In 40th Year, Muslims Survive And Flourish Despite Odds

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — "Invaders from the Black Nation," a study of the "Black Muslims" in 1970, concludes that on its 40th anniversary, the black separatist Islamic movement is "one of the most stable black institutions in the United States."

The study also states that the current black mood — in which Muslims are no longer regarded as threats to racial progress — may be conducive to the further growth of the religious organization.

"Invaders from the Black Nation has been released, by the Race Relations Information Center, a private, nonprofit journalistic research agency in Nashville. It was written by Bernard E. Garnett, a staff writer for the Center.

The report examines the movement a decade after the rhetoric of Muslim leader Elijah Muhammad and the late Malcolm X (at the time, one of Muhammad's most favored disciples) made "Black Muslim" a household word from coast to coast and spurred some journalists to label Muhammad's flock "the angriest blacks."

Despite the characteristic secrecy of top Muslim officials, some insights into the black Islamic denomination were gleamed throug inspection tours of Muslim farms in Alabama — where a bitter racial feud erupted late last year — and Georgia, and businesses in Chicago, site of Muslim headquarters.

Muhammad's Message to the Blackman in America, also spells out basic religious doctrine of the movement.

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The report cites the growth of the Lost-Found Nation of Islam, whose followers commonly are known as "Black Muslims," though they reject the color designation, since its founding in 1930.

The Nation of Islam is seen as a multi-million-dollar organization, with thriving businesses across the country and a newspaper, Muhammad Speaks, boasting a weekly circulation of over 500,000. The study suggests $20 million as "a conservative estimate" of the religion's total wealth.

With some 50 mosques in large cities across the U.S. (as well as rented halls in smaller areas with sizable black population), a number of Universities of Islam, which are the Muslims' elementary-secondary parochial schools, and the Muslims' celebrated recruiting zeal, total Muslim membership is placed at between 75,000 and 100,000, in the report.

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According to the study: "Since Muslims tend to be unflinchingly loyal and obedient to Elijah Muhammad, whom they revere as the 'messenger of Allah,' god of the Islamic world, and since Muhammad has unquestioned command of the Black Nation's vast financial empire, the Muslim leader has to be considered one of the most powerful black men in America."

"Invaders" disputes the popular notion that religion is of secondary importance to the Muslims by citing examples of how the movement's seemingly secular activities actually are manifestations of basic religious doctrines.

Also, it is noted that top officials of the Federation of Islamic Association, which determines the acceptability of Islamic associations in the U.S. and Canada, call all believers in Islam — including Muhammad's Muslims — "brothers, under Allah."

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In addition, the study points out that the black Islamists' spelling of some basic religious terms (such as Muhammad and Muslims) are listed as the class spellings in Merriam-Webster Dictionaries.

Another conception which the report disputes is the idea that the Muslims are violence-prone. According to "Invaders," violence (except in self-defense) is expressly forbidden.

Members are taught that Allah will protect Islam and Muslims even have steered clear of "long, hot summer" ghetto violence, were ridiculing black participants as "fools trying to beat the devil with his own weapons."

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Founded in Detroit by a mysterious silk peddler known most often as W. D. Fard, the Nation of Islam has survived community apathy, public opposition, and internal dissension — factors which have led to the downfall or stunted the growth of numerous other black nationalist institutions, according to the report.

"The Muslims had to hurdle many obstacles to get where they are today. And anywhere along the way, a Las Vegas bookmaker might have laid forbidding odds against their chances," the study states.

Their darkest hour appeared to be in the mid-1930's, when in the wake of the assassination of once respected follower Malcolm X (Little) and the ensuing "expose," by a disgruntled ex-Muslim official from Boston, depicted the movement as something of a black terrorist organization.

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The author, Aubrey Barnette, called for extinction of the Islamic denomination.

The changing mood of black communities is listed as a chief reason for the Muslims' survival and growth. As non-Muslims' grew more disenchanted, they embraced the Muslim ideals of separation, black dignity, and self-determination.

Even "moderate" civil rights leaders were more willing to accept black Islamists as allies in the overall struggle for racial equality.

But another important factor is the deep religious conviction of Muhammad's followers. The report notes that the Muslims accept all their fortunes as evidence of Allah's divine providence, and that they are convinced that today's blessings are nothing compared to what's in store after Allah exterminates the white devil and brings about the eternal black millenium."

TRIANGLE RESIDENTS of Charleston, W. Va., and sympathizers framed in the jaws of a bulldozer towed into the community to begin the demolition of 19 houses to clear the way for Interstate highway 77. Standing on the left side with hankerchief to be used as a gas mask in case of trouble, is Clinton Black, program director of the Progressive Association for Economic Development, a arm of the Opportunities Industrialization Coorporation. Police came prepared for the worst when 50 youths blocked the bulldozers way. Tear gas, riot clubs and guns and hlemets were the equipment of the day. Violence was averted however, with the exception of a few scuffles as the 14 arrests were made for disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace.

Urban League official sees repression deepening here

NEW YORK — The youngest member of the National Urban League's board of directors echoed Nixon administration last week when he laid blame for student unrest on the White House doorstep.

"We are in an era of repression but we have not reached the ultimate in repression," Charles Hamilton, a recent Harvard graduate, told a new conference at the league's 60th anniversary conference.

Whitney M. Young Jr. executive director of the league, said in his keynote address that he did not believe the administration is consciously racist.

In another speech, Clarence Mitchell Jr., NAACP Washington bureau chief, stressed the importance of using the franchise and said the two groups must concentrate common goals rather than trying to agree on particular issues.

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In its final session, the convention adopted a statement urging the census bureau to be sure it corrects errors made 10 years ago, when 10 per cent of the black population was not counted, according to recent estimates.

Young said at a news conference that inaccurate census tallies will result in a loss of economic and political Americans.

"The direct result of this in fact means less income for projects in housing, health and education," Young said. "It also means a loss in congressional and state legislative representation."

Dr. Robert Hill, head of the league's coalition on a black count, said preliminary studies of the census in black and Spanish-speaking communities, primarily large numbers of people never received he forms.

The effect also was noticeable in some southern states, he said.

Dr. Robert S. Browne, director of the Black Economic Research Center, looked darkly on black capitalism's prospects for improving conditions and concept.

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Dr. Browne, professor of economics at Fairleigh Dickinson University, concluded that what passes for black capitalism "may be absorbing resources far out of proportion to the benefits it proposes."

Wealth is not income, he said, but capital, money which produces income. In this area, America has long been a closed economy and technology makes capital accumulation almost impossible now for those who don't already have it.

Dr. Brown sees reparations as the most direct method of accumulating capital and would demand them from the government as well as the churches.

"The sole problem with the reparations approach," he said," is our present inability to enforce the demand."

He was very pessimistic on the prospects for sharing wealth and power, calling ehem "very dim, nearly impossible.

"During the Seventies, black people must increasingly do for themselves much of what remains to be done, while remaining prepared for any eventuality," he concluded.

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Young spoke to the 4,000 delegates of one day meeting in black hotels again "so all that cool green stuff can find its way into black hands."

After the posh luxury of the New York Hilton, a trip to Harlem one evening was "like taking a cold shower to sober up," according to one delegate.

The league embarked on this Harlem incursion to show its contact and with concern for the inner city. It invited the people threre to show the dolks from downtown what the brothers and the sisters were doing on the other side of Center Park.

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They displayed articles they had made — jewlry, clothing, art bits and pieces of the history of the black man, in Africa and the streets of Harlem, their present achievements and their dreams and hope for the future.

The Urban League of New York City was the host and it selected a school of 7th Ave. and 149th. The smell of incense blended with spices from the home land and hung in the heavy air to open up a view of a vital and vibrant people.

Back downtown, delegates adopted several other position statements at their final session, including:

Condemnation for the Chase Manhattan Bank financial connections with south Africa.

A demand for an end to the Vietnam War.

A call for an end to discrimination by race in the construction industry.

Recognition that Spanish-speaking people need equal opportunity protection from discrimination.

Justice visits innocent men in Cleveland

CLEVELAND — "I don't hold hard feelings against anyone. I kept thinking I would get home some day, but I didn't think it would be too soon."

These are the words of Michael P. Jones, a 20-year-old black man, who was recently released from the Ohio Penitentiary in Columbus after serving nearly a year for a crime he did not commit.

Jones and a 20-year-old friend, Allen G. Pinkney, who was released from Cuyahoga County dail where he was awaiting a retrial, were indicted last last year for the alleged shooting deaths of an off-duty Cleveland policeman and a tavern owner during a hold up April 2, 1969 at a downtown bar.

Jones was tried and convicted of first-degree murder last October. Pinkey was tried in December, but was returned to jail to await another trial after the jury could not reach a verdict.

Had it not been for James F. Valentine, 20, a third man arrested for the crime both men would probably still be in jail.

Valentine was picked up by Cleveland policemen last Dec. 31, and voluntarily admitted last month during his trial for the same crime that Jones kand Pinkney were innocent.

He later implicated two other men who were subsequently arrested.

Triangle Area Fights To Save Its Life

CHARLESTON, W Va. — The latest strategy in the embattled Triangle Community's fight to save itself, is a proposed boycott of downtown merchants who refuse to give their support to efforts to reroute interstate highway T 77 scheduled to run through the community.

Already Triangle residents, involved in the fight to save their community since 1965, have faced bulldozers and policemen, have been gassed and arrested.

Fifty youths blocked the bulldozers path when they moved into the Triangle to mived into the Triangle to Fourteen were arrested and placed on $5,000 bond. Bonds were later reduced with two exceptions.

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But only buildings were destroyed, and a delegation of Triangle residents in Washington, last week, won reconsideration for their cause with Department of Transportation Secretary John Volpe.

But that reconsideration involved only a three-day request not to destroy any more buildings until a DOT representative could ascertain if adequate relocation facilities were available.

According to the report made to Volpe, adequate provisions had been made, despite the indignant complaint of Mrs. Gloia Blanton.

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"I was in bed asleep and they came and told me they're going to tear my house down," she said standing on the street in her bathrobe. She said she had received no eviction notice.

The Secretary's temporary order was based on the fact the there were indications that the people whose homes were to be torn down had adequate housing elsewhere.

He must still make a decision on whether the highway can be routed differently without disrupting the over-all plan. Triangle residents feel this can be done.

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Gov. Arch Moore, Charleston mayor Elmer Dotson and state highway commissioner William Ritche do not think so.

"The time for changes in location has passed," the mayor said sometime ago.

Clinton Black, program of the Progessive Association for Economic Development told the AFRO, getting rather late in the game for the cummunity. But in the years since the struggle began in 1965, he said the Triangle has developed a sense of unity and community that is rare. P.A.E.D. is an arm of Rev. Leon Sullivan's OIC program.

Six community organizations participated in the battle to sae tre area. They are the Triangle Improve Council, People's Coalition, Save The Triangle Committee, The Legal Aid Society, NAACP and American Civil Liberties Union.

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The fact that large numbers of people would block the bulldozers with their bodies, face tear gas and imprisonment, would seem to indicate the development of something in Triangle which should be saved.

And it would seem to be the intention behind the new Environmental Quality Act of 1969 which says any federally supported program may be changed if it has a "deteriorating effect on the environment."

But officials in the DOT seem to feel this legislation may have come too late for Triangle. Plans have been finalized, contracts let and these things once started are difficult to stop.

But the boycott, the hardwon support of City Council, and the relatively broad community support, evidenced by those who put up their property to bail out the demonstrators, may be able to turn the tide and save the Triangle yet.

GUBERNATORIAL ASPIRANT — Reginald J. Hampton, '34, (left) former Shorter College president, an AME minister and businessman, who aspires to become governor of Arkansas will face incumbent Gov. Winthrop Rockefeller and two other candidates fr nomination in the Aug. 25 Republican primary election. At right, Mr. Hampton is shown with some of his supporters who accompanied him on a campaign fund-raising trip including (left to right) Otis Richmond, a teacher at Shorter College; Hurley Marvin Jones, who was Mr. Hampton's administrative assistant when he was college president; Jimmy Wilson, state president of the Black United Students in Arkansas; Mark Reynolds, dean at Shorter College and Henry Walker, an employee of Mr. Hampton. (Cabell Photo).

Graduated welfare confounds Senators

WASHINGTON (UPI) — On May 1, aghast Senators discovered that under President Nixon's welfare reforms a welfare mother sometimes could be better off staying unemployed than if she took a well-paying job.

They sent the secretary of Health, Education and Welfare back to his office with severe instruction to revise the administration's bill.

By last Thursday, only the secretary had changed.

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The cast of Senators, members of the Senate Finance Committee, studied charts drawn up at their instruction and made the same discovery about the revised bill.

The charts showed that in New York city, for example, a welfare mother of three with no earnings would be better off staying unemployed than if she earned $7,000 under the terfs of Nixon's family assistance plan.

Elliot L. Richardson, who succeeded Robert H. Finch as HEW secretary, said just about nothing could be done about the problem short of spending additional billions.

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Theoretically, at least, the charts showed that the New York mother would receive $6,210 in federal and state cash, food stamps, potential medicaid payments and public housing benefits if she earned no income.

She would receive $1 less — $6,209 — if her eanings amount to $7,000-a-year.

The reason is that almost all forms of government aid pay their highest benefits to persons with the lowest earnings — those who need the benefits most.

As earning rise, benefits fall. The person who earns pays income and social security taxes while a person with no earnings does not.

Richardson protested vainly for three hours that the rewards were almost illusory.

He said medicaid payments, for example, while treated on the charts as "income in kind," are not income. The money goes to doctors and hospitals he said.

He argued only six per cent of welfare recipients receive public housing benefits, also reflected in the charts as "income in kind."

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Teacher divorces mate who had two wives

Mrs. Carrie Shorter, former Baltimorean and now a Brooklyn, N.Y. education assistant at P.S. 183, was granted a divorce from her husband, William W. Shorter, on grounds of desertion.

Judge James A. Perrott signed the decree on July 24.

According to testimony in Circuit Court, the Shorters were married on Dec. 24, Christmas Eve., in 1961 in Buffalo, N.Y.

Mrs. Srorter told the court she and her husband were separated in November, 1966 when they resided on Avondale Rd. in Baltimore Country.

She testified he left their home and later she discovered he had married another woman and was residing with her in New York.

Records on file in Circuit Court show a photograph of Mr. Shorter and the second Mrs. Shorter inside the church, the bride resplendant in a beautiful gown, her arm in his.

Record of the marriage show the wedding took place

Oct. 7, 1967 with the rites performed by Bishop L. E. Swinger in Darlington S.C.

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Records also show that the second Mrs. Shorter later filed for annulment of this marriage "because she had discovered Mr. Shorter was previously married and had not been divorced from the first Mrs. Shorter.

AUGUST 4-8

'Right On,' an original, musical revue is presented in the Tawes Experimental Theatre at U. of Md. College Park campus. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. Two additional performances at 10:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.

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verings for office representation.

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The Republicans have few primary contests, and no anticipated withdrawals at this late date.

There are 30 Democrats spread over the 42 city and state posts, and 17 Republicans, with six additional black candiates seeking judgeships.

The two counties have one judgeship, two Republicans and ten Democrats.

The totals cited do not include black candidates in such races as the various Democratic and Republican State Central Committees.

There are some 40-odd such candidates for these posts in both parties, who will be identified at a later date prior to the primary.

These black candidates are invited to identify themselves to the AFRO.

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Despite the large number of primary nomination seekers, hurtful confrontations between black candidates splitting the black vote is currently seen in but four areas.

Tops is the 7th District Congress Democratic race where Parren J. Mitchell, Morgan State College professor and an early entry, is now being bucked in his black community by Walter T. Dixon, former member of the City Council.

Three white candidates in this race include Samuel N. Friedel, veteran incumbent; Carl L. Friedler, state senator, and Louis H. Fried, attorney.

Secondly, there is the city sheriff race where Bertram I. Dorsey, acting chief Liquor Board inspector and former deputy sheriff, is being challenged for the black vote by Luther R. Smith, a politically unknown technician. The other lone candidate is Frank Pelz, incumbent.

Then in the 2nd Legislative District, there are 14 black candidates among a total of 37 seeking state Democratic nominations to to the House of Delegates.

And in the 5th District, there are nine black candidates bidding for seven Dmocratic nominations to the House in a field of 28.

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Earlier, major top black confrontation was averted in the state's attorney race, when Milton B. Allen, veteran criminal lawyer; LeRoy W. Carroll, and Arthur G. Murphy, the governor's administrative aide, all filed.

Mr. Carroll was first to withdraw, and then Mr. Murphy decided last week to pull out in favor of Mr. Allen.

Mr. Allen now remains the loan black candidate for

this post in a field of seven other hopefuls.

Here is the way the entry of black candidates for various posts shape as the withdrawal deadline approaches.

GOVERNOR

William E. Roberts — Democrat, Baltimore public relations man and former Liquor Board inspector.

Congress

3rd DISTRICT

Robert L. Douglass — Democrat. 2nd Councilmanic District councilman, lone azanist Edward A. Garmatz, incumbent.

4 DISTRICT

Ernest D. Young — Republican, a former Democratic 4th District member House of Delegates, in a field of four other GOP candidates. Incumbent George H. Fallon also faces Democratic primary contest.

7th DISTRICT

Parren J. Mitchell and Walter T. Dixon, Democrats. — Fal Roger St. Republican in race with six others.

STATE'S ATTORNEY

Milton B. Allen.

CLERK, CIRCUIT COURT

Elmer O. Harris — Republican, former Liquor Board commissioner, no primary contest.

CLERK COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Paul A. Chester — Democrat, Northwestern High School teacher, in a field of four others including incumbent, J. C. DVERCH.

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JUDGES

Harry A. Cole, Robert B. Watts.

SUPREME BENCH

Harry A. Cole, Robert B. Watts, incumbents.

MUNICIPAL COURT

John R. Hargrove, incumbent, William H. Murphy Sr.

PEOPLE'S COURT

DeHaven L. Smith, Democrat, in race with two others including Carl L. Racharach, incumbent — Solomon Reddik, Republican, unopposed.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

DEMOCRATS

1st DISTRICT

HOUSE — Mrs. Beatrice Brooks.

2nd DISTRICT

SENATE — Robert L. Daleon, Samuel R. Sawyer.

HOUSE — Floyd B. Adams, incumbent, Joseph A. Chester, incumbent, John W. Douglass, Mrs. Lucille E. Gorham, James A. Scott Jr., Tieus Garnett Jr., Mrs. Inella D. Redmond, Mrs. Zatella Giles Walter Burrell.

Casper Pigott, William H. Murphy Jr., Major R. Slade, Irvin Conway, Samuel H. Davis.

3rd DISTRICT

HOUSE — John J. Douglass, Tucker R. Dearting

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4th DISTRICT

HOUSE — John J. Douglass, Tucker R. Dearting.

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4th DISTRICT

SENATE — Mrs. Verra F. Welcome, Clarence M. Mitchell 3rd, both incumbents, Dennis Crosby.

HOUSE — Troy Bradley, Mrs. Lena K. Lee, incumbents, Isaiah F. White, Harry L. Macer, Henry West, Mrs. Jewell W. Rawlings. (all Welcome ticket).

Calvin A. Douglass, Lloyds Randolph, Isaiah Dixon Jr., incumbents, Ben H. Foreman, Johnny Fair, Abener E. Lee Jr., Frank M. McConway (Metro Club ticket with Sen. Mitchell).

Miss Hildagardeis Boswell, Josiah F. Henry Jr., Charles M. Mason, Sterling Paige.

5th DISTRICT

SENATE — Leonard A. Briscoe, Clarence W. Blount.

HOUSE — Pinkney A. Howell, Wister R. Dean, Mrs. Maggie B. Davis, Purnell Martinez, Norman V. Greene, Mrs. Catherine (Kitty Mueller. Otis E. Lee, William G. Lunsford, Kenneth L. Webster.

6th DISTRICT

HOUSE — William R. Brown.

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REPUBLICANS

2nd DISTRICT

SENATE — Marshall W. Jones Jr.

HOUSE — Mrs. J. Anderson, James C. Dupree, Joseph G. Locks 3rd, Parnell Jones, Robert O. Bonnell Jr., Leon E. Key.

4th DISTRICT

SENATE — Edward A. Prettyman, Melvin A. Callaman

HOUSE — George Brown, George L. Holley.

5th DISTRICT

SENATE — C. M. Adair

HOUSE — Verdell Adair, Thomas B. Mickle.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

HOUSE — Dr. Aris AT Allen, Republican, incumbent.

COUNTY COUNCIL — George F. Pettigrew, Republican.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COURT — James H. Taylor, Seventh circuit, incumbent, Mrs. Gloria Colbert, Robert Williams, Joseph Woodrick, Miss Theresa Banks, Nat Exum, all Democrats.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS — Floyd Wilson, Perry Smein, James Coates.

ORPHANS COURT — Lester James.

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responsibility for the planning, development, coordination and implementation of programs which have impact on the entire range of Departmental services, such as, Staff Development and In-Service Training; Personnel; Public Information; Legal Resources; Department Clinic; Systems Unit; and Planning and Development.

Mrs. Hill has been with the Department for twelve years. She received her B.A. Degree from Wiley College in Marshall, Tex., and her M.S.W. Degree from the Atlanta University School of Social Work.

Mrs. Hill is a visiting faculty member of the Sociology Division of the Evening School at Morgan State College.

Mr. Jones will be responsible for the Department's programs in the area of Services, including Adoptions and Foster Care among other functions.

Mr. Jones was educated in the parochial secondary schools of Chicago and holds a B.S. Degree from Loyola University in Chicago, and a M.S. Degree from Columbia University School of Social Work.

Mr. Jones is also a part-time faculty member in the Department of Urban Affairs and Sociology at Community College of Baltimore.

Citizens should

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took was stated in a letter addressed to the reporter on July 24, just a few days after the complaint.

Mr. Headley said in addition to his comments stated above:

"We sincerely regret the conduct of one of our employees on the No. 19 bus and we appreciate your bringing the matter to our attention.

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Lafayette Market — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Reisterstown Plaza — 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Hollins Market — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

AUGUST 4-15

The Baltimore Theatre Ensemble is reviving its production of Harold Pinter's "The Birthday Party" daily, except Sunday and Monday. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. in the Studio Theatre on the Towson State College campus. Reservations may be made by calling 828-5030.

Parren Mitchell endorses Senator Verda F. Welcome

Seventh Congressional District candidate Parren J. Mitchell gave his unqualified endorsement Wednesday to State Senator Verda F. Welcome's bid for reelection to the upper chamber at Annapolis.

In a meeting with the board of directors of the 4th District Democratic Club, Mr. Mitchell explained that he knew there was some friction between Senator Welcome's supporters and those who are working for State Senator Clarence Mitchell, III, his nephew.

"Of course I support my nephew's candidacy," Mr. Mitchell said, "and I am prepared as well to support Senator Welcome, both fine incumbents so far as I am concerned."

And if he couuld be pressured by the Metro Democratic Club to withdraw his endorsement of Senator Welcome, he said he could not.

"I am not a member of the Metro Club," he said.

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In working out details of their understanding, Mr. Mitchell agreed to display Senator Welcome's photograph prominently from his headquarters window, and in exchange, the 4th District Club committed itself to place Mr. Mitchell's name and photograph on its "large brochure" and to display his name on the large suggested ballot to be handed out at the polls on primary election day.

Some members of the board expressed anxiety over using Mr. Mitchell's name too liberally on its literature for fear that Clarence Mitchell, III would gain some of the benefits from their campaigning.

The basis for this caution, and indeed for the presence of Mr. Mitchell at the meeting goes back to last year's splitting off of firmer members of the 4th District Club to form the new Metro club, reputedly under the influence of businessman William (Little Willie) Adams.

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Clarence Mitchell, III was among those who left the 4th District group.

In addition to his membership in the Metro Club, Mr. Clarence Mitchell, III heads his own People's Democratic Club.

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As the campaign continues, Parren Mitchell and Clarence Mitchell, III are increasingly identified together.

Senator Welcome's club is determined to separate these two political personalities from each other as they award their support, hoping to help in the election of Parren Mitchell to Congress, but indifferent to the election of Clarence Mitchell, III to the State Senate.

In a separate statement to the AFRO, Parren Mitchell said he will not endorse Dennis Crosby, the third candidate in the 4th Legislative District.

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NNor has he made up his mind on how to handle over-all endorsements in the 5th Legislative District, where two black men are running for the State Senate, Clarence Blount and Leonard Briscoe.

Mr. Mitchell said he would make endorsements only of the heads of tickets, however, and his endorsement of Senator Welcome did not necessarily mean that he endorsed those lower down on her ticket, nor on the ticket of his nephew, Clarence Mitchell, II.

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and shot in July, 1969.

Among those charged in connection with torture and murder are Henry (Mitch) Mitchell Jr., New York, a national Panther Party official and Edward Meredith Martin, a Baltimore resident and member.

The two men, ages 28 and 23, went on the FBI Most Wanted List on Wednesday.

Baltimore agents told the AFRO they are believed to be in Algiers, a country which has no agreement with the United States to return alleged escaped suspects.

FBI agents claim that both men are considered dangerous and "Martin reportedly has been armed in the past with knife and gun including a 30.06 caliber rifle."

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Asserting that he is being illegally held at Baltimore City Jail is Marshall Edward Conway who is also charged with the April murder of City Police Officer Donald Sager and assault with intent to murder Officer Roger Nolan.

Early this week City Jail Warden Hiram L. Schoenfield told the AFRO Conway, a Post Office employee, is not being held in solitary confinement as he claims.

Following the Tuesday AFRO story of Conway's charges against the jail and the warden's reply, defense attorney, Nelson R. Kandel filed a motion in Criminal Court to have all indictments against Conway dismissed.

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Subsequently on Tuesday Criminal Court Judge Anselm Sodaro ordered the State's Attorney to show cause on or before Aug. 17 why Conway should not be freed.

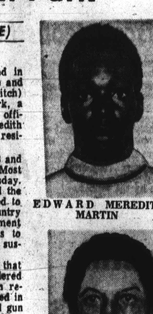
In giving reasons for seeking the freedom of his client, Mr. Kandel makes several charges.

He states that Assistant States Attorney Peter Ward refuses to allow him to review the files on Conway's case and thus prevents proper preparation of his defense.

Mr. Kandel claims the denial is not only against the State's Attorney's Office's usual "open file policy" but it is also contrary to the constitutional law which guarantees a defendant equal protection under the law.

Mr. Kandel also points out to the court that Police Department Centra. Records has no offense report concerning the indictment which charges Conway with an April 24 assault upon Officer Roger Nolan.

Mr. Kandel also calls the court's attention to the fact that Conway has been held at City Jail since April without the benefit of bail and the state has failed to answer his Motion For Discovery within the 15 days that the law requires.



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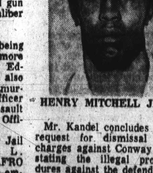

HENRY MITCHELL JR.

—New captain

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"The statements I made were lifted completely out of context and thus this was an unfavorable article."

After the 45-minute closed session, board president James Lacy said "the Board has reviewed each of the items printed in the article one by one and we are convinced that Captain Harper's statements were taken out of context.

"He has pointed out to us that he doesn't really believe that there is prejudice in hiring and promotion policies within the department."

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John Harris, president of the firemen's union told the board that the one black lieutenant who is not a member of the union "was approached by us several times but he refused to join.

"He wouldn't join, but with him it's a matter of principle."

Fire Board Commissioner Konstantine Prevas, pointed out to Mr. Harris that the officer in question, didn't join the union because "he probably remembers when it was all white and he couldn't join."

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In other business the Commissioners presented Mrs. Dorothy Dockett with a plaque and a $100 check as a reward for mother having turned over vital information to the Police Department which led to the arrest and conviction of a man who turned in a false alarm.

The award was received by Mrs. Dockett's 23-year-old daughter, Miss Joanne Gray, of the 800 block E. 22nd St.

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