EECC job 'peek' next week

The newly sworn in Equal Employment Opportunity Commission will hold its first meeting on Feb. 17 at 2 p.m. in the offices on the third floor of the People's Court Building.

First order of business will be a plan for investigation of the city's "smelly" hiring policy which City Council President Philip Goodman exposed last week.

According to Philip A. Camponeschi, EEOC executive secretary, the group will "talk it over and we'll probably have Mr. Goodman as guest speaker, before we set up plans to get to the bottom of it."

MR. CAMPONESCHI added that he had not heard from Mayor J. Harold Grady as to his appearance at the meeting, but that the mayor had already mentioned the problem.

He told the AFRO: "He talked about what Mr. Goodman had said at the time they were sworn in, so I know it's on his mind."

Mr. Grady told the AFRO last week that he will request that the EEOC make job discrimination investigation "first order of business" when the opening meeting convenes.

MR. GOODMAN brought the city job jim crow question to the front when he spoke at a meeting of the Frontiers Club and told the group of businessmen: "I am convinced there is discrimination in the city government — I am convinced in their cute little way, they are getting around the city service list."

Thomas J. Murphy, head of the City Service Commission, told the AFRO that department heads could have been taking advantage of a loop hole when a list of five eligible persons is given them to select the one for the job.

EEOC MEMBERS SWORN IN — Mayor J. Harold Grady (sixth from left) on Tuesday swore in new members of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in ceremonies at City Hall. The members are, from left: Former traffic magistrate Robert B. Watts, Francis S. Silbey, Leon Sachs, James J. McDonnell, Mrs. Emil H. Henning Jr., Dr. Mildred Otenasek, Professor G. James Fleming, Dr. Raymond V. Rangle and John Hauswald. Mayor Grady urged the EEOC members to look into charges of discrimination in municipal hiring.
—WILLIAMS

2 more House seats asked for Baltimore

By MAX JOHNSON

ANNAPOLIS — Baltimore's two largest Legislative Districts—the Third and Fifth—may get an additional House of Delegates seat each, if present proposals for more equitable representation in the General Assembly are adopted.

Each of the city's six legislative Districts now has six House members and one Senate seat.

Under a proposal advanced by Marvin Mandel, (D. 5th D., Balto.) chairman of the House's Baltimore delegation, the city's Third and Fifth Districts would be given seven House seats each.

This would raise the city's number of such seats from the present 36 to 38.

Baltimore's Third Legislative District had 118,123 registered voters, of whom 13,908, or ten percent, were colored at the time of the councilmanic election last May.

Figures for the Fifth Legislative District were not available but the Fifth Councilmanic District which compromises three additional precincts had 82,583 registered citizens, of whom 28,701, or 26 percent, were colored.

Mr. Mandel's proposal is scheduled as an amendment to General Assembly bills introduced Wednesday, which outlined a plan whereby House of Delegates representation could be increased on the basis of increased population.

THE BILLS are the recommendations of a commission appointed by Gov. J. Millard Tawes to study ways and means of bringing about more equitable General Assembly representation.

This commission, headed by William C. Walsh, former attorney general, with Sen. J. Alvin Jones (D. 4th D., Balto.) among its 14 members, made no recommendations to change the ratio of one Senator for each Baltimore Legislative District and each of the state's 23 counties.

The commission proposed an increase of House seats from the present 123 to 161.

The population plan advanced to bring this increase would give counties representation in this manner:

1. Three House seats when population reaches 50,000;
2. Four seats with population of 75,000;
3. Five seats with population of 100,000;
4. Six seats when population reaches 150,000;
5. Seven seats when population reaches 200,000;
6. Eight seats when population reaches 300,000;
7. Nine seats when population reaches 400,000;
8. Ten seats when population exceeds 500,000.

NO COUNTY or district would have more than ten House seats.

The proposals would not take representation now held from any county.

They suggested the redistricting of Baltimore to make them more equal by population.

Mr. Mandel's plan came after the Baltimore delegation turned thumbs down on this idea.

The Walsh Commission report suggested that, if there were a redistricting of Baltimore, it would be entitled to more House seats in this manner:

1. Seven for 300,000 population;
2. Eight for 350,000 population;
3. Nine for 400,000 population;
4. Ten seats in excess of 500,000 population.

BASED ON estimated census figures for 1960, these counties would benefit immediately under the present proposals:

1. Baltimore County would get nine seats, an increase of three;

2. Prince George and Montgomery would each get eight seats, an increase of four;

3. Anne Arundel would get seven, an increase of one.

Five other counties would be expected to benefit under the proposals by 1980.

Charles, Howard and St. Mary's with two House seats now each, would be expected to gain a third.

Cecil with three seats, would get a fourth, and Harford now with four would possibly gain a fifth seat.

AN EXAMPLE of the inequities in representation the Walsh Commission sought to correct is:

In 1959 Baltimore County had a population of 447,000 and six House seats, giving one House member for each 74,500 population.

While Calvert County with a 14,700 population and two House seats had one House member for each 7,350 population.

Gov. Tawes had thrown the full forces of his support behind the identical bills placed in both the House and Senate Wednesday.

If approved, the proposal will go on the Nov. 8 general election ballots for the wishes of the voters.

Citizens would be asked to vote for or against the proposals as a constitutional amendment.

Morgan's '61 budget hearing set Thurs.

ANNAPOLIS — General Assembly public committee hearings will be held the coming Thursday on Gov. J. Millard Tawes' 1961 budget proposals for Morgan State College.

The Senate Finance Committee has scheduled its hearing for 10 a.m. in Room 103, Senate Office Building.

The House Ways and Means Committee will hold its hearing at 2:30 Thursday afternoon, in Room No. 8, basement of the State House.

ON WEDNESDAY at the same respective times, the same two committees are scheduled to hold public hearings on the new budget appropriation proposals for the State Department of Public Welfare.

A general funds appropriation of $2,795,946 is provided for Morgan in the new budget. Also, $174,000 has been earmarked for the school's next fiscal year capital improvement program.

There is an increase of $136,803 in the general funds over the $2,609,253 granted for the current year, to provide for revised faculty salary scale and three additional positions.

Planning for an administration building and various campus site improvements are provided for in the capital improvements grant.

The Department of Public Welfare has been recommended for an increase of $4,839,373 for the handling of estimated new case-loads and to improve some standards.

No new auto tags in warrant cases

ANNAPOLIS — If there is a warrant for your arrest because of an unsettled traffic violation, it now appears you will not get your new license tags for your auto until you settle the matter.

A bill carrying this provision was given tentative approval by the House of Delegates here Tuesday.

The bill was put in as an emergency measure, after the attorney general ruled that the Department of Motor Vehicles had no power to continue the practice of withholding the issuance of tags to such offenders.

Ministers' Wives hear Mrs. Welcome

Mrs. Verda Welcome, member of the House of Delegates from Baltimore's Fourth District, explained her proposed measure against discrimination in places of public accommodations to a group of ministers' wives.

She spoke to the Interdenominational Ministers Wives at their first meeting of the year at the parsonage of the John Wesley Methodist Church.

The visitors were welcomed by Mrs. Alean Garrison, wife of the minister of the host church. Mrs. Felicia Adams, president of the organization, presided.

MRS. WELCOME was presented by Mrs. Phyllis McKinney. After talking about her proposed measure, Mrs. Welcome answered questions from the audience.

Mrs. Estelle Dobson reported to the group of the serious illness of former president, Mrs. Antonette Davis.

Beer-wine tax sought for pay raises

ANNAPOLIS — Sen. John T. Parran Jr., (D. Charles) has proposed a ten percent salary hike for all state employees, with the funds to be raised through a tax on beer and wines.

His Senate Bill No. 74, introduced here Wednesday, would levy a six cents per gallon tax on beer, and five cents a gallon on wines.

Some veteran legislators, mindful of the strong alcoholic interests in the state, saw little hope for the bill.

Gov. J. Millard Tawes provided $2,333,370 in the state's 1961 budget for salary increases and benefits for state employees.

Bill would halt retirement at 70

ANNAPOLIS — Sen. J. Alvin Jones (D. 4th D., Balto.) said Wednesday he plans to introduce a bill aimed at striking out the mandatory retirement for state employees who reach 70 years of age.

"There are many such persons well fitted physically to continue on their jobs when they reach 70," Sen. Jones stated, "and retirement, in many instances, brings on a financial hardship."

He said the bill would provide that persons continuing on their jobs after the age of 70 would be subject to annual physical certification by physicians.

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Bill asks magistrates act in some auto cases

ANNAPOLIS — Police court magistrates would be empowered to immediately pick up the operator's license of a motorist involved in an offense requiring mandatory revocation of the license, under terms of a bill introduced in the House of Delegates Tuesday.

House Bill No. 79 also provides that the magistrate may collect any fines imposed and forward both fines and licenses to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Cases requiring the mandatory revocation of motor vehicle operator's license are:

Manslaughter, driving under influence of alcoholic beverages or drugs; using the auto to commit a felony, failure to stop and render aid in an accident causing death or injury to another.

Also, perjury relating to the operation of a motor vehicle; turning off lights to avoid identification, and operating after license has been refused, annulled or suspended.

Currently, the licenses of offenders in such cases are not picked up by the Department of Motor Vehicles for the several days required for such notification.

Sponsors of the bill are Edgar P. Silver, Alan M. Resnick and Alexander Stark (all 5th D. Balto.).

Driving permits renewals asked

ANNAPOLIS — Auto driving permits, which now require no renewals, would expire every two years, under provisions of a bill placed before the Senate here Wednesday.

Senate Bill No. 73 would also provide for a $2 renewal fee.

The bill is sponsored by Sen. George B. Rasin Jr., (D. Kent.) and eight others, including Sen. J. Alvin Jones (D. 4th D. Balto.).

The bill excludes chauffeur licenses, which must be renewed annually in Maryland.

House of Delegates hails Balto. Colts

ANNAPOLIS — "The House of Delegates of Maryland salutes the Baltimore Colts—truly champions in every sense of the word."

This recognition of Baltimore's Colts, champions of the National Football League, was contained in a resolution adopted by the House of Delegates here Tuesday.

Sponsor of the resolution was Delegate J. Antonelli (D. 2nd Balto.)

Partial divorce choice asked in adultery cases

ANNAPOLIS — "This bill would allow an innocent party in an adultery case to choose a partial divorce, rather than an absolute once, if such were preferred.

"The state law now calls for an absolute divorce in such cases."

Francis X. Gallagher, House member (D. 3rd D., Balto.), gave this explanation of a bill he introduced in the House of Delegates Tuesday, to add adultery to the causes for which a divorce a mensa et thoro may be decreed.

The bill—House Bill No. 81—would provide, Mr. Gallagher stated, that an innocent party in such a case could select a partial divorce, with alimony and other settlements, if this proved to be more favorable.

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A. DIVORCE a mensa et thoro may be decreed now on satisfactory grounds of:

1. Cruelty of treatment; 2. excessively vicious conduct, and 3. abandonment and desertion.

The court may decree such divorces forever, or for a limited time, and may be revoked by the court granting same upon the joint application of the parties to be discharged from the operation of the decree, the law reads in such cases.

Mr. Gallagher said he expects some opposition to the bill.

Bill asks welfare check cashing

ANNAPOLIS — A bill to authorize the Department of Employment Security to establish a check cashing service at those locations where unemployment benefits are paid was placed before the House of Delegates on Tuesday.

The bill proposes that a fee, not exceeding 15 cents, be charged for such checks. The fees would help to defray the cost of the service.

Sponsors of the bill are Murray Abramson and Richard T. Rombro, House members, (both 4th D., Balto.).

There are currently a number of professional check cashing services which now handle unemployment checks, along with many retail stores.

Plumbing licenses fee increase asked

ANNAPOLIS — Licenses for plumbers will jump from a $3 fee to $35, and renewals will be hiked from $1 to $25, if the General Assembly approves a bill placed in the Senate Tuesday.

Senate Bill No. 56, sponsored by Sen. Robert P. Dean (D. Queen Anne) would also set up a $3,800 annual salary for commissioners controlling matters pertaining to plumbing practices, instead of the present $5 a working day.

Bill denies mother on welfare illegitimacy aid

ANNAPOLIS — A bill to disqualify the mother of an illegitimate child for benefits under the Department of Public Welfare's aid to dependent children program, if she is receiving welfare aid in another category, was placed before the Senate Tuesday.

The bill — Senate Bill No. 59 —also provides that any application made for welfare aid for such a child in these cases would be referred to the courts.

While no aid would be given the mother for the child in any case, the courts would have the power of determining whether to leave the child with its mother, or place him in a foster care home.

Senator Louis N. Phipps (D. Anne Arundel) is the sponsor of the bill.

Parents liable for children's damages

ANNAPOLIS—A bill to make parents and guardians liable for civil damages up to $1,000 for public and private property damages done by juvenile offenders was introduced in the Senate here Tuesday.

Sen. Louis N. Phipps (D. Anne Arundel), sponsor of Senate Bill No. 61, also proposes that jail sentences up to ten days be levied on parents or guardians, when there is evidence that such acts are the results of their gross negligence to properly supervise the conduct of the offending juveniles.

February 22 last day for new bills

ANNAPOLIS — February 22 has been set as the last day for the introduction of bills at this 30-day session of the General Assembly.

The last day officially of this session is March 3.

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JET CHOPPER IS FANCY MERCY BIRD

Spin over Baltimore proves new copter is fast, smooth

The Army's new jet helicopter is just what the doctors ordered — the Army's helicopter ambulance service medics, that is.

They wanted a chopper that could drop down into tight battlefield spots in a hurry, quickly pick up the wounded and climb out smoothly and hastily.

Now they've got such a chopper. And it can stay afloat for two hours.

The first unit to get the new HU-1A chopper, the first specifically designed for the job of evacuating wounded from the battlefield, is the 57th Medical Detachment (Helicopter Ambulance) at Fort Meade.

The chopper is not jet in the sense of the Jet planes that spit fire, etc. But it has a new lighter engine that burns regular jet fuel.

In mid-January, Pilot Capt. Joseph I. Martin and co-pilot 1st Lt. Paul A. Bloomquist ferried in the first of Ft. Meade's five jet choppers from Fort Worth, Texas, where they were built.

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ON SATURDAY, the AFRO went out to see how the HU-1A's measure up to their advance billing.

After a ride across Baltimore City and out into the area of the House of Correction in Jessup, Md., there was no question but that the HU-1A is what the doctors wanted.

In all, seven men were aboard when the low - slung chopper took off Saturday morning from the Fort Meade Airfield.

Capt. Martin was at the controls; 1st Lt. John Temperilli was on the controls to his right as copilot, and Sp5/c Anrud Kenneth held down the medical officer's seat.

In the few four seats for wounded men able to sit up were the AFRO's James D. Williams, assistant managing editor; I. Henry Phillips, photographer, and Moses J. Newson, city editor; and a representative of another area newspaper.

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WHILE THE new jet chopper carries four walking wounded, it carries two litter patients.

The pilot and co-pilot sit side by side in the nose of the chopper. The medical officer sits just behind them in a swivel-type chair that either turns to face frontward or to the rear where the patients are.

If necessary, the medical officer can pull down a curtain that cuts the cockpit off from him and his patients.

A distinct advantage of the special-built ambulance chopper, which is a bit shorter and lighter than the old H-19 helicopter, is the sliding panel doors for loading the wounded.

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A FEW MINUTES before 11 a.m. Saturday, Capt. Martin eased the whirly-bird from the airfield and hovered for a moment above a base street.

It was smooth despite the stiff wind outside.

We had heard that this HU-1A could climb at the rate of 2,000 feet a minute and carry two litter patients or four walking wounded at 130 miles an hour.

We were just sitting there thinking how easy the chopper drifted along over the road when Capt. Martin decided to take her up.

It was so fast and so smooth that Photographer Phillips later cracked:

"I was focusing the camera on the field. We went up so smoothly I didn't realize we were moving up until I noticed I couldn't keep the thing in focus."

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OVER BALTIMORE CITY we could understand why Capt. Martin says the chopper is "so stable that the medic on board could render treatment now virtually impossible in the H-19."

Drifting over from 400 to 450 feet there were times the chopper seemed to be standing still and it was not until a gust of wind struck or it was leaned to one side, that we were able to tell it was moving.

The 44 - foot chopper is designed for maneuverability.

Lt. Bloomquist, a veteran pilot of the Korean conflict, says "Its low silhouette and shorter overall length make it a more difficult target for enemy ground fire."

So now we had passed over Druid Hill Park, Bethlehem Steel and out into the Patuxent Institute and House of Correction area.

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CAPT. MARTIN, who boasts that the chopper "climbs faster than the fighter planes of World War II" but insists "we don't like to hot-rod them," gave us a demonstration of how the HU-1A drops in and zips out.

The chopper was cruising along at a good clip when Capt. Martin brought it to a standstill.

Then he dropped her down toward the field. For a time there some of his "backseat crew" wondered about the "pull-out," but she settled down quietly and he kicked her upstairs again.

There was something you noticed. If this chopper had to get supplies to someone, say found after being lost on a mountain cliff, a pilot like Capt. Martin could take them down close enough to drop them in their arms.

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ANOTHER GOOD thing about the new mercy bird, according to Sp4/c Anton Stor, it takes 60 to 70 percent less time to replace major components.

The chopper pilots say they can land and take off in any space large enough for the whirly-bird to get in but they'd take a few extra fee for safety.

There are seven helicopter pilots at Fort Meade. Some, like Capt. Martin, have been in the business for seven years, and none of them flies the regular type airplanes.

This wasn't booked as a pleasure trip but except for some of those sharp drops and climbs, it turned out to be just that.

And you'll never get a chance to see Baltimore from just 450 feet above at so leisurely a pace.

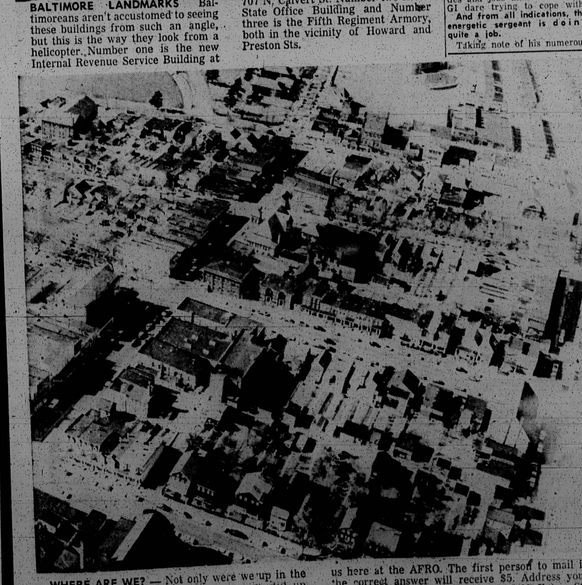
—M. J. N.

PHOTOS By AFRO Photographer I. HENRY PHILLIPS

BIRDS NEVER HAD IT SO GOOD—Talk about your bird's-eye views, how's this one? We doubt seriously, however, whether there's a bird in current flight who has ever had such a good look at the downtown area of Baltimore. AFRO Photographer I. Henry Phillips is responsible for this aerial view taken from an Army helicopter. In the center foreground is City Hall Plaza. Directly in back of it is City Hall and to the right is the Municipal Building. Behind City Hall is the Federal Court House and behind that the City Court House. The clock to the left is atop the Tower Building. The building rising to the right of the picture, near the rear, is the Commercial.

NEW HU-1A JET Helicopter, a new Army ambulance service copter, is drawing praise from officers of Fort Meade's 57th Medical Detachment, first unit in the nation to get the new chopper. (AFRO Staff Photos by I. Henry Phillips)

BALTIMORE LANDMARKS Baltimoreans aren't accustomed to seeing these buildings from such an angle, but this is the way they look from a helicopter. Number one is the new Internal Revenue Service Building at 707 N. Calvert St. Number two is the State Office Building and Number three is the Fifth Regiment Armory, both in the vicinity of Howard and Preston Sts.



WHERE ARE WE? — Not only were we up in the air when this picture was taken, we are still up in the air. Frankly, we don't know where this site is located and we are willing to pay five bucks to find out! This was one of the aerial pictures taken by the AFRO's ace photographer, I. Henry Phillips, on a helicopter tour of Baltimore. If you think you know the location of this scene, write us here at the AFRO. The first person to mail in the correct answer will receive $5. Address your letters to the AFRO City Desk, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore 1, Md. Remember, write, do not call. All letters must be postmarked before midnight of Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1960. The decision will be final.

Sgt. Johnson is the busiest man at Offutt

T/Sgt. James E. Johnson, 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Johnson, 557 Robert St., is the busiest airman on Offutt Air Base in Nebraska.

The Douglass High School grad and former basketball and track star, has more titles and jobs than the average GI dare trying to cope with.

And from all indications, the energetic sergeant is doing quite a job.

Taking note of his numerous duties and the manner in which they are handled, "Air Pulse," service publication, cited Sergeant Johnson as a "Familiar Face," recently.

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ACCORDING TO "Pulse," the one - man Air - Force lecture is more than 7000 base personnel per year. His lectures deal with promoting safety in the event of an air attack.

As non - commissioned officer in charge of the Disaster Control program, his duties include:

Conducting ground training classes, organizing and supervising the Wing Disaster Control Team, assisting the Plans Officer, advising individual disaster control teams on a base, managing the development center, and serving as barracks chief.

Sergeant Johnson's training in modern warfare and knowledge of military tactics, stand him in good stead as head of the disaster program.

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UPON GRADUATING from Douglass in 1951, he entered the Air Force and served in Korea and Guam before coming to Offutt.

His sister, Mrs. Ann Gardner, said that her brother was last home three years ago just before he took a California bride, whom the family back home has never seen.

The couple has daughter, Teresa Ann. The sergeant has two other brothers here, Randolph and Louis Johnson.

Teenage safety conference planed

The fourth annual teen - age traffic safety conference will be held March 5 at Johns Hopkins University, and will be conducted by Mayor Grady's Youth Advisory Council under the sponsorship of the Baltimore Safety Council and the Sunpapers.

Jo - Ann Degen of St. Martin's High School, conference chairman, announced today that 28 Baltimore public, private and parochial schools will send three delegates each to discuss the 3 E's of traffic safety. Education, enforcement and engineering.

Frank Bennett, safety supervisor, department of Education and Calvin R. Ashe, faculty safety advisor of Douglass High School will serve as adult consultants in the safety education group.

FROM THE WATERFRONT — This view of downtown Baltimore was taken from the area of the Light St. piers. In the foreground can be seen the smokestacks of several ships that have docked.

Youth council meets Monday

The Jackie Robinson Youth Council of the local chapter of the NAACP will make final plans for its annual Youth Talent Program when it meets 7 p.m. Monday in the Sharp Street Church Community House.

The program will be held at the Sharp Street Memorial Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts., Sunday, Feb. 28 at 3 p.m.

Talent will be presented in voice, piano and oratory and awards will be given for the best performances in each category.

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RECENTLY ELECTED president Purnel Jones, announced this week that there will also be an award for the youth group with the largest attendance.

He also announced the election of chairmen for two council committees. They are Marcus G. Wood Jr., educational committee, and George Jones, social committee.

It has also been announced that the Junior Ushers from the Provident Baptist Church will be among the groups which will serve as ushers for the talent program.

All youths in the city are invited to attend Monday night's meeting.

Mr. Jones emphasized that it will last only one hour—from 7 to 8 p.m.

"TEST FLIGHT" CREW — This is the crew that gave AFRO a ride in one of the five new Jet Helicopters at Fort Meade on Saturday. From left are 1st Lt. John Temperilli, who was co-pilot; SP5/c Aungst Kenneth, crew chief, and Pilot Capt. Joseph I. Martin, a seven-year chopper veteran.