people and in the communications media.

Is this a form of subtle racism?

Many would say no. The black community believes otherwise.

Sister Hilda won't have to be 'bunny'

By ALBERT WASHINGTON

DETROIT — "It all started as a joke. Some friends said that if I really wanted a bus, I should ask Hugh Hefner. He has plenty of money' they said."

With these words, 60-year-old Sister Hilda began to tell how she had obtained a $1,000 church donation from Playboy magazine publisher Hugh Hefner.

Sister Hilda, who stands 4 feet, 10 inches short, is NOT a subscriber to Playboy magazine, Nor is she in love with the magazine's philosophy.

After the suggestion that she should ask Hugh Hefner for money, Sister Hilda immediately wrote the "Prince of Playboys" for help with a seemingly hopeless task buying a used $3,500, 55-passenger bus to replace the old bus owned by the Church of the Messiah.

Sister Hilda is an aggressive desconess.

The church's old bus, which died on an expressway in August, was used by day-camp youngsters, senior citizens and teen-agers who live near the inner-city Episcopal church at 231 E. Grand Blvd.

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Sister Hilda's boldness was rewarded by a call from Anson Mount, who has the odd title of Playboy religion editor.

Mount promised Sister Hilda a $1,000 check for the bus.

So that's what happened when someone used a joke to play on "girl" Sister Hilda who enlisted the help of Mrs. Robert Wall of Grosse Pointe to write the letter.

In the letter, Mrs. Wall described the old bus as in "a terminal stage of incurable disrepair."

Sister Hilda said she would even risk excommunication in a bunny outfit," Mrs. Wall wrote.

Since Playboy magazine has promised the $1,00, Sister Hilda has begun having second thoughts.

"I'll get into all kinds of trouble," she explained. "The vestry accents me, even loves me — I think."

"But if I get a call from Bishop Richard Emrich — Oh, boy. I'm gonna get my bats ready now."

Sister Hilda, a former physical therapist from a small Mississippi town, works with the church and neighborhood group as a member of the Episcopal Church Army in the United States.

"We each help fulfill Christian convictions in our own way," she explained.

Though Sister Hilda has pledges for $600 for a new bus in addition to the Playboy contribution, she's still $1,400 short.

"I'll depend on the mercy of God," she explained. "I always ask Him first."

Hiring policy faces attack in Congress

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A new battle over the Nixon Administration's program to assure more black employment in government jobs is almost certain to break out after Congress returns this week.

Sen. Sam J. Ervin, D-N.C., disclosed last week an order to government contractors that was quietly circulated late last year. The order refines and extends provisions of the Philadelphia Plan, so much so, Ervin said, that it makes the plan "look like small potatoes."

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The Labor Department quickly issued conflicting replies. Assistant Secretary Arthur A. Fletcher, one of the highest ranking black men in the administration, denied a blanket order had been issued requiring federal contractors to meet racial hiring quotas. But later the department issued a statement saying "through an administrative error, a draft was circulated prematurely, not secretly as an order. The circulated draft is not final."

Under the Philadelphia Plan, contractors winning big contracts from the federal government would have to pledge to move toward specified goals in hiring members of minority groups. It was given its name because the pilot project is being carried on in Philadelphia.

Congress and the administration fought bitterly in December over whether the plan violated the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which outlaws consideration of race, creed, color or sex in employment.

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Labor unions and Comptroller General Elmer B. Staats, said it did, because it set up quotas, which are banned in the 1964 law. The administration, supported by a legal opinion from Attorney General John N. Mitchell, argued the plan did not require quotas but set goals. Congress finally went along with the plan by rejecting an amendment supporting Staats.

Ervin made public the text of a Labor Department order he said makes quota hiring "flatly mandatory."

Ervin said he was concerned about these quotas not because they might result in more jobs for blacks, "but because they are illegal."

Assassins Rock Eastern Africa

JOHN PLATTER

NAIROBI, Kenya (UPI) — Political assassination has suddenly come into vogue in eastern Africa, threatening the region's stability as it begins the new decade.

The assassins of 1969 chose their victims with care and moved with deadly precision.

The murdered men, Kenya's Tom Mboya, Somalia's President Abdi Shermarke and the Mozambique Liberation Movement's Eduardo Mondlane, were all key figures, stabilizing and energetic forces.

In Uganda, where on Dec. 19 a gunman shot and gravely wounded President Milton Obote, the country stood close to anarchy as he struggled to recover and regain control.

The injection of violence prompted a noticeable edginess among surviving leaders, undermined morale and threatened the fragile fabric of government in an area formerly spared from assassination as a weapon for change.

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After the attempt on Obote, Nairobi's Daily Nation suggested editorially the wave of killings "cannot be considered in isolation."

The process began on a bright morning in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, last Feb. 3. The lanky, scholarly Mondlane had just collected his mail and was settling down to work at a friend's beach cottage along fashionable Oyster Bay.

He started by opening a "personal and confidential" parcel. Seconds later it blew him apart.

Tanzanian President Julius Nyere gave the 49-year-old guerrilla leader a hero's burial and, as a 19-gun salute boomed out over the Indain Ocean, vowed Mondlane's spirit would never die.

But it did. The movement first faltered, then dissolved in shambles as the men who headed the liberation campaign fought crudely among themselves for the vacant post.

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Investigations turned up nothing. The killers harvested more impressively. The Portuguese were quick to deny implication but they can only be relieved by to respite his removal brought them.

He was the apparently irreplacable cohesive and driving force which organized 8,000 guerrillas in a campaign which pinned down about 50,000 Portuguese troops in Mozambique.

The gunman who fired two shots at Mboya July 5 was no less effective, but in a different way. Kenya reeled in confusion at the loss of a man who engineered the nation's prosperity and was a possible future president.

Old tribal enmities flared dangerously and scattered rioting broke out between Mboya's Luo tribesmen and the dominant Kikuyus.

Kenya has never been the same since. The country has been stripped of its calm and orderly progress.

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A series of snowballing events culminated in the arrest and detention in October of opposition leader Oginga Odinga and the banning of his Luo-supported Kenya Peoples Union. Only the steadying hand of President Jomo Kenyatta has ensured a semblance or order.

A young Kikuyu tribesmans was later convicted and hanged for the murder, but few believe he acted alone. Even fewer think the tremors of instability sparked off in July are over.

While east Africans were pondering the dramatic assassination in Kenya news was flashed from adjoining Somalia that President Abdi Shermarke had been slain by a member of his own bodyguard on Oct. 15.

The motives of the killer remain obscure. But a week after he riddled his president with bullets, the military seized power in the sleepy, coastal city of Mogadishu.

A new militancy was evident in the first broadcasts of the new revolutionary council and observers detected a decided shift to the left, in line with earlier military coups in Moslem Sudan and Libya.

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The leading core of the political heirachy was jailed and is awaiting trial, including former premier Mohammad Egal.

But fears of renewed Mogadishu-inspired guerrilla activity in neighboring nomadic Christian Ethiopia and Kenya have not materialized.

Both Kenya and Ethiopia are keeping a wary eye on their neighbors. Ethiopia is especially concerned at the military support the soviets are giving to its traditionally hostile Moslem neighbors, Sudan to the North and Somalia to the east.

Next, an assassin struck in Uganda. This time his weapon jammed after the first shot. President Obote was maimed but spared. No news of the killer has been announced, nor of his possible motives.

But the attempt can only deepen already serious rifts between Obote's Nilotic northerners and the southern and Bantu Bugandans, whose king died in lonely exile two months ago after he was deposed by Obote in mid-1966 and fled to London.

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Speculation centers on two possible groups who might have plotted Obote's death and a possible change of Government: a Bugandan group intent on revenge, or powerful elements opposed to Obote's planned shift to the left declared in his recent "Common Man's Charter."

Doctor say Obote is recovering. But he's doing so silently, and his troops have already rampated through Kampala, killing at least seven persons and beating up civilians indiscriminately.

The rival divisions, carefully being rehealed in the past two years, have been re-opened and nine million Ugandans look forward uneasily to the 1970s.

PEOPLE

NEW YORK — The Rev. Gilbert Caldwell, former secretary to the board of the National Committee of Black Churchmen, has been appointed executive director of the Ministerial Interfaith Association, the Rev. James Gunther, association president, announced this week. "Mr. Caldwell brings a wide backlog of experience to his new position," said Pastor Gunther. "His leadership may provide the opportunity for MIA's programs to become the core of the Inter-Church Center for Black America."

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GILBERT H. CALDWELL

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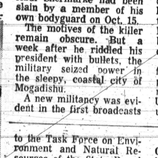

RUBEN K. DAVIS

NEW YORK — Charles H. Cohen, former Peace Corps administrative officer in Sierra Leone, recently departed for Bangalore, India, where he will be a CARE representative. He is a 1962 Jarvis Christian College graduate. His wife, the former Dionne Washington, is a naive of Sierra Leone.

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ORANGEBURG, S.C. — Dr. A. M. Sharpe, professor and chairman of the Department of Modrrn Languages at South Carolina State College, attended the recent Association of Department of Modern Languages annual meeting in Denver.

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PETERSBURG, Va. — Hermanze E. Fauntleroy Jr., alumni-development officer at Virginia State College for the past three years, has been appointed tinguished scientist-editors to a position with Seward Luggage Manufacturing Company. Fauntleroy, a Petersburg city councilman

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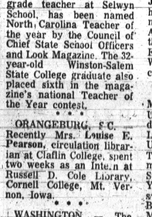

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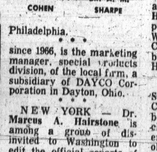

DR. MARCUS HAIRSTONE

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Reuben K. Davis, former city court judge and city commissioner, has joined Stirling Homex Corporation, the modular housing manufacturer, in an executive capacity. He was appointed assistant vice president and associate general counsel of the company and vice president and associate general counsel of Kabeth Properties, Inc., a marketing subsidiary. It was announced by David Stirling Jr., chairman and chief executive officer. Judge Davis will have offices in the firm's headquarters at Avon.

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NEW YORK — Gerald T. Davis has been appointed corporate manager of community services of Atlantic Richfield Company, with headquarters at 717 Fifth Ave. here. It was announced this week. Davis, of 1128 E. Lancaster St., Philadelphia, formerly was eastern area alternative action coordinator of the company with offices in Philadelphia.

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since 1966, is the marketing manager, special products division, of the local firm, a subsidiary of DAYCO Corporation in Dayton, Ohio.

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NEW YORK — Dr. Marcus A. Hairstone is among a group of dis- invited to Washington to edit the official reports of the NASA Houston Symposium on the Apollo-12 mission to be published in Science. Dr. Hairstone recently returned from the Middle East where he spent three years as a Lecturer-Consultant in Cancer Research and University Science Education. He is now with the Rockefeller University in New York City.

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NEW YORK — Maya Tilghman, director of public relations for Church Women United, has been appointed by the organization's president, Mrs. James M. Dolbey, to direct a special project for the upcoming Martin Luther King Film Benefit. Miss Tilghman will serve as executive director of national ticket sales coordination for the March 24 motion picture tribute to the late Dr. King.

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DURHAM, N.C. — Dr. T. R. Speaker, chairman of the department of geography N. North Carolina Central University and chairman of the City School Board, has been appointed to the Task Force on Environment and Natural Resources of the State Board of Education by Dr. Craig Phillips, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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PETERSBURG, Va. — Mrs. Doris W. Woodson, art instructor at Virginia State College, has a one-man collection of paintings this month at Mary Baldwin College in Staunton. Her exhibition may be seen in the library from now through Jan. 31.

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Johnny McFadden, a sixth grade teacher at Selwyn School, has been named North Carolina Teacher of the year by the Council of Chief State School Officers and Look Magazine. The 32-year-old Winston-Salem State College graduate also placed sixth in the magazine's national Teacher of the Year contest.

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ORANGEBURG, S.C. — Recently Mrs. Louise E. Pearson, circulation librarian at Claflin College, spent two weeks as an intern at Russell D. Cole Library, Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa.

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WASHINGTON — The appointment of Dr. Joseph H. Douglass as primary policy advisor for the 1970 White House Conference on Children and Youth has been announced by Stephen Hess, conference chairman.

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TOWSON, Md. — Jack R. Sturgill Jr., a Towson State College junior, this week begins his job as a traveling clerk in the Maryland General Assembly. The 20 year-old Balt more County native, appointed by Del. William Hinkel, has received a senatorial scholarship from State Sen. John Bishop, R., Baltimore County.

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CINCINNATI — Alpha Sigma Lambda, honorary academic fraternity of the University of Cincinnati Evening College, nationally initiated Cornelius Van Jordan, former UC instructor in English and speech, at its recent annual initiation banquet. Mr. Jordan's wife, Marjorie W. Jordan, accepted the award.

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MEMPHIS — A. W. Willis Jr. has been given rights to develop a chain of Mahalia Jackson chicken restaurants in New York and Washington. He resigned as president and board chairman of the Chicken System last week and relinquished posts with Mutual Federal Savings and Loan Association and the law firm of Rather, Sugarmon, Lucas and Willis.

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ALBANY, Ga. — Guy C. Craft, head librarian at Albany State College, will serve as a member of the visiting committee that will evaluate the self-study of South Carolina State College at Orangeburg.

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — John H. Chadwell has been appointed director of human relations for Owens-Illinois, Inc. A former Alabama State professor, he will develop and coordinate the company.

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JACKSON, Miss. — President John A. Peoples Jr. of Jackson State College has been appointed chairman of the Commission on Administrative Affairs of the American Council on Education, by Dr. Logan Wilson, president of the council.

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RALEIGH, N.C. — Miss Maryland Martin, a Shaw University second year student, is a candidate for a Luard Scholarship in the United Kingdom for 1970-71. The Luard Scholarship, administered by The English-Speaking Union in New York enables a student to spend his junior year at a British University. Miss Martin, who is from Sanford, is majoring in Urban Science with emphasis in Community Health.

NBC board to hold session

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. — The mid-winter board meeting of the National Baptist Convention (NBC) is scheduled to be held here Jan. 20-22 at the Bath House Auditorium, according to Dr. J. H. Jackson, convention president.

All officers and board members of the NBC and the National Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress are urged to attend the three-day session which will be concerning itself with planning for the respective conventions to be held at Omaha, Nebraska, June 22-27, and New Orleans, September 1970.

Dr. J. H. Jackson will preside over the board session.

About 2 out of every 5 women workers in the United States are 45 years of age or older.

Pension bills in disscusion

DETROIT — In a speech delivered last week at Bethel College in Newton, Kansas, one of Detroit's well known black community leaders, Christopher C. Alston unveiled the long-lost history of Congressional Pension Bounty Bills for Ex-Slaves in America.

Mr. Alston spoke on moral, social, and economic problems of urban renewal in Detroit. He revealed how those long-standing problems could have been eliminated if the ex-slave bounty and pension bills had been passed by the federal government.

He said problems poor blacks encounter in 1970, are the same problems that black ancestors were attempting to deal with 80 years ago in 1890 when the first ex-slave bills were initiated.

The production of the discovery was handled by Black Research Foundation of Detroit.

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Reed, Robertson snatch NBA All-Star spotlight

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — Take Willis Reed of the New York Knicks and Oscar Robertson of the Cincinnati Royals, in any order you please and you have two big reasons why the East overpowered the West, 142-135, Tuesday night in the 20th National Basketball Association All-Star game.

Reed, dominating in the Knicks manner so now thoroughly accepted scored 21 points grabbed 11 rebounds and picked up the game's most valuable player award.

Robertson, playing in his 10th contest, also collected 21 points, a performance which enabled him to establish an All-Star game career scoring record with a total of 220 points. It eclipsed the career total of 224 set by Bob Pettit over an 11-year span.

The MVP trophy for the Knicks team captain was the climax of 24 hours of doubt with stomach pains. Reed took tests Monday to determine the pains were muscle spasms and not ulcers.

Free from pain and the game cradled away and no aches during the day or the game, Reed was pleased at his selection.

"At this point I must say it's the greatest honor I have ever achieved," Reed said in an appreciative manner.

And he admitted that "When the points were going in" he figured he had a good chance to cop it, something he hadn't done in five previous games.

Robertson, a member of the winning team for the ninth time in his 10 games, said he didn't know he was overhauling Pettit's record.

"I wasn't even aware of it until Jack Twyman told me between halves, but I wasn't playing for it. It is some sort of a distinction, but I didn't let it affect me."

Robertson was second in the MVP voting but agreed heartily with the choice of Reed.

"He played one helluva game," Oscar observed, and added that when Reed and Lew Alcindor kept the West throttled he felt sure of the win.

Star-studded field awaits $25,000 handicap at Bowie

BOWIE, Md. — Five recent stakes winners are among the 13 starters forecast by racing secretary and handicapper Lawrence J. Abbundi for the 53rd running of the $25,000 added Bowie Handicap at Bowie Race Course tomorrow (Saturday).

The Bowie Handicap is for three-year-olds and up at seven furlongs.

Susan B. Fisher's Bushido, hero of the $50,400 Grey Lag Handicap, heads the recent stakes winners.

Other expected starters from this category include Nathan L. Cohen's Mister Diz, winner of the Constellation Handicap at Laurel; William E. Durner's Corn Caster, successful in a division of the Congressional Handicap at Laurel; Thaddeus R. Trout's Balustrade, winner of the Walter Haight Handicap at Laurel, and Mrs. William Coxe Wright's Magic Power, who defeated Bushido in winning the Flintlock Handicap at Liberty Bell.

John A. Hersberger's Juvenile John, who was a neck from winning the $22,450 Southern Maryland Handicap that launched Bowie's stakes program, also is expected to accept the challenge in the Bowie Handicap.

Foreman believed ready to challenge in top 10

NEW YORK (UPI) — duano and Pat Murphy.

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Manager Dick Sadler heavyweight, George Foreman, believes his unbeatenheavyweight, George Foreman, might finally be ready to move into the top ten rating.

Sadler has been careful with the 6-foot-4, 218-pound Olympic champion. "He's just a baby," Sadler has said repeatedly.

But I think he's gained experience and improved a lot since he turned pro," Sadler said. "If he beats Gregorio O'Halloran Monday, we'll consider fighting somebody in the top 10."

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Foreman seeks his 15th consecutive victory in Madison Square Garden Monday night on a card that also features Manuel Ramos against Chuck Wepner and unbeaten welterweights Donato Pa-

"I want to match the winner of the Foreman-O'Halloran match against Gregorio Peralta," matchmaker Teddy Brenner said. "Peralta already has agreed to fight the winner on Feb. 16 as a semifinal to the heavyweight title match between Joe Frazier and Jimmy Ellis."

Peralta was scheduled to fight Ellis for his share of the world title in Argentina in December, but the match fell through because of lack of interest.

Woman golfers choose delegates to Philly session

The January meeting of the Wake-Robin Golf Club was held at the home of Mrs. Estelle Flowers, 3618 Wabash Ave., Baltimore. Mrs. Agnes Parrish was the winner of the golfball for the month.

Following the committee reports, the representatives and alternates to attend the Eastern Golf Association meeting in Philadelphia on Feb. 21 and 22 were elected.

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Mrs. Bessie Yates, president, and Mrs. Ethel Funches, tournament director, will be club representatives, with Mrs. Frances Mays, Handicap chairman, and Mrs. Winnie Stanford, alternates.

Mrs. Louis Harris and her husband spent the holiday season traveling through Geogia and Florida, enjoying the theatres, the golf weather and the beaches. Christmas was spent in Miami with friends and relatives.

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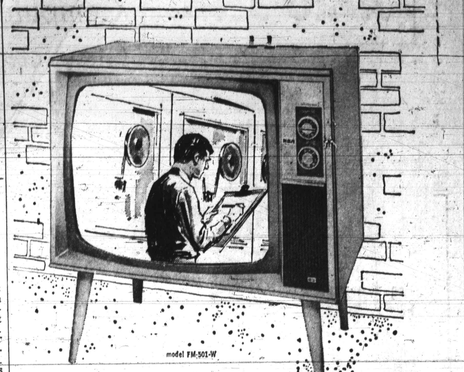

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