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HISTORIAN HONORED — Dr. Benjamin A. Quarles, internationally acclaimed historian on black America, was honored this week by the Morgan State College Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, National History Honor Society. He received a scholarship award from Dr. Donald B. Hoffman, international secretary - treasure of the society. From left: Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, Morgan president; Dr. Hoffman, Dr. Quarles; and Dr. Howard Bell, also a member of Morgan's faculty.

FLASH

Two going to cabinet?

New York sources told the AFRO that two black persons are seriously under consideration for positions with the Nixon Administration.

They were identified as Howard Jenkins, presently a commissioner for the National Labor Relations Board to become Secretary of Labor, and Whitney Young, executive director of the National Urban League to succeed Robert Weaver as head of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Jenkins is a Republican.

During a meeting with HUD officials this weekend several attending the NAACP-sponsored conference expressed concern over Weaver's successor and urged that another black administrator replace him.

Weaver had already resigned to accept the presidency of Baruch University, New York City. The first member of his race to become a Cabinet member Weaver, a Democrat, submitted his resignation before the presidential election was held.

HISTORY INSTITUTE — An exhibit of African art is included in the ongoing seminars of the institute for teachers sponsored by the Baltimore Public Schools on black history and culture. Among the 500 teachers and school personnel attending the latest session at Herring Run Junior High School were; (from left) Mrs. Darnell Tabron, history teacher at Woodbourne Junior High School; Mrs. Jeanette Dates, demonstration teacher on the Radio-TV staff and Clarence Gregory, department head at Dunbar High School.

Yule and Hanukkah seasons open at Fellowship House

Baltimore Fellowship's Third Annual "Holiday for Music" and the lighting ceremonies for its community decorations will be held tonight (Tuesday) at 3200 N. Hilton St. beginning at 7:15 p.m.

Both the Christian Christmas and Jewish Hanukkah holidays will be celebrated. At 7:15 p.m. the lighting ceremonies for the Christmas tree and for the Menorah will take place in the belief that "holiday customs should be shared by all members of a community," Fellowship House says.

"Holiday for Music," a concert at School 21, Hilton St. and Carlisle Ave., will follow the lighting ceremonies at 8 p.m. The program will feature the famed B and O Glee Club and students from the school. Members of the Oheb Shalom Youth Group will present the story of Hanukkah.

Fellowship's annual Christmas and Hanukah Party will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15. At that time Fellowship House will be decorated for the holidays, the first floor for Hanukkah and the second for Christmas. Meanwhile, fathers can watch the Colt game on TV in the Information Center.

After the hanging of the decorations, stories will be told of the two holidays, and songs will be sung appropriate to each, and traditional customs will be shared. Refreshment hour follows.

For the lighting ceremonies tonight, Fellowship's invitations to bring the whole family ask, "Is there a better way to observe Human Rights Day?"

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Cab drivers due more precautions

Spot checking of taxicabs in the street and encouragement for off-duty policemen to drive cabs are some of the precautions taken to protect cabbies, according to a preliminary report issued by the Public Service Commission.

The measures are meant to safeguard cabbies after a rash of holdups and three fatal shootings in the past several months.

Public Service Commission Chairman William O. Doub said that "the problem is more than a Commission problem, it involves the whole community."

The spot check plan has been in operation since last week and will continue along with other measures to cut down on taxi robberies.

Director of Transportation Joseph S. Giardina headed a committee formed less than two weeks ago which submitted the new measures. A final report will be filed in January.

A test period will be tried in the use of bullet-proof partitions to separate the driver from his passengers. The partitions will be installed by the cab companies to test their effectiveness and the reaction of the drivers.

Possible use of a signal light to indicate danger and need for help was discussed by the committee, according to Mr. Giardina, and it may be put into effect pending further hearings.

Representatives of the Police Department, taxicab owners, taxicab drivers and insurance representatives attended the committee meeting, Mr. Giardina said.

"Commissioner Pomerleau has agreed to go on with this thing," stated Mr. Doub in speaking about off-duty policemen driving cabs. The police commissioner had earlier been on record as opposing "moonlighting" by policemen, but made taxis the one exception.

A crash training program has been instituted by the Police Department to teach officers methods of dealing with taxicab holdups.

Arrests have been made in all three murder cases involving cabbies, police said.

"This is a very serious problem not only here but statewide," Mr. Giardina stated.

Crimes against cabbies have picked up in the last several months and the rise has been attributed to the institution of an "exact fare" plan to discourage robberies in buses that may have turned criminals to robbing taxicab drivers.

Lawyer declares publicity hurts James Earl Ray

CINCINNATI (UPI) — Criminal Percy Foreman, defender of James Earl Ray, accused killer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., says publicity has almost convicted his client.

Foreman, who spoke here Saturday, said he was not able to discuss the case because of restrictions imposed by the trial judge in Memphis. He said restrictions in trials such as Ray's "almost always work an injustice."

The Houston attorney said because "news influences the administration of justice as much or more than the rules of law" these restrictions were necessary in such cases. He said Ray has "already been pretty well tried by the news media."

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The Carver Adult Center Benfalou and Presstman Sts. is offering a new course in electronic data processing, with classes scheduled to begin Jan. 6.

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