—Moderate voting

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voters in today's elections.

The weatherman remained doubtful about the weather for the election turnout today, and said that there was a chance of showers during the day.

The election polling places will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. for the primary election today.

Other contests of interest that will be settled by today's primary balloting include the 4th Congressional race where State Senator J. Joseph Curran, Jr. seeks to unseat Democratic congressman George H. Fallon.

Two contests for the right to run in November's statewide Senatorial race will see Incumbent Democratic Senator Daniel B. Brewster running against three opponents, and Representative Charles McC. Mathias seeking the Republican nomination over Harry Simms and Paul F. Wattay.

If local interest is the election of judge to the Supreme Bench and to People's Court, Archie D. Williams seeks a post in the People's Court, and Joseph C. Howard is running for a spot on the Supreme Bench.

Readers of the AFRO are urged to consult the AFRO choices in the primary elections today, and then go out and vote.

$2 million grant to Coney

NEW YORK — Coney Island, synonym for "amusement park" for generations of Americans, soon will offer New Yorkers a wider range of recreation and amusement opportunities.

A $2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will enable the City of New York to acquire the 11.7-acre Steeplechase Amusement Park, closed since 1965, and develop it for a variety of recreational uses.

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39,005	10.00

Thes numbers to be claimed by Thursday.

—Mitchell backers

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makers have deemed, that Mr. Mitchell should be considered the underdog in the heated Congressional race.

To an overwhelming majority of those assembled in the hotel's ballroom, however, it was immediately apparent that such words as underdog, second place, or near-miss were designed for another time and another place.

A procession of speakers and the candidates themselves — although saying it different ways — hammered home one theme, victory at the polls today.

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THIS AIR of confidence, tempered with warnings of what has to be done, obviously grew from seeds cast in the audience by songs and words "with a message."

A young singer, Earl Grandison, whose vibrant and rich voice intoned the virtues of "Impossible Dreams," followed later by "Climb Every Mountain," was the initial instigator.

He was aided and abetted by a young, integrated rock group, headed by Philip Townes. Their musical contribution, which offered a plaintive plea to "Do What You Gotta Do."

As intrepreted by what was described as a "kaleidoscope of people" that meant that whatever was necessary to achieve the election of the Freedom Ticket must be done.

For testimonial guests at least, there appeared a unanimous willingness.

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THE TESTIMONIAL, and its purpose received the sanction of two high churchmen — Bishop John Wesley Lord of the Methodist Church and Fr. Henry J. Offer, chairman of the Catholic Archdiocese Urban Commission and pastor at St. Peter Claver Church.

This is some or what Bishop Lord told the audience:

"The great task we face, indeed the task of mankind, is to build a world without walls, without want, and without war. Too many have suffered a loss of nerve; have accepted a curfew silence; have refused to accept responsibility, but are willing to pass the buck. We neither honor nor can we tolerate such citizens.

"We honor Parren Mitchell tonight because he stands in a line of splendor of those who when lesser men have feared and failed, have dared to dream of and work for minimal standards of human decency for all the people."

Among these he listed meaningful jobs for all, adequate income for all, decent housing for all, quality education for all, and adequate medical and dental care for all.

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The eloquent religious leader further pushed the proceedings to a higher philosophical plateau by invoking the admonition of the late Dag Hammarskjold of United Nations fame:

"In our era the road to holiness necessarily passes through the world of action."

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ACTION, BOLD, courageous, dymanic, and determined, underscored the treatise of most of the phalanx of speakers who praised the man, the candidate, the human being, the gentleman — Parren J. Mitchell.

Again it was all shared by his colleagues on the Freedom Ticket.

"It was a typical Mitchell production," one guest described the testimonial as the hall gradually emptied at 11:30 p.m.

It was an accurate appraised — literally and figuratively.

Sen. Clarence M. Mitchell 3rd, the Fourth District junior senator, was master of ceremonies.

His father, Clarence M. Mitchell Jr., head of the Washington Branch of the NAACP, delivered a fiery conclusion to the proceedings. They are the nephew and brother of the honoree.

Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell, mother, wife, and sister-in-law of the aforementioned Messrs. Mitchells, was busy directing the bevy of hostesses and overseeing the the over-all production.

Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, Baltimore's civil rights institution, the toastmaster's grandmother and Mrs. Mitchell's mother, brought the audience to its collective feet with one of her patent treaties on "Americans all."

Other branches from the Mitchell tree busied themselves with handling endless other details necessary to assure smooth functioning of the giant pep rally for the D-Day of "Doing What You Gotta Do."

SEN. MITCHELL explained that two men — who he counted on to provide inspiration — Mayors Carl Stokes and Richard Hatcher of Cleveland and Gary, Ind., respectively, could not attend because of the press of business at home.

He compensated by presenting a sterling line-up of local citizens. Among them, in addition to those already named were:

Sen. Verda F. Welcome, Fourth District; John W. White, president, Baltimore Chapter, National Alliance of Postal Alliance; Walter Carter, designated executive director of the Community Action Agency;

James Griffin, compliance officer, State Department of Personnel and member, Board of School Commissioners; Dr. Edward Wilson, retired registrar of Morgan State College; John H. Murphy III, president, AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers; Sen. Joseph Curran Jr., candidate for U.S. Congress, 4th District; Mrs. Anna J. Clinkscales, president, Baltimore Chapter, National Women Club.

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AS THE testimonial neared its end, an explosion first thought to be a gas or stink bomb rocked the auditorium.

It brought some angry denouncements of the opposition from the dias by the Mitchell father and son team.

A reporter learned, however, that the explosion resulted from a gas pellet gun being accidentally discharged by a worker in the Mitchell campaign.

The noise and resultant flight to the corridors to escape the stinging fumes did not deter the participants or guests.

The fete continued doing what they had to do.

Stokely in Dakar

DAKAR (UPI) — Stokely Carmichael said he came to Dakar Friday "to forge the bond between the blacks of the United States and Africa to fight imperialist, colonialist and neo-colonialist racism."

—NYC police beat 17 at court

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preliminary hearing for throwing things at firemen the day before, and for possessing stolen goods.

The three were bound over to the grand jury.

But the corridor beating was not quelled until uniformed police from the 68th Precinct intervened and escorted the Panthers to taxicabs and safety.

At weekend, no one had been arrested for the beatings.

SHOCKING, said Mayor John Lindsay after he had read Thursday's confidential report of the attack furnished him by Police Commissioner Howard R. Leary.

"There can be no safety, no law, no order and no justice unless we are absolutely sure that this kind of ugly incident does not happen again in this city," Lindsay said.

"This kind of lawlessness undermines public confidence in our police, and it may encourage others to take the law into their own hands," the Mayor added.

Noting that as a member of the President's Commission on Civil Disorders he helped write a report which "warned of the black-white polarization taking place in the nation," Lindsay said the Brooklyn attack was "possibly part of currents running across the country."

"I'm very worried about it," he added.

Former CORE director James Farmer, GOP candidate for congress in the new Brooklyn 12th Congressional District, declared:

"Even in the darkest days of my freedom ride experiences in Mississippi, I have never heard of such an intolerable assault upon black men as happened yesterday in the Brooklyn Hall of Justice by white men allegedly identified as policemen, off-duty.

"Except for the fact that they did not wear white sheets, they are reminiscent of the racist bigots of the Klu Klus Klan.

"What makes the attack upon members of the Black Panthers so ironic is that it took place in a court of law while they were awaiting justice. When off-duty policemen arbitrarily decide to become both judge and jury, they try to enforce their own brand of "law and order" which New York City cannot and must not tolerate. Law and justice must prevail.

"Mayor Lindsay and Brooklyn District Attorney Aaron Koots are to be commended upon their swift realization of the seriousness of this situation in calling for an immediate investigation. They have shown that New York is not like Chicago.

"Yet, while we welcome this action, we demand that true justice be served and not another whitewash investigation."

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WILLIAM KUNSTLER, who represented the Black Panthers having the preliminary hearing —George Correa, 22; Daryl Baines, 17, and John Martinez, 17 — described what happened to the AFRO in a telephone interview.

"As we entered Part 3 for assignment to a hearing court, we could hardly get through the aisle because of the huge crowd of men who obviously to me were policemen.

"Their manner, their shirts covering parts of uniforms and the big bulges where their gun holsters protruded were all the things that made them obvious.

"Our case was immediately assigned to Part 3-I which was next door, and the crowd of police was so thick we couldn't go out the front and enter the front door.

"We had to go around back to gain entrance."

"When we finally got into Part 3-II, there again was the huge crowd of policemen — so many that the judge ordered everyone out that couldn't be seated.

"That left the seats filled with them.

"I MOVED that the court make each person present, who was a policeman stand up and identify himself, but Judge Rader refused to do this.

"I made other motions, but the rulings were against me.

"Then we became aware of chanting from the outside corridor —such words as "Win with Wallace," "White tigers eat black panthers," "White power."

"Finally the shouting stopped.

"Later we found out why. The gang outside had moved on to attack the persons outside."

Kunstler said most of the persons hurt were black, but a white girl in the group and a white N. Y. Post reporter, Jack Robbins, were also beaten.

Witnesses said the attacks took place when one of the assailants yelled, "Let's get them."

ELLIOT GOLDEN, Brooklyn's chief deputy district attorney, told the AFRO Thursday that his office had not decided on what it will do about ordering arrests or presenting the attacking officers to a grand jury.

"One of our main problems is that of identifying individuals," he said.

"But we are still continuing our field investigation independently of the police department and if we find evidence that crimes have been committed and that individuals committed them, we shall present such evidence to the jury."

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SGT. MICHAEL CAPLAN, information officer for Police Commissioner Leary, told the AFRO that apparently the Law Enforcemen Group, to which the off-duty officers were reputed to have belonged, is a "brand new" organization.

He said the department had not had any complaints about their activity prior to this.

Caplan said the Commissioner's preliminary report to the Mayor verified that the men were off-duty policemen. He said that if evidence of breach of regulations is revealed, departmental action will be taken against the culpable individuals.

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ROBERT (SONNY) CARSON, leader of the militant Brooklyn chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality, called for the complete withdrawal of white policemen from the black community" and said if they did not withdraw, "we will urge the black community to arm in self defense."

"They (police) took out blackjacks and beat them on the head," said one witness. Marc Levitte, 21, a student visiting from Paris.

Levitte and another European, Miss Sigrid Fronius, 26, a student at the Free University in West Berlin, had come to attend the hearing after reading about it in a New York newspaper. Miss Fronius said she also had attended the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

"Those men (the off-duty policemen) were allowed to beat people," she said. "I'm so afraid there is not any chance for the people who have been beaten to have any justice."

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THE PRESIDENT of the Policemen's Benevolent Association, John Cassesse, said two members of the association's board of directors would investigate the incident.

"The police officers present at the hearing were off duty and attended voluntarily, not at the request of, or as representatives of, this organization," Cassese said.

ARYEH NAIER, executive director of the New York Civil Liberties Union, issued a statement condemning the attack on the Panthers.

"Yesterday's incident is the most shameful episode of mass police violence in a series of incidents in New York ..." the statement said.

"It is especially disturbing because those who committed the violence did not feel restrained from doing so by the fact that their violence took place in a criminal court building during a legal proceeding."

Nigerian war tops agenda at OAU meet

ALGIERS — The meeting of African heads of state here this week will make a determined effort to end the Nigerian war.

The Organization of African Unity (OAU) has appointed a commission of six nations, under the chairmanship of Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, to report to the meeting on the situation.

The six nations are the same ones which came together in Naimey, Niger, last month in an unsuccessful attempt to arrange a cease-fire in the fighting and a means of getting food supplies to starving thousands in rebel Biafra.

The six nations are Ethiopia, Cameroon, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria and the Congo-Kinshasa.

United Nations Secretary General Thant, urged the OAU to take the initiative in ending the 15-month-old conflict.

Another issue on the agenda is the presence of white mercenaries in Africa.

Bond at Highlander

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Julian Bond, member of the Georgia Legislature, and recent victor in the Georgia Loyal National Democrat challenge of Georgia representation at the Chicago National Democratic Convention, has accepted a position on the Highlander Center Board of Directors, it was announced today.

Along with Mr. Bond, Miss Monica Kelly, director of the Federation of Communities In Service with headquarters in Big Stone Gap, Va., also accepted a term on the Highlander Board.

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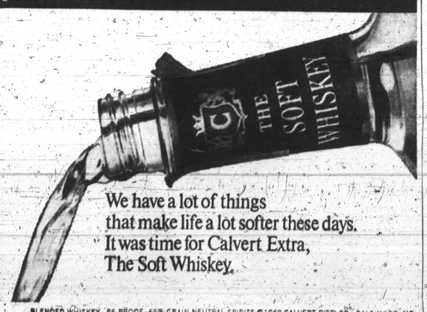

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Miss Black America

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midnight in the Ritz Carlton Hotel auditorium and the naming of the first Miss Black America.

Eight finalists were chosen from the 10 original contestants after competition in swim suit, talent and evening gown divisions early Saturday.

They were Melonee Burnett, 21, Saundra Williams, 19, Cathy Oann, 20, and Linda Johnson, 21, all of Philadelphia; Ney Lawson, 20, Amissville, Va.; Barbara Wynn, 19, Savannah, Ga.; Vivian Whitted, 20, New York City, and Theresa Claytor, 20, Washington, D.C.

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FOUR motorcyclists wearing leather jackets headed the motorcade with the contestants, wearing gowns, waving from two convertibles. The bongo players were in one of seven cars behind the contestants.

The parade traveled eight blocks on the boardwalk and past convention hall where the Miss America pagent is held. Crowds moved to the side as the cars inched along the middle of the boardwalk.

Hundreds of spectators lined the streets of the colored neighborhood. Many colored motorists honked their horns.

The half-hour parade under a bright sun with temperatures in the 80's ended at Ritz Carlton.

Contestants, single and 18 to 25 years of age, were chosen to represent "A cross-section of the black women of America," according to J. Morris Anderson, president of a Philadelphia talent and production firm, sponsor of the pageant.

Three of the 14 girls listed in the official program failed to show up when the competition began at midnight Friday. One was dropped without explanation.

The Miss Black America contest was announced last week by Philip H. Savage, director of the NAACP in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. He said it was scheduled to coincide with the Miss America contest.

Anderson said contestants were selected in earlier contests on the basis of talent, poise and charm, skin tone and hair texture.

—Youth hangs

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sel, 20, who lives at the Spellman Rd. residence, had just returned home. Mrs. Mills summoned him, since he had some first aid instruction, and he tried mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

Mrs. Mills, who called for an ambulance, said that at one point her son opened his eyes and moaned. Further attempts to revive him were undiscussful and he was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital. The Medical Examiners Office said the cause of death was "asphyxiation due to hanging."

Mrs. Mills described her son as a good student, outgoing and friendly.

She said her son had not been sulking, and on the morning of his death nothing unusual had happened. She believes her son was merely playing and miscalculated with the rope being unable to free himself.

The widowed mother of eight children, ranging in age from 8 to 20 years, was at home with three other children when the death occurred.

As she talked to the AFRO Monday, she mutely went about the tasks of caring for two of the children, young Donnie and nine-year-old Daniel, who were with her in the neat kitchen of the Cherry Hill home.

Club shut on opening night

COLUMBIA, S.C. (UPI) — A new nightclub, D'Scene, was padlocked under police orders Friday following a disorder involving a number of teen-agers Thursday night at its grand opening.

The nightspot is located near a residential area, and had invited the public to the opening, but a large group of youths were turned away Thursday night.

Police said a crowd of youths began milling around outside the nightspot and as whites came out of the club several were struck and kicked.

Police said they made no arrests and there were no serious injuries.

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TUSKEGEE, Ala. — Dr. Howard P. Carter was this week named dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE. He succeeds Dr. Howard S. Greene who was acting dean during the past academic year.

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DICK NIXON and SENATOR BROOKE
It's not all smiles on some issues

Brooke unhappy at some Nixon antics

By MERRIMAN SMITH

HOUSTON (UPI) — Sen. Edward M. Brooke, R-Mass., who has been one of the principal platform attractions of the Nixon campaign tour thus far, announced Saturday that while he staunchly supports the GOP presidential nominee, he does disagree with him on presentation of several issues, including Supreme Court treatment of certain criminal cases.

Brooke and Sen. Thruston Morton, R-Ky., have been two of Richard M. Nixon's primary campaign tour associates thus far.

Brooke, however, was to leave the party in Washington Sunday because of, he said, Senate business. He had no date for returning to the Nixon travel party but said he hoped to join up at some future point.

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THE BACKGROUND OF Brooke's departure from the travel party was that in recent days he has been critical of some of the approaches by Nixon — considerably more critical than he was in a news conference shortly before the Nixon party left Houston for Oklahoma City and Pittsburgh.

Brooke is the only colored person in the Senate, a fact to which Nixon has called elaborate attention at two major campaign rallies this week, particularly here in Houston last night.

Brooke told reporters these references "did not offend any sensitivity," saying he had learned to live with the fact that he was constantly referred to as the colored senator while other members of the Senate were not referred to as "The Jewish senator" (Javits of New York) or "The Italian senator" (Pastore of Rhode Island).

"But I understand the practicalities of life and I have learned to live with them," said the senator.

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BROOKE SAID that although he and Nixon had their areas of disagreement, he was inspired by the support Nixon was generating. He thought Nixon would "win big" in November and he was "pleased to be a member of his team."

Brooke explained that he had missed several votes in the Senate and had to be back in the Senate Monday when the gun control bill came up, a legislation in which he is vitally interested.

He could not say when he would return to the campaign as one of Nixon's closer traveling advisors, but he pledged himself to campaign for the ticket any way he could.

NIXON HAS been critical of certain supreme court decisions on criminal cases, particularly the land mark Miranda decision.

Brooke told reporters quite frankly that he had not been critical of the court in this case and that his differences with Nixon were open and honest and in no way diminished his intention to work for Nixon's election.

"I do not believe the court went too far in the Miranda case," he said, adding that in his relationship with Nixon, "I know we have a disagreement here but I intend to still support his candidacy and do everything I can for the success of the ticket."

Morton talked about the dangers of Republican overconfidence since the Nixon tour has been progressing so well in the opinion of the candidate and his advisors.

The Kentucky Republican said he felt sure Nixon was not going to, "fall into the trap of 1948" when an overconfident Republican, James E. Dewey, lost to Democratic President Harry S. Truman, whose defeat was forecast by virtually every expert in the country.

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BROOKE SAID, "Richard Nixon is really exciting this country and traveling with him has been a great rewarding experience."

Prior to Brooke's apparently enthusiastic endorsement of Nixon and his campaign, there were established reports that the senator was less than happy at being introduced as colored to one campaign audience after another.

He was disappointed that Nixon had not issued a specific statement on violence at the Democratic National Convention when the Republican candidate was in Chicago earlier this week.

Brooke had worked on such a statement, and he was also unhappy over Nixon's criticism of the court.

"THE DIFFERENCES are not significant," Nixon told the press. "Sen. Brooke is a very fine lawyer and I am a lawyer and we may differ with regard to the Supreme Court decisions but he agrees with me that we need a new approach to the problem of law enforcement ... more effectively than we have had previously."

In Oklahoma City Nixon again singled out Brooke at the airport and told the assembled crowd that the senator was a prime example of "what can be done if given the chance."

He said Brooke was elected attorney general of Massachusetts "not because he is black but because he is a great lawyer"; that he was "an outstanding senator not because of the color of his skin but because he is a great senator."

He said Brooke typified the "American dream ... the kind of America we're going to build — a America where a man can rise as high as his talents will take him."

NEW STAR

NEW YORK — (NPI) — When the new fall programming of the television networks is unveiled within the next two weeks, one of the brightest stars expected to be catapulted to instant fame will be Don Marshall, who portrays a co-pilot of an Earth spaceship which crashlands on an unknown planet.

A first for Marshall in a regular series, the vehicle is the "Land of the Giants," over ABC-TV. Marshall has shown up in several television shows, and in the movie, "The Interns," and of state in "A Eat Called Jesus" and "A Hatful of Rain."