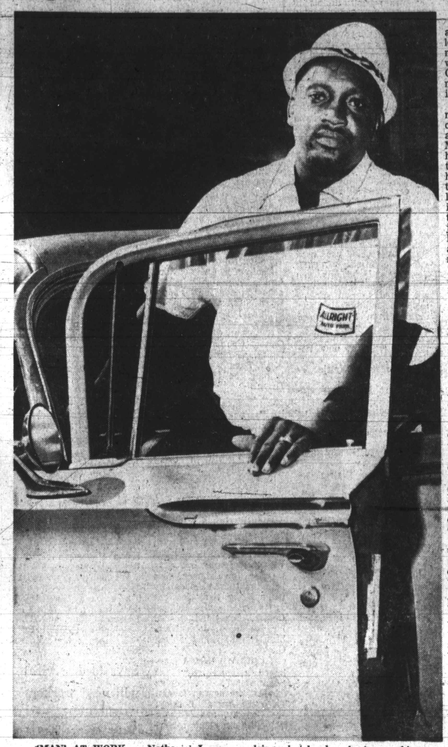
Baltimoreans Busy At Work

KEEP 'EM ROLLING — That World War II slogan aptly applies to Larry R. Martin who does his share to keep motorists rolling by pumping gasoline at his father's station, Lafayette Ave. and Monroe St., where he has been kept busy for the past eight years.



'MAN' AT WORK — Nathaniel I. Johnson, 2701 Gilbert Ave., whose nickname is 'Man' and who has been parking cars for 14 years, is doing what he does best — parking cars. Active at Fountain Baptist Church, Mr. Johnson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Johnson.

Mrs. Mueller tells why she quit jury

Mrs. Catherine Mueller, active civic and political leader of Northwest Baltimore, told the AFRO this week why she quit the Grand Jury after little more than a month of service.

As a result of her resignation and subsequent charges of unconstitutional action of the Grand Jury, Mrs. Mueller reports she has received numerous threats against her life and has been given police protection. Key reasons for leaving the panel, according to Mrs. Mueller, were the use of an oath requiring jurors to declare their belief in the existence of God and continued racial designations of defendants by police officers who gave evidence to support indictments.

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THE OATH, outlawed by the U.S. Supreme Court, has cast a shadow of doubt over an estimated 1,500 indictments handed down by the panel since it was sworn in last month.

While seated in her tastefully appointed home, the ex-jurors recited portions of the charge delivered by Supreme Bench Judge Charles D. Harris at the time the jury was sworn.

She followed with these observation:

"I believed everything he said. It was a good speech. I'll never forget how it made me feel proud as a citizen serving on the Grand Jury.

"Judge Harris also reviewed Maryland law in such a way as to command overwhelming respect for the law.

"He told us, 'First you have an obligation to society to see that persons who are justly accused of the commission of a crime shall be held to answer to that charge.

"Second, you also have a duty to see that no person shall be held to answer a charge in court based upon accusations which have no better foundation than a public clamor or private prejudice.

As public guardians of the peace and well-being of our society, you must use your own sound and honest judgement in deciding these matters.

"No one may even suggest your decision to you. Any action of this nature, regardless of the form it may take should be promptly reported to this court for appropriate action."

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PAUSING IN her review of incidents leading up to the resignation, Mrs. Mueller emphasized why she registered a protest when she discovered what she deemed improper conduct of the panel.

"So you see, when I discovered injustices, I followed his (Judge Harris') direction. Before I resigned, I exhausted every means.

"My complaints — which I really thought called for moral and legal responsibility on the part of every juror — were picayune and they (other jurors) tossed them off lightly."

The resigning juror also criticized the State's Attorney, Charles E. Moylan Jr.

"An urgent message was left for the state's attorney to return my call. It was

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REGINALD W. ASHBY
2nd Juror Quits

Second juror quits panel

Reginald W. Ashby, an insurance executive, became the second non-white member Monday to resign from the September term Grand Jury.

Mr. Ashby submitted his resignation via telegram to Charles H. Cromwell Jr., jury foreman.

His resignation follows that of Mrs. Catherine Mueller, who quit the 23-member panel last week. (See companion story)

Mr. Ashby gave Mr. Cromwell this reason for his resignation:

"This is to advise you that I am resigning as of today Oct. 21 from the Grand Jury. I am in complete accord with the feelings Mrs. Mueller expressed at her resignation.

"Under circumstances existing within the panel the primary objective of justice, the search for truth, is severely limited.

"It is almost impossible to succeed in achieving a fair and impartial administration of justice as we were charged by Judge Charles D. Harris on Sept. 9."

Mr. Ashby refused any further comment on his decision.

Following the resignation of Mrs. Mueller, the NAACP called for dismissal of the September Grand Jury and thorough investigation of the alleged practices.

On Monday, Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell, chairman of the NAACP legal Redress Committee said she had received no reply from Chief Judge Dulaney Foster to whom the request was directed by telegram last Thursday.

A GRAND INQUEST of the State" into Mrs. Mueller's resignation has been requested by Fourth District Del. Isaiah Dixon Jr.

Also as a result of Mrs. Mueller's resignation, Nelson R. Kandel, an attorney, filed in criminal court to have the Grand Jury's indictment against his client dismissed on the grounds that the panel is unconstitutionally constituted and is

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Black Republicans hedge on Nixon-Agnew support

Local black Republicans hedged last week on a blanket endorsement of the top of the ticket candidates, Richard M. Nixon and Gov. Spiro T. Agnew.

They did, however, give a rousing embrace to Rep. Charles McC. Mathias, candidate for Senate opposing incumbent Democrat Sen. Daniel B. Brewster and independent George P. Mahoney.

An effort to persuade the gathering of an estimate 500 Republicans meeting at the Wilson Restaurant to endorse the Nixon-Agnew team was met with mild dissent, according to Mrs. Margaret L. Dyer.

Mrs. Dyer told the AFRO her proposal that the gathering endorse the ticket was met with boos, which she estimated came from "about 50 per cent of the crowd."

The request for a voice endorsement of Mr. Mathias was greeted with applauding enthusiasm, the Republican leader said.

Mrs. Dyer was one of 20 Republican District executives who hosted the meeting which drew more local Republicans than any recent similar meeting, according to Archie Jones, treasurer of the GOP State Central Committee.

MR. JONES was not among the percentage voicing reservation for the Nixon-Agnew combine.

"I am a pragmatist," he told the AFRO as the meeting broke up. "I am a Republican and we have a winner. I'm for the Republican ticket."

JOHN FULTON, another district executive, estimates that 10 per cent of the group voiced disapproval when asked to support Nixon and Agnew.

Agreeing with Mrs. Dyer and Mr. Jones, he, too, said that a rephrased proposal received the warmest reception.

That proposal, as offered by Mr. Jones, asked the GOP leaders and workers to "support Nixon and Agnew, if you can."

"Those who felt they could said they would," Mr. Jones explained.

Enthusiasm, however, was unrestrained when the workers were asked if they will support Mr. Mathias.

MARSHALL "MR." JONES, a prominent local GOP leader, said he was late arriving at the meeting.

"We are asking them to do what they can for Mathias, Howard (Joseph C., candidate for a Supreme Bench judgeship) and Reddick (Solomon, candidate for a People's Court judgeship)," both the Republican side, Marshall Jones said.

One of the chief reasons for the meeting, according to Mr. Jones was printed on the invitation. It said:

"The named Republican District executives invite you and your friends to a party and meeting at Wilson Restaurant. All persons who expect to serve as judges in the Nov. 5 election are required to be present."

Members of the hosting committee were John T. Smith, Mr. Fulton, Thomas B. Mickle and Mrs. Audrey Taylor.

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City to get proposal for clean-up drive

The Board of Estimates will be presented Wednesday with a six-point plan designed to make Baltimore "a cleaner place to live."

Drawn up by a Special Summer Sanitation Committee, the recommendations will be presented to the Board of Estimates at 11 a.m. in Room 231.

The committee, headed by City Councilmen William J. Myers, chairman, and Alexander Stark, vice chairman, met with city Department heads in a search for means to "combat an ever increasing citywide sanitation dilemma."

Citizens and community service groups and their representatives are invited to attend the meeting at which these recommendation titled "Proposal For A Cleaner Baltimore," will be presented and discussed:

1. EDUCATION. — An educational program should be instituted to make each citizen aware of his responsibility to help keep Baltimore clean. A city-wide

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Mrs. Norton argues for State Rightists

A young black lawyer went before the U.S. Supreme Court Monday to defend the rights of a group of white supremacists.

Eleanor Holmes Norton, assistant legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union, argued for the National States Rights Party, which has been barred from holding public meetings in Somerset County, Maryland.

On Aug. 6, 1966, officers and members of the National States Rights Party held an outdoor meeting in Somerset County, at which they stated the intent of their organization was to gain political power and repeal all civil rights acts. During the meeting, blacks were consistently referred to as "niggers" and exhorted to "start taking reservations for Africa."

However, leaders of the rally cautioned their listeners against violence and stressed the purely political. There was no violence at nature of their battle. There was no violence at the meeting and no arrests were made.

ON THE following day the white supremacists were enjoined from holding another meeting that evening and for the next 10 days. This was later extended to 10 months.

The ACLU argues that the petitioners were unconstitutionally deprived of their rights of free speech under the First and Fourteenth Amendments, and that lacking proof of a clear and present danger, the injunctions were unjustified.

Mrs. Norton, who is appearing before the high court for the first time, wrote the amicus brief supporting Governor George Wallace's right to rent Shea Stadium in New York City for a political rally.

In addition, she was counsel to the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party which was successful in unseating the entrenched old-guard Democratic delegation at the Democratic Convention in Chicago.

The Supreme Court yesterday rejected the appeal of the three men, meaning that the men — Charles "Connie" Lynch, 54, formerly of San Bernardino, Cal.; Richard Berry Norton, 32, and Joseph Carroll, 20, of Baltimore — will have to serve the jail terms for their convictions.

WHY SHE QUIT — Mrs. Catherine Mueller tells reporter why she resigned from the Baltimore Grand Jury.

Mrs. Moss, Tildon, Dorsey named to CCB trustee board

Mayor Thomas J. D'Alesandro named a "cross section of the community" to serve on the newly created Board of Trustees for the Baltimore Community College Saturday.

The newly appointed seven-member board includes Charles G. Tildon, Jr., chairman of the Provident Hospital Development Drive, James T. Dorsey, owner of a community service station, and Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy Moss, school board member and member of the executive committee which previously governed the Community College of which Dr. Harry Bard is president.

The creation of a Board of Trustees for the college is the result of a General Assembly action that separated the duties of the city school board which previously served as college trustees.

Dr. William D. McElroy, who served for ten years on the school board, was named as chairman of the new group by the Mayor.

Dr. McElroy is chairman of the biology department of Johns Hopkins University and is internationally famous in his field.

"THE NEW Board of Trustees of the Community College is a broad-based group representing all sections of the city and a good cross-section of Baltimore's population," the Mayor stated in making the appointments.

Mayor D'Alesandro noted that "the previous arrangement, which placed the Community College under the jurisdiction of the School Board, was simply inadequate to meet the increasing demands which this great new community educational facility requires."

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OTHERS NAMED to the board include: Louis Doering, a safety engineer with Proctor and Gamble; Samuel Nocella, international vice-president of the Workers, and Mrs. Maurice P. Freedlander, civic worker and a member of the Amalgamated Clothing Mayor's Task Force on Education.

According to the new setup the School Board names one trustee and the Mayor names the remaining trustees. They must be confirmed by the City Council.

George Hamilton, 42,

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MR. TILDON

MRS. MOSS

DR. McELROY

MR. DORSEY

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Behind New York's School Fight—6,000 Kids Who Can't Read

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Fire Yields Bullet-Riddled Bodies

7 NAACP legal staff resign

NEW YORK (UPI) — The entire seven-man legal staff of the NAACP, the nation's oldest civil rights group, resigned Monday to protest dismissal of an associate general counsel who criticized the U.S. Supreme Court.

The resignations were announced at a news conference by Robert L. Carter, NAACP general counsel. He said his resignation would become effective Dec. 1 and the others would leave upon completion of cases in which they are currently involved.

Carter said in his letter of resignation that the action against Lewis M. Steel by the group's board of directors "is just the kind of corruption that lawyers for the Association have fought

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Mello defends balky officers

Rumors of racial overtones in the Saturday night 'delay' of several white patrolmen to man radio cars alone in the Western Police District were vigorously denied by both Capt. Dennis P. Mello, district commander and William Morrisey, department information officer.

Capt. Mello claimed that the men — whose identities he withheld — were "acting completely within their rights when they 'discussed' with their shift commander the 'practicality' of being assigned to patrol cars alone."

The shift commander was Lt. Elmer J. Carnes and the Western District is the only one with a black commander.

"Race is not a consideration in this district," Capt. Mello told the AFRO Monday.

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WHEN HE assumed command there three years ago, some white officers refused to ride in cars with colored officers.

The offending patrolmen were not disciplined at that time.

Capt. Mello and Mr. Morrisey reported the officers in the latest case were on their 12 midnight to 8 a.m. beats 10 minutes before their shift began.

Capt. Mello did not explain when the patrolman 'discussed' their reluctance to man the cars. Nor would he say how many officers were involved.

Mr. Morrisey described the incident as merely "a clarification of instructions."

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THE BALKING patrolmen, however, have indicated they are unhappy with patroling a "high crime area" alone. They were scheduled to confer with an official late Monday.

There was no indication that the 'discussion' is linked to a planned work slowdown such as that which was outlawed in New York last week by the State's Supreme Court.

Nor did Capt. Mello give any indication that he plans to replace the officers in the event the 'discussion' is repeated.

Asked to name the patrolmen involved, Capt. Mello claimed he knew neither their names, badge numbers or race.

The district commander said single-manned cars in Western is not unprece-

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Riot report tags Agnew 'instigator'

By PETER J. KOPER

A report by the American Friends Service Committee on the April civil disorders in Baltimore points to Maryland Governor Spiro T. Agnew as one of the main instigators of violence in the rebellion that followed the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"The evidence from Baltimore suggests at the least that the actions of Governor Agnew, based on a conviction that trouble was coming, may have led people to react as he expected," the report says.

"The false reports of snipers and of outside instigators appear to be the product of wishful thinking by people who wanted more forceful suppression," the 35-page report states.

Governor Agnew is currently running for the vice-presidency of the United States on the Republican ticket of Richard M. Nixon as an "expert" in urban affairs.

The six-month report was compiled by Jane Motz, a member of the Executive Committee of the National Community Relations Committee of the Quaker-affiliated AFSC.

The report also disputes claims made by other civil disorder studies by observing that:

There was selectivity in fire damage and looting in ghetto areas concentrating on exploitative store owners.

The civil disorder was largely carried out by "young male blacks," according to arrest records.

Federal troops under the command of Lt. General York were clumsy, and their commander was "inaccessible."

In the aftermath the white community and the

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ON TOUR — The Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy pets mule, which SCLC workers nicknamed "Agnew," before beginning his "People-to-People" tour to get out the vote here.

4 of 5 were shot; father in hospital

BRADENTON, Fla. — Bodies of five members of a family were found in a burning home that apparently was set afire in an attempt to destroy evidence of a mass murder.

Police Chief Harry Wilkson said four of the five victims had bullet wounds.

James Lovett, a 41-year-old, $112-a-week laborer, was the only member of the family to survive last Monday morning's shooting and fire tragedy.

According to Police Sgt. William Carne, the father, an admitted adulterer, who would not get out of the home he "dearly loved" even after his wife won a pending divorce, was in critical condition in Manatee Memorial Hospital.

Carne said evidence in the case had been sent to the FBI in Washington.

No charges had been filed at weekend.

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DEAD ARE Lovett's wife, Mrs. Katherine Lovett, 40; three of their children, Carey Donald, 15; Todd Lanier 16; Sandra, 17, and Sandra's son, Scott, 1.

Lovett reportedly had written notes to his minister, a circuit court judge and others.

State Atty. Frank Schaub refused to comment on the contents of the notes which were found in Lovett's automobile.

In the house, firemen found an open kerosene can and matches.

The interior of the one-story, two-bedroom frame house was still burning when firemen arrived.

They discovered the gruesome death scene after the smoke cleared.

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MRS. LOVETT had been shot once in the head and once in the chest. She lay in a pool of blood on a bedroom floor.

Sandra also was shot through the head.

Her son Scott, shot in the

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Physician indicted, free on $7,500 bail

Dr. Joshua Mitchell, 38, 2700 block Garrison Blvd., was indicted by the Grand Jury Friday. He is charged with committing an illegal abortion.

The Baltimore-born physician was taken into custody at his home around 5 p.m. Friday by Lt. Thomas Cippinger of the State's Attorney's Investigator Bureau and Sgt. Robert DePaola of the Homicide Squad.

He was released from Baltimore City Jail after posting $7,500 bail at 8:40 Friday.

The illegal operation is alleged to have taken place Sept. 17, at the physician's offices in the 2200 block Garrison Blvd.

The prosecuting witness, a 29-year-old married housewife, is being held in protective custody, according to Fred Grant, assistant state's attorney, who presented the case to the Grand Jury Friday.

Mr. Grant also accompanied police when the arrest was made.

HOME WITH FAMILY — Hugh Watson, 37, of Montclair, N.J., who received kidney from sister, Mrs. Janice W. Jenkins of Union, in New Jersey's first transplant from a living donor, left Beth Israel Hospital in Newark, last week. Surrounded by family from left: his wife, Maureen and daughters, Donna Marie and Dianne Lynn, 15-year-old twins; and Lauren, 10. (UPI Telephoto)

Rev. Robinson leads contest

The Rev. Rufus Robinson, of True Vine Spiritual Church of Christ, continues to hold on to the first place position he gained with a massive deluge of votes in the Favorite Minister contest Friday.

However the top two ministers are now separated by only a handful of votes. The Rev. Mr. Robinson has a total of 38,100 votes. Close behind him is the Rev. Lewis Conway of First Mt. Pleasant Baptist, 37,300 votes.

To date, 83 ministers have been entered by their congregations in this fast-growing contest. The end of

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Humphrey-Muskie ticket gets Abernathy backing

Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, successor of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, announced last night that he is endorsing Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey in his bid to become president of the United States.

The Rev. Mr. Abernathy chose a voting drive appearance to make the nationally-awaited statement of support for the Democratic ticket of Humphrey-Muskie in the Presidential elections next week.

Coupled with Rev. Abernathy's endorsement of Humphrey at an appearance here yesterday, the day-long voting drive is expected to help get out the vote for the Democratic ticket.

The Rev. Mr. Abernathy called a vote for Humphrey as the only choice after he dismissed the racist third party former Alabama governor George C. Wallace, and the "middle-class" racist bid of Richard M. Nixon and Governor Spiro T. Agnew.

The Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, made his first stop Monday on the Eastern Seaboard, in his "People-to-People" Tour across the

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Highway route, fare hike irk councilmen

Second District Councilman Robert L. Douglass objected to a report entitled "Traffic Evaluation Summary" at the City Council meeting last night.

"I'm trying to get the Council's help to be a little humane in this expressway business. Those who feel the pinch are those of us who live in the ghettoes," Mr. Douglass said in objecting to a plan to run a highway through the "Franklin-Mulberry corridor" which would endanger 800 homes in the Rosemont section.

In other business, the Council passed an ordinance increasing penalties for those convicted of obstructing firemen in their duties.

The police ordinance is explicitly aimed against situations which arose in the civil disorders last April when firemen were

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LET'S ALL VOTE
General Election is Nov. 5, 1968; a good citizen is registered and votes for the best candidate.

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"Now, Willie," coaxed Mama, "be a good boy and say Ah-h-h, so the nasty doctor can get his finger out of your mouth."

Real Story Behind New York School Row — 6,000 Kids Who Can't Read

By THOMAS CORPORA and PETER FREIBERG

NEW YORK (UPI) — There are 9,000 slum children enrolled in the classrooms of the Ocean Hill-Brownsville School District in Brooklyn; 6,000 of them cannot read, can hardly read, or read so badly the daily newspaper is an ordeal.

That, in the view of Ocean Hill's locally-elected board, its administrators, teachers and parents, is what the New York City school strike is all about.

The United Federation of Teachers (UFT), the principals union and the city board of education hold another view, and this conflict has deprived a million children of effective classroom instruction since the fall term began Sept. 9.

Ocean Hill is not the worst slum in New York City. Some of its streets are clean and lined with old but neatly painted houses.

But others resemble the streets of the two wretched ghettos — Brownsville and Bedford-Stuyvesant—which flank Ocean Hill, crumbling, garbage-filled, with dilapidated tenements unfit for human living.

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THE NEIGHBORHOOD was once Jewish. Now it is colored and Puerto Rican.

Inside Public School 178 a half-century old four-story brick building with castle-like Gothic arches at the top, principal David W. Lee mops the boys' lavatory.

Lee is the first and only Chinese-American principal in the city, but he's probably not the only principal who last week was mopping floors.

"I'm the custodian," Lee says. "I carried the garbage out today, and I'll stoke the furnaces if necessary."

The principal pushes a mop so upstairs the nonstriking teachers can get on with the job of teaching the "disadvantaged" children of the ghetto.

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BY ANYONE'S measure, the ghetto schools of this city have failed.

In tests given to the children in the six elementary and two intermediate schools that make up the Ocean Hill-Brownsville Demonstration District, a full two-thirds scored anywhere from two to three years below the reading level their age and grade would indicate.

The Ocean Hill-Brownsville District is a result of this failure, and the failure of any meaningful integration of the city schools to correct it.

The parents and black educators have turned away from integration to a new idea, which really is as old as formal education in the United States — community control of the schools.

Ocean Hill was created with a grant of money from the Ford Foundation and a reluctant, never clearly defined grant of power from the New York City Board of Education.

The demonstration district began operation in September, 1967, under a partly elected, partly appointed 19-member governing board of parents, community leaders, administrators and teachers.

The UFT helped set it up and was authorized one of the four teachers' seats for its official representative.

The board hired a 20-year veteran of the school system, Rhody McCoy, to be its "unit administrator."

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MEANWHILE, the Ford Foundation, the mayor and the state legislature were working on plans to "decentralize" the city's huge, unwieldy system of 900 schools, 1.12 million pupils, 57,000 teachers and an educational bureaucracy that includes 3,000 employes at the central headquarters in Brooklyn alone.

Since then, three things have characterized Ocean Hill-Brownsville: deep controversy with ugly racial overtones; innovation in the educational program with a strong sense of

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