Bishop Shaw urges new direction for churchmen

ST. LOUIS — "Let us not pray for tasks equal to our strength, but for strength equal to our tasks," the National Committee of Black Churchmen was exhorted by its new president at its recent meeting here.

"Our hearts must burn like fire if a cold, indifferent world is to be aroused and informed," said AME Zion Bishop Herbert B. Shaw.

The tone of the conference was set when the committee voted unanimously to change its designation from "Negro" to "Black."

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"THEY TELL us that God had a chosen people," the bishop said. "This I no longer believe. I am certain that God has more sense than I, and I would never choose as my people those who would not accept my son.

"God's chosen people are those who choose to do the will of God."

Turning to the committee's program, the bishop said, "Let us not succumb to looseness, idle debate, or forensic futility. This is an hour of deathless destiny. Children may play, but men and women cannot.

"We must emphasize more about Egypt than the Hebrews' stay there. We must seek out our brothers in all of Asia and Africa. We must rediscover the truth concerning the descendants of Hagar's son Ishmael as well as those of

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Sarah's son Isaac, for both are sons of Abraham.

"In this supreme hour of destiny," the bishop continued, "our people expect and demand that we tell it like it is.'

"We are blind if we do not see it, deaf if we do not hear it, dumb if we do not sound it, paralyzed if we do not seize it, untrue to our trust if we do not accept the whole truth."

In another address, St. Louis Alderman Joseph Clark told the churchmen they must not replace white separatism with black separatism.

"If the policy of apartheid is wrong, as practiced by whites in South Africa, then it is just as wrong if practiced by blacks in America," Clark told a luncheon meeting of the group.

He does not accept, he said the idea of black separatism as a goal for the social revolution. At best, he said, it must be regarded as a short range objective.

Colored churchmen "should become missionaries to the white community to help them cleanse themselves of the racism which many are not aware they have.

"We cannot expect white ministers to do our work for us. Nor can we expect black ministers on the staffs of white churches to perform our functions," Clark said.

'if God is white, approach with caution,' clergy told

BOSTON — A churchman-historian told a largely black audience last week that they "cannot snatch God from the white community and paint Him black, just as they have painted Him white, for that might be just another form of idolatry."

Dr. Vincent Harding, chairman of the history department at Spelman College, Atlanta, said if the Christian God is white, "black Christians should approach Him with care and caution."

Dr. Harding, who was the keynoter opening the First Consultation on the Black Church, held last week at the Boston University school of theology, told the assembled seminarians that the answer was not in "dropping God."

GOD MUST BE sought anew through the experiences and suffering of black people, "particularly the poorest of our black brothers," he said.

"Jesus at least came to His own," he said, "He struggled with them, shared with them, and suffered with them, and He was able to relate to the whole world. eW try to do it just the opposite."

"Has He been so distorted and domesticated by the white community that he needs to be born again?" he asked.

Harding's topic was "The Challenge of the Black Church" and he said this challenge is coming, not from whites, but from the black community.

"AFTER ALL we have been through, how can you as churchmen continue to affirm America?" he said.

"Why have none of our black churches preached that it is wrong for black Americans to kill yellow men in Vietnam because they wanted to change things there?

"Why have conscientious OBJECTORS BEE objectors been premodinantly white men What have you been preaching?

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THE CONSULTATION was conceived by black seminarians attending divinity schools in the Boston area, who said they "find themselves alienated as well as excluded from the mainstream of their white institutions."

Dr. Harding said he doubted his qualifications to keynote such a gathering, describing himself as a cat who happened to cop a Ph.D. from a white university that didn't offer a single course in the black man's experience while he was there."

He also objected to the surroundings and tone of the consultation.

Although it is headquartered at the theology school planners were forced to borrow an auditorium of the university law school next door.

YOUR SUNDAY morning services may make them feel better for a little while, but they give them no hope," Harding continued.

"You are challenged to make sense out of this agonizing experience in America. It is the theologian's job to interpret peoples' suffering."

Rather than attempting to bring white middle-class values to their congregations, the speaker said, black churchmen should be descending into the misery of the black ghettos, sharing the life of the people who are frozen there.

Black churchmen are cautious and timid, Dr. Harding said, "hiding the chains that have bound black men in the interest of race relations."

"Race relations of that kind aren't worth having," he said.

The Rev. Randolph Nugent, a member of the staff of New York's Metropolitan Urban Service Training (MUST) program since its beginning in 1965, has been appointed director. Rev. Nugent, a United Methodist minister, succeeds the Rev. Dr. George W. Webber. MUST is an ecumenical facility for training church and community groups involved in mission, especially as related to pressing social problems in the New York metropolitan area.

Marines honor Mr. King at meet

ATLANTA (NPI) — The Montford Point Marine association held its regional conference in this city Oct. 25-27.

An Award of Valor was presented posthumously to the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Attorney Maynard H. Jackson, a recent Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate in Georgia's September primary, delivered the featured address. Dr. Lee Shelton is president of the association's Atlanta chapter.

Students to join in text screening a Mich. school

ROYAL OAK, Mich. — A group of students at Royal Oak's Kimball High School will help teachers and administrators evaluate textbooks to make sure minority groups are accurately represented.

A student committee appointed by Roundtable, the student government, will meet with teachers and administrators to review the texts.

Teachers' textbook recommendations are sent to the instruction department which reviews them and makes recommendations to the school board. By law, the school board has final authority in selecting texts.

William Gerard, assistant superintentent for instruction, said teachers' recommendations are usually followed.

Yule greeting weighs 2 tons

HAYWARD, Calif. — How would you like a Christmas greeting six miles long, 29 inches wide, and weighing almost two tons?

That's the Yuletide salute that will go to American servicemen in Vietnam as the result of a "Miles of Messages to Vietnam" campaign being carried out by The Daily Review, a local newspaper.

Individual cards and letters will be pasted onto a roll of newsprint, and when the final inches are covered with messages, the whole roll will be airshipped to Vietnam for display there before Christmas.

The general public is urged to participate by sending their holiday greetings to American servicemen in Vietnam by writing Miles of Messages, Post Office Box 4186, Hayward, Calif.

Laymen's board attacks Church's general meeting

By E. P. WALLACE

CHICAGO — The Connectional Laymen's Organization of the AME Church, at a recent board meeting in Chicago adopted a resolution, condemning the conduct of the church's constituency at the 38th quadrennial session of the General Conference in Philadelphia last May.

The resolution in strong words pin-pointed and spelled-out details in which the conduct affected the good character, standards and progress made in all areas by leaders since the church was founded by Richard Allen.

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ATTORNEY H. L. DUDLEY of Detroit, president emeritus of the organization, chaired the committee of five which authorized the resolution

Mr. J. D. Williams of Kansas City, Mo., is the incumbent president of the organization which represents the laity throughout Methodism.

Twenty seven of the 35-member board represented the church from Calif. to the East Coast and from Mich. ti Florida.

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THE BOARD went on record for supporting the church's program, but saw itself not as a football to be kicked around. It was pointed out that the laymen were for a constructive, educative and spirited program, believing that all men should have equal opportunities.

Ministers should be paid salaries in keeping with present day standards of living so they can provide adequately for their families, the Board decided.

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BOARD MEMBERS also approved reports submitted by Mrs. Christine Brogdom, of Det., director of lay activities for the organization; by Mrs. Lynne B. Murray of Homestead, Pa., treasurer; and from 11 of the 13 Episcopal presidents. The reports reflected numerical and spiritual growth.

Laymen are beginning to see the real value of the organization and are gradually joining in its support.

Plans were made for the 11th biennial congress which will be held in Memphis with the 13th District as host. It will convene Aug. 4-10, 1969.

DR. W. C. MATHERSON of Birmingham, president of the Lay Organization in Ala. and chairman of the finance committee for the Connection, made his report which was unanimously approved.

Among visitors at the two-day meeting were Dr. Russell Brown of Chicago, secretary of the General Conference; Dr. H. Wiley Jones, chairman of the Episcopal Committee and laymen from Detroit, Chicago and other points of the Fourth District.

BOARD MEMBERS and others in attendance were H. H. Glass, Kansas City; Authur L. Funn of N.Y.; Mrs. Pinkie Brown, Houston, Texas; W. E. Edge of Atlanta; Mrs. V. D. B. Jamison, Atty. J. H. Raby and Joseph McKinney of D.C.

Also present were J. W. Clarke of Memphis; Mrs. C. L. Sleet, Mrs. Mary Lucas Thomas and D. D. Adams of Detroit, W. E. Webb, Los Angeles; R. A. Davis, Columbus, Ohio; R. Standfield of Phila., and Mrs. Julia B. Purnell of Baton Rouge, La.

Mrs. B. W. Simpson of New Orleans; Mrs. Bertie L. DeLyles, Tulsa, Okla.; Selmo Bradley and P. J. McIntosh of Fla.; Churchill Swann, president of the Fourth District, and E. P. Wallace of Montgomery, Director of Public Relations also attended.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER — Sheila L. Wright, formerly of Winston-Salem, N.C. and now of Cleveland, Ohio, was awarded a scholarship by Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., where she is now a freshman majoring in mathematics. Sheila attended Allen High in Asheville, N.C.

Award received by FAMU grad

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Roscoe Ellis, 22, of Miami, and a 1968 graduate of Florida A and M University, received the Norman A. Whitten Award at the fifth annual Association of College Union International-Region VI Conference held recently at the University of Miami.

A member of the Student Union Board of Management for four years, and chairman during his senior year, he served three years as chairman of the Great Ideas Committee.

Group charges Chi fire bias

CHICAGO (NPI) — Segregation in the Chicago Fire Department has been charged by the newly formed Afro-American Firefighters League. Fire department officials answered the accusation by maintaining that the department has neither "forced integration" nor "forced segregation."

The firefighters league, which claims to have the backing of the city's 194 black firemen, accused the department of not providing adequate fire-fighting equipment in colored neighborhoods, where most fires reportedly occur.

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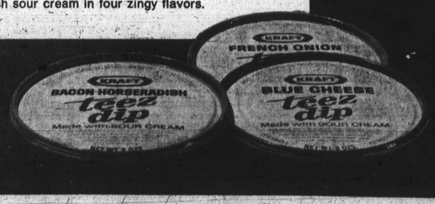

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SUPERGRADE SERGEANT — Staff Sergeant Major Raymond B. Blackwell (left) receives his E-9 chevrons from Colonel George C. Clowes, Aberdeen Proving Ground commanding officer. Sergeant Major Blackwell is assigned to the Proving Ground military personnel division. He and his family reside on the post.

SENIOR at Mt. Saint Marys College, Hooksett, New Hampshire, is Miss Maria Ignacia Lumio, daughter of Mrs. Maura S. Lumio, 2027 E. Oliver St., one of Baltimore's well-known poetesses.

KEEN TEEN SCENE

By KAREN BANFIELD

Teeth chattering, freezing, hopeful Foresters watched their determined football team capture the B Division championship Friday.

Despite the sharp wind and low temperature, many students from Forest Park cheered the game against Archbishop Curley High. It was not hard to see that Curley was also battling for the title.

The final score was a very close 14-12. The Foresters held their slim lead to the very last. When the game was over, the field was swarmed with ecstatic Foresters.

The only really visible figure was Forest Park's head coach Warren Schwartz, riding on the shoulders of his players.

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AMONG THE Forester boosters on the scene were:

"Miss Forest Park," Monica Jones, Kenneth Weaver, Charles Hughes, Yolanda Paxton, Stephanie Winchester, Everlon Samuels, Debra Brewington, Karyn Rouse:

Lynwood Taylor, Charlotte Webb, Henry Wood, Tyrone Mason, Donnie Dennis, Darlene Mason, Deborah Holley, Michael Lewis, Kathy Fields, Bernard Wilson, Melvin Gray, Bobette Wagner, Deborah Brooks, plus many more loyal Foresters.

Congratulations to the hardworking team and their deserving coaches.

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TO CELEBRATE the victory, cheerful keen teens flocked to a party given by Paul Carter for Vanderlin Frink. On hand to help it hop were:

Henry Wood, Debbie Kearse, Portia Brown, Ricky Johnson, Alvin "Bummy" Tucker, Debra Brewington, Andre Hunt, Tyrone, Mason, Ronald Cutler, Nathaniel Willims (No. 19, quarterback on the Forest Park team),

George Young (also on the team), Paulette Collins, Ford, Dominic Hartz, Delleree Thompson (a 1968 graduate of Forest Park), and Dwight Northington.

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ALSO CELEBRATING were the Douglass Ducks. Friday was their homecoming football game against City College. Even though the Ducks couldn't beat those hard-hitting Black Knights, they had plenty to celebrate.

It was also the day they crowned their very lovely "Miss Douglass," Joey Bell. To make up for their 1st Douglass's keen teens held a dance at their school.

Among teens at the dance and game were:

Vickey Lewis (who sends best wishes to Michael Barnes of the football team), Tai Thompson, Jackie Shelton, Donald Warner, Haywood Acker, Donnell Dawkins, Hunter Norris;

Also Phyllis Lagree, Eric Moore, James Clayborne, Roddy Wood, Patsy Richardson, Valeria Norris, Margaret Scott, Arona Covington, Michael Barnes, Reena Stokes, and many many more keen teens.

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FOR ALL you girl watchers, the "Junior Miss Pageant" was held Saturday night for Marylanders. Some of the soul sisters participating in the contest were:

Misses Linda Wharton, Douglass High; Karen Yates, Douglass; Rita Gregory, Douglass; Avalon Jackson, Forest Park; and Annavon Schofed also of Forest Park.

It was difficult contest to judge because all of contestants are truly the cream of the crop. The winner will be named in Friday's AFRO.

I have been trying to give some tips lately to college-bound seniors. Here is a very good one. On Monday, Nov. 18, Forest Park is sponsoring a "College Night".

On hand will b erespresentatives from several colleges to speak to interested seniors.

Bring your parents with you and discuss with these representatives any problems or questions you may have concerning college.

Do you think you may have financial difficulty? Have some questions about what college boards to take?

Or maybe you just don't know enough about some schools you have been interested in. Come and join other seniors who may have the same problems on their minds.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m.; so come on over and join the discussion.

CTA sponsors drama classes

The Bureau of Recreation has announced that two new drama classes for teenagers in conjunction with the Children's Theatre Association classes will be held on Mondays beginning this week.

The classes will be held at the following centers:

Perkins Homes Recreation Center, 1411 Gough St., at 4:00 p.m.

Crispus Attucks Recreation Center, Madison Ave. and McMechen St., at 7:00 p.m.

For further information call MU. 5-5826.

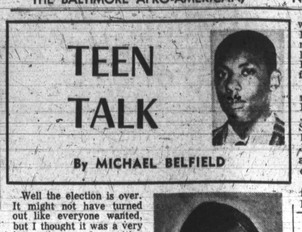
Douglass class of '49 reunion

The June 1949 Class of Douglass High School is planning its 20th Year Reunion for this coming June.

All who wish to participate are asked to call 744-6413 or 945-0051.

TEEN TALK

By MICHAEL BELFIELD



Well the election is over. It might not have turned out like everyone wanted, but I thought it was a very interesting and exciting one.

Richard M. Nixon is now our new President-elect. He won over a very gallant Vice-President Hubert Humphrey.

By the voter turnout in Baltimore I can see you took my advice and urged your parents to vote and I thank you.

Now to the happenings:

I received a very interesting letter from Vickey Lewis. Vickey wants to send out "Best Wishes" to Michael Barns, Number 45, who plays for the Douglass Ducks.

Vickey recently gave a party at which there were many, many guests.

People on the scene were: Michael Barnes, Tai Thompson, David Green, Donald Warner, Michael Finch, Gregory Taylor, Eric Taylor, Patsy Richardson, Roddy Wood, Larry Ingram, Robert Byrd, Deborah Keys, Elaine White, Charline Press, Beverly Bullock, Don Gray, Tony Sheridan, Cynthia Simms, James Claborne, Iantha Briscoe, Aileen Shields and many more.

If you remember in my last column I mentioned Miss Denise Hicks who was the Homecoming Queen of Annapolis Sr. High. This week I have a picture of her.

For all you people who think you are very talented, the Bridge Theatre sponsors Talent Shows every Tuesday night at the theatre.

Now for the Sports Scene:

Edmondson, 18, Cardinal Gibbons, 12.

City, 14, Douglass, 6.

Forest Park, 14, Curley, 12.

Gilman, 22, Carver, 14.

Dunbar, 18, Southern, 6.

Saliciania, 14, Poly, 2.

My Top Five for this week are:

1. Who's Making Love To Your Old Lady
2. Love Child
3. For Once In My Life
4. I Love You Madly
5. Count To Ten

There was a very nice dance given at the St. Pius Church. Everyone danced and had a good time. Speaking of dances, the Hollins Recreation holds dances every Friday night.

Birthday wishes go out this week for Brenda Mason. Brenda was 14 on Nov. 8. Brenda attends Booker T. Washington Jr. High and is in the 8th grade.

Birthday wishes also go out for Pythias Jones who will be 17 on Nov. 15.

Pythias attends Poly and plans to attend Morgan when he graduates.

Hi to: Jerome Banks, Stephine Johnson, Phillip Logan and the rest of the winless J. V. soccer team of Edmondson, Frank Gladney, Delores Morton, Valarie Rose, Gary Hawkins, Paula Francis and all her friends.

Willie Jones, Jacke Coleman, Joe Buttler, Debbie Richardson, Tony Brown, James Jackson, Carvell Smith, Vanessa Dottson, Linda Phillips, Linda Jones, Valarei Williams, and to all my friends all over the city.

Remember: Don't be a fool, stay in school and keep your cool.

DENISE HICKS
Homecoming Queen

Groove In

Hot Rod, a leading Baltimore disc jockey and emcee, will host Damita Jo and the Platters on "Hot Rod's Groove In," Nov. 30 at 10:30 p.m. on WJZ-TV, Channel 13.

90 youths participate in Druid 'Y' sleep-in

Over 90 youths recently staged a sleep-in at the Druid Hill Avenue Branch YMCA.

The sleep-in afforded the boys an opportunity to share knowledge, values and skills with others their own age. The members remained through the Saturday morning program.

The event was conducted under the leadership of Stephen T. Milburn, youth work assistant, and Avon J. Childs, Gra-Y-Hi-Y coordinator, with leadership help from Bernard A. Davis, Eugene Briscoe, Craig Moseley, Larry Owens, Garfield McIntrye, John Davis, William Bevans and Earl Banks.

The following counselors-in-training also assisted: Reginald Branch, Maurice Holins, Dexter Smith, Kenneth Barksdale, Nigel Little, Jesse L. Bagley, Milton Smith, Ricky Wiseman and Maurice Culbreath.

Participating in the sleep-in were:

Milton T. Smith, Nathan Ockimey, Charles Sweeney, Wayne Morris, Alfred Shaw, Edward Odoms, Anthony Drumgoole, Ray Kiah, Ricardo Day, Robert Powell, Anthony Jackson Alan Sterns, Michael Burke, Mark Lewis, George Carter, Leroy Brown, Garland Sessoms.

Andre Truiett, Leonard Holmes, Jesse Baglay, Tony Little, Kevin Morris, Kenneth Wiseman, John C. Solomon, John Garland, Eugene Fitzgerald, Tyrone Jones, Wayne Stewart, Kevin Maclin, Ivan Hale, Melvin Kiah, Howard Smith, Glenn Wilson.

Nathaniel Degraferreid, Sammy Anderson, Dino Holley, Gary Curley, Albert Curley, Emmanuel Dears, Damon Smith, Russell Rogers, Charles Holt, Rufus Simon, Garland Simon, Wayne Mims, Daryl Mims, Michael Fisher.

Berry Carter, Ronald Green, Kenneth Barksdale, Maurice Holmes, Jerome Savage, David Edwards, Anthony Mason, Robert Mason, Anthony Hubbard, Abraham Simpson, Howard Hubbard, Dalton Wiseman, Maurice Culbreath, Henry John, John Davis, John Gaskins.

The Pee Wee Club of the Druid Hill "Y" has begun its first period of the 1968-1969 season.

It is under the leadership of Mr. Wilbur Cook, Pee Wee director, with John Mayden, Larry Owens, William Bennett, Anthony Wilson and George Jones as group leaders.

These are the Pee Wee members for the first period:

Wayne Carter, Harold Matthews, Darryl F. Hubbard, Anthony Ashby, James E. Johnson III, Robert B. Selby, Franklin C. Smith, Michael Scott Lewis, Kevin Lewis Holley, Timothy Holley, Kenneth Richard Holley.

David W. Redd, Steven Croons, Joel Henderson, Robert A. Henderson, Dwayne Lovick, Aaron Garner, Matthew L. Marcus, Scott Tunson, Frank Adams, Derek Daniels, Anthony Anderson, Richard A. Butler Jr., Edward Buckson, Royal Smith Jr., Warren M. Hammond and Reginald Singleton.

Student revolt talk by Bard

Dr. Harry Bard, president of the Community College of Baltimore, will speak on the subject of "Student Revolt on the American Campus" before the Baltimore Ethical Society, Sunday, Nov. 17, at 10:30 a.m. at 3800 Gwynn Oak Ave.

Handicapped grant made

Rep. Clarence D. Long (D., Md.) this week announced a $483,800 Federal grant to the state of Maryland for education of handicapped children.

The award was made by the Federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

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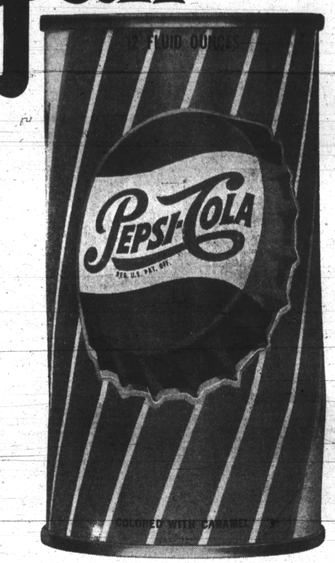

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