Bunche calls for elimination of ghettos in nation's cities

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (UPI) — Dr. Ralph Bunche, United Nations undersecretary, said here Saturday the only solution to America's racial turmoil is to eliminate black ghettos in the cities.

"It won't do much good to shine up the ghettos because shining ones can burn and will burn just as surely as the shabby ones," he said. "It isn't going to help too much to increase employment, even better schools or improve housing as long as the basic fact of confinement is there because with ghetto confinement goes ghetto psychology.

"And this is the danger. So the only solution in my view is to eliminate the ghettos."

Bunche spoke to high school students from North and South Carolina at a "convocation" sponsored by the Jefferson Standard Foundation.

BUNCHE SAID the black ghettos of American cities are "the most pernicious manifestation of American racial prejudice, and as long as the ghettos exist, there will be a continuation of the trend toward violence, because what is happening in the ghettos is the development of a black psychology which is very dangerous.

"A black psychology born of increasing despair on the part of the ghetto dwellers. Remember these black people in the ghettos, and the majority of black Americans today are living in the cities of the North and the majority of them are living in the ghettos, and they are confined to those ghettos not by law but by force of economic and social circumstances.

"THEY COME to feel that they have become an unwanted and a rejected part of the population that they are unacceptable to the white community, and they see no gain for themselves as a result of all the civil rights activity, the national legislative, the activities of all the organizations. And it's true because while the colored American in the South has seen most of the overt manifestation of discrimination disappear, in public transportation, libraries, theaters, in the hotels and restaurants, in the schools to some extent, in any ghetto of the Northern city today the segregation the complete blackness, is more intense than it ever was.

"The schools are all black, everything is all black except the shop owners and the police," Bunche said.

Beats rape case

ATLANTA — Rape charges against the Rev. Charles Edward Wells, former head of the Bibb County NAACP, have been dropped, Solicitor General Lewis H. Slaton revealed.

When an all-male jury became deadlocked after the first trial, a mistrial was declared. The Rev. Mr. Wells was accused to attacking a 19-year-old college coed here.

READY TO GO — U.S. Air Force Col. Daniel James Jr., stands on the flight line prior to take-off on another combat mission over North Vietnam. Col. James normally flies with first Lieutenant Bob C. Evans of Crystal Springs, Miss. The two team members were together on the Mig-hunting mission which netted the wing seven "Kills."

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IN VIETNAM — Among soldiers who talked with the AFRO's Mike Davis during his recent assignment in Vietnam, were, from left: Sp/4 Ballard Selmer, Montgomery, Ala.; E/3 John W. Sims, Wedover, Ala.; Pfc. Norman Shorter, Columbus, Ga., and S/Sgt. Cornelius Jones, Kansas City, Kans., who is making his second stint in Vietnam.

'Togetherness' is key as men of 173rd fight to stay alive

By MIKE DAVIS
AFRO Correspondent

DAK TO — It was 11 a.m. and some where out there over the forward perimeter of the base camp, Charlie was catching hell.

The far shattering percussions of the giant 105 millimeter shells went slamming out over the roof of our small hut.

Two miles away on an airfield fighter jets learched into the dark night sky to fly forward air cover for the patrols that had gone out shortly after supper.

"You'll get used to it. The noise all night long," a voice reassured in the dark.

"It just be glad that that's our stuff going out and not Charlie's coming in.

"Our fellows handle those big guns pretty well. Not much chance of a round falling short," he continued.

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THREE MORE SHELLS moved out of their large guns and streaked into the sky. Seconds later, the reverberations of the blast were felt — the beds shook, doors rattled, the acrid smell of burnt powder filled the air.

From the other side of the perimeter, red tracer rounds flew through the air and died out, and then flared up again as foot patrols made contact with small roving bands of Viet Cong.

A two-engine plane circled low over the barracks and dropped three flares.

The sky was illuminated. Guards lifted their guns and peered out into the jungle searching for enemy movement.

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IT WAS 3 A.M. when the 105's starting firing again. The quite of the night was broken by the sound of exploding shells and the whistling of the projectiles as they homed in on their targets.

"How the hell do you guys ever get any sleep up here?" one of the soldiers was asked.

"We get used to it," he answered. "After two weeks in this camp you don't hear the guns or the planes any more."

At night the base camp of the 173rd Airbourne Brigade is one of the noisest places on earth.

Men fight at night because the enemy takes advantage of the cover that darkness affords to move in on fortified positions.

Men die at night because that's when most base camps come under enemy attack.

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WE HAD GONE to the 173rd's base camp to spend a few days with the "Sky Soldiers," the Army's most elite combat unit.

By day, the camp is much like any other camp inside the city limits of Saigon and perhaps as safe as a camp in Maryland or New York.

By night it can be a pretty dangerous place to be.

You don't go walking around the roads, and when you must move about, you had better move slowly and out in the open identifying yourself to guard stations as you approach.

Sand bagged bunkers, gun fire and the sound of exploding shells and grenades make it more than evident that war is a real and tragic experience.

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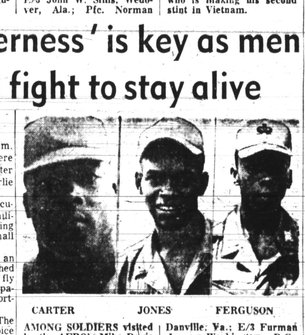
NO ONE JOKES about war when mortars are exploding close to your position.

No one talks of death at dinner when you know that your table mates will prowl the surrounding jungles at night trying to keep Charlie from getting into the base camp while you sleep, in security.

Men respect each other. White men and black men live, work and fight together.

Many of the men are not concerned with the higher precepts of politics or the theoretical aspects of de-



CARTER JONES FERGUSON

AMONG SOLDIERS visited by the AFRO's Mike Davis during his tour of Vietnam were, from left, Sp/5 Willie Carter, 882 Monroe St., Danville, Va.; E/3 Furman Jones, Washington, D.C., and Sgt. James Ferguson, Rochelle, Va.

I'm trying to stay alive."

Marylander named 'exec' of Navy training vessel

BALTIMORE—Morris L. Tharps, recently promoted from ensign to lieutenant (junior grade) in the Navy, has been named executive officer of the U.S.S. Ely, whose home port is Sheboygan, Wis.

LT. (jg) Tharps, the son of Mr. and Mrs D. L. Tharps of the 2300 block Lauretta Avenue, is a Morgan State graduate who worked toward a master's degree during a year at Xavier University, Cincinnati.

The Ely's primary function is reserve officer training on Lake Michigan. The Lieutenant's new duties will include those of navigation, operations, electronics and communications officer.

THARPS WAS featured in Ebony's June issue as an eligible young bachelor. His family includes two sisters, Marie, a teacher here, and Vanessa, a junior high student, and a brother, Vernon, a Morgan State student.

The new executive officer was formerly chief engineer of the Ely.

Multi-purpose center for Greenmount Ave. area

A Multi-purpose Neighborhood Center, a "first" for Baltimore, is in the making for the Greenmount area, the Planning Commission announced this week.

Approval has been given by the Planning Department, the mayor and the Board of Estimates and the go-ahead is expected from HUD through funds from the neighborhood facilities provision.

The Center will be housed in a now-vacant former office building at Kirk Ave. and 22nd Street.

The structure will be completely renovated and facilities installed there will include a well-baby clinic, a day care center, recreation space, health and welfare offices to serve the area and activities space for the elderly.

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THE COMMUNITY Action Agency and a Neighborhood Advisory Council, whose members are elected by the residents of the area, will supervise the center.

There is only one recreation center operating in the area, and it is too small to provide adequate service.

The Bureau of Recreation is setting up a recreation program this fall in the adjacent Cecil Elementary School and the new Neighborhood Center would provide supplementary games and multi-purpose rooms.

School and Center recreation activities will be closely coordinated, it was reported.

By combining Health Department clinics in one location, families needing such services will be spared the necessity of making several trips outside of the area to take care of family needs.

Centralization of welfare functions in the new Center will eliminate the "official" atmosphere surrounding such offices and will establish the kind of rapport leading to an effective solution of the recipients' social problems.

There is no branch library located within the neighborhood or within convenient walking distance. Planned services which will encourage children to read and will help semi-literate adults.

The project had its start early this year when Robert L. Douglass and the Northeastern Improvement Association took stock of their neighborhood's needs. The Greenmount area is bounded by St. Paul Street, North Ave., Harford Road and 25th St.

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Electrician sues to join Ala. local

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — A local man, who is a licensed electrician, this week asked the U. S. District Court here to order his admittance to Local 136, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO.

Plaintiff Arnett Banks is being represented by attorneys of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF).

Mr. Banks, is asking for a preliminary and permanent injunction to stop Local 136 "from continuing to maintain its policy and practice of denying membership to persons because of race and color."

The LDF complaint alleges "that there are no colored persons who are members of Local 136."

It further asserts that Local 136's "policy and practice is violative of rights secured by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964."

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MR. BANKS, who is presently a self-employed electrician, has been licensed by Birmingham's Board of Electrical Examiners, as a journeyman electrician.

He also qualified in other ways, the LDF maintains, "for membership in Local 136," which he attempted to join in April, 1965.

His ten dollar application fee was accepted. However, he was told three months later that his application was rejected.

Mr. Banks then filed a charge of discrimination with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission alleging violation of his rights under Title VII.

EEOC subsequently found "reasonable cause to believe that the charge of discrimination against Local 136 is true," following failure of conciliation.

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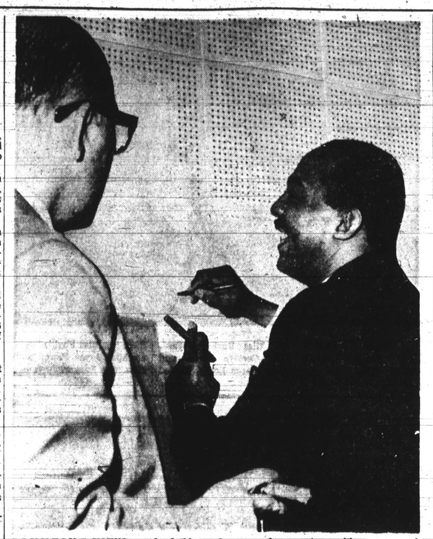
LDF ATTORNEYS point out that "neither Alabama nor the city of Birmingham has a law prohibiting the unlawful employment practices alleged by the complaint."

Attorney Oscar W. Adams, 1630 Fourth Avenue North, Birmingham, is joined by LDF New York based lawyers Jack Greenberg, director-counsel, Robert Belton and Gabrielle A. Kirk in this action.



COUNTING VOTES — Cleveland's Carl Stokes who ran for Mayor on the Democratic ticket in Cleveland this week pauses during the late stages of the campaign to count probable votes with a campaign worker. (AFRO Photo by Newson).

Senate finds 130 riot dead since '65

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Senate investigators said Wednesday riots and other major racial distrubances in the United States killed 130 persons, wounded 3,623 and caused an estimated $210.8 million property damage since 1965.

The riot statistics were the first ever compiled nationally. They were released by the Senate Permanent Investigations Subcommittee as it began what is expected to be an extensive and lengthy inquiry into slum violence.

Chairman John L. McClellan told the opening hearing that riots are becoming a "tangible threat to the preservation of law and order and our national security."

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THE SUBCOMMITTEE said its statistics were based on a survey of 129 mayors, who reported 101 "major" disturbances in 76 cities. They ranged from this summer's Detroit riots to the 1963 civil rights march in Selma, Ala., where there was no sniping, looting, arson or vandalism.

Twelve police officers were among those killed and 1,199 officers were wounded, the panel said. There were 7,965 cases of arson, 38,939 arrests, 5,434 convictions and economic loss estimated at $504.2 million.

"It is apparent," McClellan said, "that a new philosophy had flourished in recent years, having as a central theme the theory that we are no longer a nation of laws."

He said this movement of increasing civil disobedience "will sweep us swiftly down the road to chaos and anarchy."

McClellan and Sen. Karl Mundt, R-S.D., the subcommittee's senior Republican, made it clear they would concentrate on immediate causes of ghetto rioting before looking into longstanding social problems such as ghetto unemployment.

Solon would bond marchers

GREENSBORO, N.C. (UPI) —Rep. Horace Kornegay has said he is drafeing a bill to make demonstrators post an "indemnity bond" to cover the costs of civil disturbances.

Kornegay said the bill would cover the cost of extra police protection and security for demonstrators and others as well as "clean-up posts."

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Addressing a meeting of North Carolina American Legion officers here, Kornegay said the recent "peace" demonstrations in Washington cost more than $1 million, not including the cost of troops pay. He said the bill for cleaning up the trash and litter alone came to more than $12,000.

"Why should you and I have to pay for picking up their trash?" Kornegay asked.

Daytona re-elects Commissioner Huger

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — (NPI) —James E. Huger, the city's first black commissioner, has been reelected to his Zone 6 post.

Huger defeated former City Commissioner Glenn Smith with ease, 4,261 1,402.

The former Bethune-Cookman college business administrator, won over four other newcomers in 1965 to become commissioner.

COLLEGES

DOVER, Del. — The Delaware State College Lyceum Committee will present Samuel Dilworth-Leslie, Pianist, in a free recital Nov. 14, at 8 p.m. in Delaware Hall. His program will include works by Bach, Faure, Ravel and Beethoven.

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ALBANY, Ga. — Albany State College's fall quarter enrollment is 1,536 students, Mrs. Helen M. Mayes, the college's director of admissions, reported here last week. This is an increase of more than 250 students over the 1966 fall enrollment, the college's largest growth in recent years.

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"To prepare for the future, get a broad general education," Dr. John Middleton, president of Morris Brown College, told Albany State students recently. "No matter what you are going to specialize in, you will need a broad, solid foundation in the liberal arts and general sciences," he said.

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ATLANTA — The Eastman Kodak Company has awarded Atlanta University a $5,000 grant to support graduate education and research, University President Rufus E. Clement announced this week.

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SAVANNAH — Savannah State College is one of five institutions sharing a three year federal grant of $50,000 to stimulate research among college educators. Two Savannah State teachers are receiving secretarial and materials help under the program.

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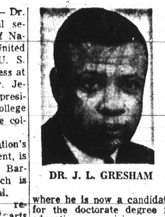
HAWKINS, Texas — What are the five C's of credit? This is one of many things you learn when you attend the Small Business Administration Institutes now being held each Tuesday night at Jarvis Christian College through Nov. 21.

Barber-Scotia sets inauguration date

CONCORD, N.C. — Dr. Kenneth Neigh, general secretary of the Board of National Missions of the United Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., will deliver the address at the inauguration of Dr. Jerome L. Gresham as president of Barber-Scotia College Friday at 3 p.m. in the college chapel.

Dr. Gresham, the nation's youngest college president, is the eighth president of Barber-Scotia College which is celebrating its centennial.

President Gresham received the bachelor of arts from Allen University, Columbia, S.C., and earned the master of arts from Teachers College, Columbia University, where he is now a candidate for the doctorate degree in education supervision.



DR. J. L. GRESHAM

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GRESHAM TAUGHT at Dimery's Business College, Atlanta. From 1961 to 1963 he was chairman of the Department of English at Sheldon-Jackson Junior College at Sitka, Alaska. From 1963 to 1965 he was principal of Sheldon-Jackson High School and consultant to the Alaska Department of Education.

Gresham, son of Leroy and Viola Russell Gresham, of Atlanta, is married to the former Willie Mae Shecut of Charleston, S.C. They have two children, a daughter, Mignonne Cheryl, 3, and a son, Stephon L., six weeks.

Congressional squabble rages while poverty funds run out

WASHINGTON — The Johnson Administration's war on poverty was in temporary retreat this week, its supply line of money interrupted by a congressional stalemate over trimming the budget.

A UPI survey showed that antipoverty projects involving more than 38,000 persons throughout the nation have already been closed because of payless paydays, and many more were threatened with discontinuation by the end of the month.

The Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) mobilized the poor to help look after some of its newly indigent Neighborhood Youth Corps and Vista ghetto workers.

Two Vistas (Volunteers in Service to America) in St. Albans, Vt., one of them a 22-year-old girl, accepted shelter in the Franklin County jail when their expense money was cut off.

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OEO'S PROBLEMS arose when congress failed last month to pass the customary stopgap financial resolution for agencies whose appropriations are pending.

The House and Senate got into a squabble over including unrelated budget-cutting orders to the White House in the resolution, and eventually the whole bill was dropped.

Now OEO's hopes ride on approval of a new appropriation based on new spending authority the House will begin debating Monday. With Democrats and Republicans alike predicting a bloody floor fight over the authorization bill, it could be a long time indeed before OEO can resume writing checks.

Benefits for at least 16,000 persons involved in 67 projects under the Neighborhood Youth Corps were cancelled. The Youth Corps, although financed through OEO, is administered by the Labor Department.

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IN NEW YORK, OEO spokesmen said projects involving 1,215 Youth Corps participants have been closed in Augusta, Maine; Chicopee and Lowell, Mass.; Manchester, N. H.; and Trenton, N. J.

The Youth Corps in-school training program for Detroit terminated its work Thursday. A spokesman said the action required the dismissal of 225 youths and the layoff of 11 employees.

Seven OEO antipoverty programs involving 22,711 persons were closed in Albany, Ga., Fla., Greenville, Lexington, Cleveland and Woodville, Miss.; Shasta, Calif.

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IN THE WEST, poverty officials in Hanford, Calif., and Merced and Madera counties, Calif., were shut down.

An OEO spokesman in New York said there were unconfirmed reports of shutdowns involving 230 Youth Corps members in Malone, N. Y., and 2,700 members in Puerto Rico.

The entire force of 4,000 Vista volunteers throughout the nation was notified earlier Friday that there would be no more food and living allowances, OEO said.

Samuel Berstein, a poverty official in St. Louis, Mo., said if Congress does not appropriate money soon, his operation would have to shut down on Nov. 30.

"We are deeply concerned about this threatened delay," he said.

At St. Louis more than 30 community action programs were in danger of having to close their doors around Nov. 23.

Winston-Salem quiet after two riot nights

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. — The racial tension had calmed down over the week-end following two nights of rioting by an angry crowd here.

A 1,200 man force of National Guardsmen and police held the town in a tight grip Friday night and managed to keep the violence at a minimun.

Mayor M. C. Benton said Saturday morning he does not plan to impose a curfew unless it is absolutely necessary.

"At this point," Benton said, "I see no need to impose it. However if the situation deteriorates I might be forced to impose it."

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COL. CHARLES S. Manooch, public affairs officer of the North Carolina Adjutant General's office, said at a news conference Saturday morning that the city was clamped tight. Friday night and as a consequence we had little trouble compared to Thursday."

Thursday night about 500 young people rampaged through the streets, looting, setting fires, and sniping at police and firemen.

Col. Manooch said that sniper fire broke about 10:30 p.m. at 14th and Liberty streets, a prime trouble spot, and "we returned the fire," with M1 rifles. Manooch said there were other isolated sniping incidents.

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ON FRIDAY night, the Pioneers defied armed guard in a second night of lawless rock-hurling, looting, and arson that was the worst outbreak of racial violence in North Carolina's modern times.

The youths defied a tight curfew. The violence was touched off Thursday night after the funeral of a man who had been clubbed to death by police.

Snipers in a car fired at a National Guardsman, but officials said the bullet went through the guardsman's clothing, and he was uninjured. However, the attack prompted guard officers to issue live ammunition to troopers guarding the area where the attack occurred.

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POLICE FIRED over the heads of a crowd of young people downtown at about 5:30 p.m. EST before sealing off the eight to 10 block area with a ring of armed guardsmen. Later, about eighteen fires where set elsewhere and officials said some people were taking "pot-shots" at police.

All together, however, the Friday night trouble was scattered and relatively minor compared to Thursday.

The Guardsmen were expected to stay in the city of 140,000 until Sunday.

Insurance men launch annual service campaign

CHICAGO —A proclamation by George S. Harris, president of the National Insurance Association, has launched 8,000 life insurance agents on a nation-wide campaign to reach every family insured by association member companies between now and Dec. 2.

This is National Service Month, initiated 15 years ago by the National Association to help provide minority families the insurance benefits available to the general population.

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To provide for emergency and long-range family needs through insurance, and

To encourage payment of premiums through 1967.

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THE ASSOCIATION is a trade group of the major black-managed life insurance companies. Its 46 member companies conduct business through 500 offices in 25 cities.

Member companies own over $380 million in assets and have contracts for future payments exceeding $2 billion to American families.

Court rejects request to halt Miss. election

JACKSON, Miss. (UPI) A U.S. Supreme Court Justice declined Friday to issue an injunction sought by civil rights forces that could have delayed the Nov. 7 general elections in Mississippi.

The Mississippi Attorney General's Office said a telegram from Associate Justice Hugo L. Black informed it on the denial of an application for an interlocutory injunction pending final disposition of a suit challenging a 1966 state law.

Black was asked either to force the state to place the names of 19 Colored candidates on the ballot, or delay the elections until a full appeal is heard.

A three-judge federal panel last week upheld the validity of a 1966 state law raising the qualifications of independent candidates.

OVERSEAS ASSIGNMENT

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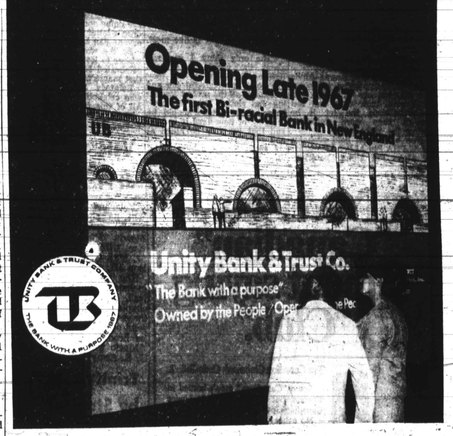

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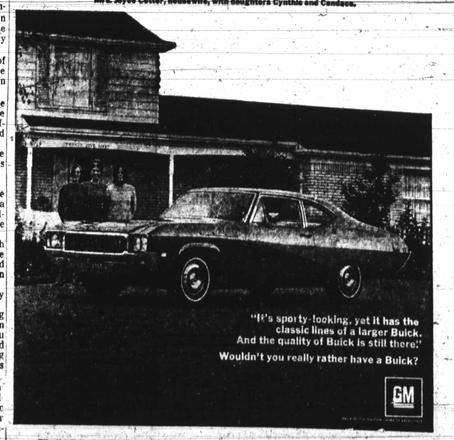

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