KEEN TEEN SCENE

By KAREN BANFIELD

Crowded department stores, Christmas cards, overloaded shopping bags, and jolly old Saint Nick have really set the mood for the most festive season of the year.

For Baltimore's Keen teens, those are not the only ingredients for a festive Christmas season.

To help start off the Christmas spirit, the Tots 'n Teens gave a dance on Friday, Dec. 13, at St. James Episcopal Church.

Each person paid admission to the dance by donating a toy. The welfare dept. will help manyesmall children enjoy Christmas.

All of the toys will be distributed among children who may not have a Christmas without the help of groups like the Tots 'n Teens. Three cheers for the Tots 'n Teens for initiating such a worthy project.

Some of those who helped the group by attending the dance and donating toys were: Portia Brown, Debbie Kearse, Paulette Collins, Darlene Mason, Reggie Speight, Debbie Brewington, Andre Hunt, Ivan Drummond, Henry Wood, Tal Thompson, Donald Warner, Ronald Cutler, Charles Hughes, Paula Brookes, Audrey Spruill, Sharon Joyner, Annette Lambson, Michael Ware, Aneela Maxwell, Deaver Smith, Ronnie Dennis, William Pitts and Debbie Brooks.

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Christmas night will also be a time for keen teens to get together.

The Phi Alpha Sigma local fraternity is sponsoring a Big Xmas Treat. And from what I have heard, it will really be out-of-sight.

This gala affair will be held in the beautiful Howard Room of the Baltimore Civic Center.

There will be so many things going on at the dance, it is bound to be really uptight.

Two bands will be on hand to entertain plus a special D.J. Also featured at the dance will be go-go girls and boys, oldie but goodie records, presentation of the king and queen of the frat, and pledges of the Phi Alpha Sigma will also be formally introduced.

Steven Vinson is chairman of the frat; Dennis Weems, president; Donald Benjamin, first vice president and Lorenzo Brown, second vice president.

Remember, you heard it throught the Grapevine that the Phi Alpha Sigma is a Big Xmas Treat.

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Congratulations to Dominic Hartz, a senior at Forest Park, who celebrated his birthday last week-end.

He was given a surprise birthday party by Miss Avalon Jackson, also a senior at Forest Park, on Saturday night at his home.

On hand to help Dominic celebrate his birthday were: Debbie Brewington, Andre Hunt, Charles Hughes, Henry Wood, Harold Burke, Dwight Northington and others.

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The Spanish Club of Forest Park High, sponsored by Miss Arnita Hicks, will take a trip on Thursday to Bladensburg for a roller skating excursion.

This is the first event for the club this year but will not be the last.

Later in the year the club may have a Spanish Choir, skits done in Spanish and other interesting activities.

If more teachers took an interest in their students and helped sponsor activities like these, student-teacher relationships would be improved.

More and more teachers are realizing that teaching from nine to three is not enough.

Come on, teachers, wake up. The students are there, the school has facilities. Why not take a little of your time to share with your students?

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Don't forget some of the other big dances are coming up. The Sigma Omega Kappa Sorority (SQKS) will hold its dance at the Club Venus on Dec 26 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. featuring the Tempros band.

And Dec. 27 at the Howard Room of the Civic Center, the Rho Sigma Tau (PETS) fraternity will sponsor a semi-formal dance.

They will all be T.C.B. (Taking care of business).

Girl Scouts' yule projects

On Dec. 21, Junior Girl Scout Troop 268 of Hazford Park will visit the Valley Street home for the aged of the Little Sisters of the Poor to sing Christmas carols and present each of the 175 patients with a handmade gift and a supply of fresh fruit.

The Scouts made felt bookmarks in the shape of men's ties, old-fashioned shoes and scissors. They will personally distribute the gifts to each patient as they walk through the rooms singing Carols.

The members of the Troop are also engaged in collection of canned goods for those persons served by the East Baltimore Street Helping-Up Mission.

Many of the Scouts earned money for the canned goods by doing chores such as raking leaves and running errands for their families.

Mrs. Albert J. Rittgert, Troop Leader; Mrs. Eugene Gribbin, Assistant Leader; and Mrs. Louis Christenson, Consultant, assisted the Scouts with their activities.

Free nursing aide classes

The Baltimore Regional Red Cross offers free Nursing Home Aide classes at the chapter headquarters, St. Paul and 23rd Sts., beginning in January.

Each course consists of 8 sessions of three hours each; meeting either from 9 a.m. to 12 noon or from 1 o'clock to 4 p.m. once a week.

Classes will begin Monday, Jan. 6, with new classes commencing Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of that week.

After attending all sessions and passing a written examination, the student is awarded a Red Cross certificate which may be useful in obtaining employment in a nursing home or hospital.

To register for one of these free courses or for further information, call Red Cross Nursing Programs at 367-9005 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Party guests from P.S. 84

Fifty boys from School 84 in South Baltimore will be the guests of the Mid-Town Optimist Club at a Christmas Party to be held at the Central Branch of the YMCA of the Greater Baltimore Area on Thursday, December 19, at 6 p.m.

The boys are those who are enrolled in a weekly gym-swim program conducted at the YMCA branch by the Optimist Club, according to William F. Tramschuler, chairman of the project.

TEEN OPENING — Sgt. John C. Nagle dispenses goodies at opening of St. Katherine Church Teen Center, Preston and Rose Sts., Wednesday night.

TEEN TALK

By MICHAEL BELFIELD

There's one more week left before Christmas.

All the children can hardly wait until Santa comes so they can see all their toys and open all their presents.

There's something else going around this holiday season that can't seem to wait. It's the Hong Kong Flu.

The flu bug has hit Baltimore and behind it is leaving a trail of empty offices and half-deserted schools.

As you know the vaccine for the Hong Kong Flu will not arrive in Maryland until after Jan. 1, so until that time I guess we'll have to suffer.

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On Friday night at the Druid Hill branch of the YMCA there was a Record Hop. Free records were given and two transistor radios were awarded.

Special guests were the Bluelights and Baltimore's own Persians.

On Christmas night in the Howard Room of the Civic Center the Phi Alpha Sigma Fraternity will sponsor a big Christmas dance from 8:30 to 1:00 p.m.

There will be two bands and a special DJ.

There will also be free food and refreshments, go-go girls and go-go boys.

Tickets are $2.

Top Five are:

1. Heard It Through the Grapevine.
2. For Once in My Life.
3. Cloud 9.
4. See Saw.
5. Love Child

As you can see there is not too much this week due to the flu. Next week is my last column before Christmas, so let me know about all your Christmas parties or activities.

Drop a line to Teen Talk, AFRO-AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21203.

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

Trial for policeman changed to county

Because of the difficulty of locating servicemen when calls come in from the States, the Chesapeake and Potomac Company advises families who have relatives stationed in Vietnam to plan ahead if they wish to talk Company advises families to tie servicemen during the holiday season.

"It is usually easier to have the serviceman call home than to try to reach him," said E. A. Stenger, division traffic manager for the C.P. Telephone Company of Maryland.

Servicemen are encouraged to notify their families in advance if they expect to telephone home.

Mr. Stenger said, "calls are handled on a first come, first served basis' at the various telephone centers established for the men. "It's usually just a matter of minutes before his call is completed to the States when a serviceman gets to a phone."

For this reason, when a call is made to Vietnam, it is important to have the serviceman's unit, his APO number, and, if possible, a telephone number where he can be reached.

Calls between the U.S. and Vietnam have recently been averaging about 140 a day, and this figure is is expected to increase during the holiday season, officials said.

Last year, more than 38,000 calls were completed between the U.S. and Vietnam. Most of the calls were completed from Vietnam rather than from the U.S.

When planning calls, remember that Saigon Time is 13 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time, company officials advised.

Tips given on calls to Viet servicemen

Leslie Wayne Walter, former Baltimore police officer, has been granted a change of venue of a rape charge against him to Baltimore County.

Walter, who is 22, was charged with criminal assault following an Aug. 17 incident in Druid Hill Park.

According to records before the court, Walter and another police officer came across a parked automobile in the early morning hours.

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Walter is alleged to have placed a 42-year-old woman passenger of the car under arrest.

It is also alleged that the officer and the woman went to another area of the park where the offense took place in a patrol.

Records show the woman was returned to her male companion in the parked car later.

The trial incident is alleged to have been reported to police by the woman's companion after she was missing from his car for 20 minutes.

Walter was charged with the crime Aug. 18 and subsequently dismissed from the force. He is represented by Alas. H. Murrell, attorney.

Among common game animals, the gray and fox squirrels are among the least plagued by parasites and serious diseases.

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Council urges moving to Liberty Rd. area

The Liberty Road Community Council is asking businesses in their Northwest Baltimore area to encourage their employees of both races to consider relocating there, when contemplating changing homes.

In a letter to business interests in and around the Liberty Road sector, Larry S. Kamenitz, Council president, said his organization fostered integration in housing as a means of stabilizing the community.

The Council, he stated, would furnish a listing of available homes for those persons who wished to relocate nearer their jobs, and give whatever other aids desired.

Mr. Kamanitz's letter said, in part:

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"Many realtors regard neighborhoods where colored families are living as desirable only for colored families, and steer white prospects away to all-white areas.

"We reject this practice as poor business judgement.

"The time has come to stop thinking in terms of the past, and stop acting to uphold the patterns of the past.

"We regard the Liberty Road area as a good group of neighborhoods for good neighbors — white or black.

"We resent the action of realtors who have fostered exclusionary practices for black in the past, and now do the same for white."

"As a group of citizen, we hope to reverse that practices, and with your help we can demonstrate that the Liverty Road area is a place where, as the commercial says, 'People should stick together. . .'"

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Mr. Kamanitz's letter carried this appeal:

"The Council is thus asking business in this area to consider our community for employees being ransferred into Baltimore, or employees who wish to relocate nearer their jobs.

"We have a listing of all homes that are available and could arrange for interested persons to be shown these homes.

"Your cooperation will help to build a stronger community in which your business is located."

The Council lists its composition of 21 improvement and civic associations in the area, with the president's headquarters at 3124 Betlou James Place.

Greene named to Playboy Club post

Appointment of Leon M. Greene, 2400 block W. Lexington St., as comptroller of the local Playboy Club has been announced by the management.

A native Baltimorean, returned to the city for the post, after serving eight years as comptroller of the Presbyterian of New York City, administrative headquarters for more than 100 New York Churches.

Prior to that, he served for ten years as accountant for Mount Sinai Hospital in New York.

Mr. Greene is a graduate of Douglass High School and the Cortez W. Peters Business School here.

Mrs. Washington appointed

Mrs. Vivian Washington has been appointed chairman of the public welfare committee of the Maryland Conference of Social Welfare, as announced by Donald C. Lee, president.

Mrs. Washington, a school principal, succeeds Mrs. Isaac Hamburger who has been appointed to do public relations work with the Conference.

The Conference is a volunteer organization of agencies involved in social work and nearly 1,000 persons in industry, labor, education, business, medicine, law and social welfare.

Its purpose is to study, discuss and disseminate information relating to social welfare problems in Maryland.

$$ asked for mental patients

The Baltimore Mental Health Association is issuing an urgent appeal for $1 donations on behalf of several thousand patients in the state mental hospitals, who are without family or friends to remember them at Christmas.

As part of its annual Christmas Project to distribute gifts to these otherwise forgotten patients, the Association tries to give each of them with ground privileges a $1 gift canteen card to use at the hospital exchange.

Dollar bills or checks may be sent to the Baltimore Mental Health Association, 323 E. 25th St., Baltimore 21218.

The canteen cards will be distributed to each of the six state mental hospitals: Crownsville, Henryton, Clifton T. Perkins, Rosewood, Springfield and Spring Grove.

All six will also receive gift packages that have been assembled by Association volunteers from toiletries and clothing contributed by individuals, service clubs, schools and church groups.

Adoption party tonite

Senator Clarence Mitchell, president of the Peoples Democratic Action Organization of the Fourth District has invited the ABCD adoption programs representatives to explain the program to their organization at a meeting to be held at PDAO headquarters, 1004 Pennsylvania Ave. Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 8 P.M.

ABCD stands for Adoption of Babies through the Maryland Conference of Social Welfare and Delta Sigma Theta, a project formed by the Conference and Delta to encourage the adoption of colored children in Maryland.

Mrs. Barbara Davis and Mrs. Mabeline Julien, members of the sorority, will explain the program and show photos of some of the youngsters in need of adoptive homes.

The "parties" are being conducted in Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Talbot and Wicomico Counties.

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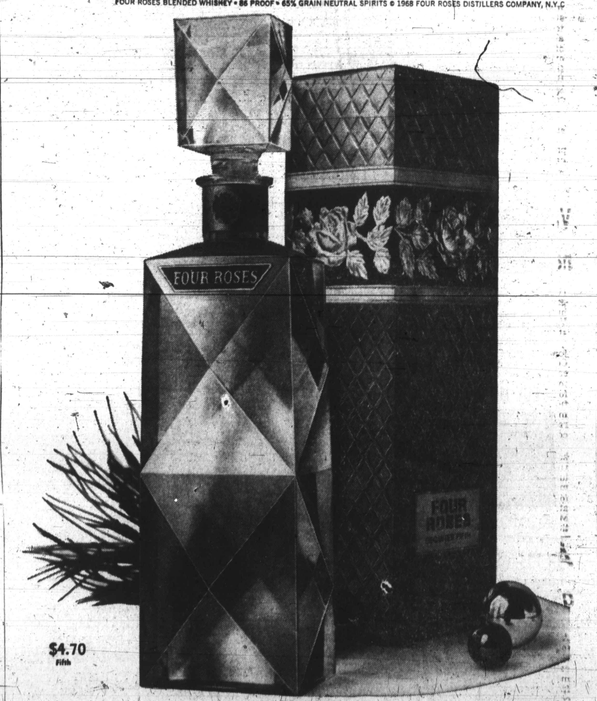

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Nixon cabinet lacks color

WASHINGTON — Just as expected President-elect Richard M. Nixon has chosen a new Cabinet that is lily-white and without any background or previous experience that would indicate any gainful hope for minority citizens.

Moreover at this point in the political transition, the President-elect has chosen for his White House staff a total of 23 professors, lawyers, journalists, advertising and public relations men, and only one of them is black.

He is Robert J. Brown, 33, designated as a researcher and adviser on programs for the poor. Brown who heads the B. and S. Associates, a public relations firm in High Point, N.C., has not been identified with the fight for the poor in recent years, and many already are concerned about just what role he will play in helping solve the pressing domestic problems in the low economic urban areas.

In High Point, Brown had been a policeman prior to taking over his self-operated public relations firm.

Mr. Nixon has announced that he will retain Mayor Walter H. Washington as mayor-commissioner of the District of Columbia. The post is a presidential appointment spot, and Mayor Washington's term is up on Feb. 1.

At the same time, the report is that Julian R. Dugas, Mayor Washington's major "trouble-shooter" who serves as director of Licenses and Inspections in Washington, is scheduled to leave the city government, possibly for a major federal appointment.

Dugas' name has been mentioned frequently in connection with the chairmanship of the Civil Service Commission, a post now held by John W. Macy. The chairman of the CSC serves, as does the District mayor, at the pleasure of the President.

Dugas is a registered Republican and was a contributor to the Nixon campaign. Since the election he has had several conferences with Nixon and with Nixon's chief aides.

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Meanwhile, in Atlanta, Whitney Young, who rejected a position in the Nixon administration, because "I like what I'm doing," termed the new Cabinet as "bland."

Young, in a speech to the Atlanta Urban League's Equal Opportunity Day awards banquet, said it was "quite unfair" to make an appraisal of the new cabinet before it had time to act, but said he was "disappointed that the cabinet has no color to it," and referred to a cabinet of "blandness."

The director of the National Urban League was offered an unspecified post in the new administration which he turned down. Young met earlier Friday with President-elect Nixon and members of the Urban Coalition in New York, where the group urged Nixon to support the program recommended by the President's Commission on Civil Disorders.

TAKING OATH — Mrs. Eireta M. Alexander, of Greensboro, N.C., takes oath of office as district judge, in Guilford County. A graduate of A&T State University, and Columbia University Law School, Judge Alexander is the first non white woman to hold a judgeship in the state.

Carter appointed by Columbia U.

NEW YORK — Robert L. Carter, former general counsel for the NAACP and an alumnus of Columbia University, has been appointed a Center Fellow at the Urban Center of Columbia.

The announcement was made this week by Kenneth H. Williams, the Center's director. The appointment is effective immediately.

Mr. Carter will be at Columbia until the end of the 1968-69 academic year. He plans to research and write a book, which he has tentatively titled "Law and the Black Community." He will also advise the Center on program development.

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Mr. Carter, who is 51, received a Master of Laws degree from Columbia's School of Law in 1941. He was awarded his undergraduate degree magna cum laude from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, and his bachelor of laws degree from Howard University in Washington, also magna cum laude.

He joined the NAACP in 1944 and a few years later became Administrator of its Legal Department. For a dozen years he worked under Thurgood Marshall, then special counsel for the NAACP and now an associate justice of the United States Supreme Court. Mr. Carter was named general counsel for the association in 1956 and served in this capacity until his resignation last month.

As general counsel, he won 25 of the association's 26 cases before the Supreme Court. He has played a major role in devising strategy and in the preparation, trial and appeal of cases establishing constitutional precedents in the effort to eliminate racial discrimination.

Mr. Carter was formerly a special assistant United States attorney for the Southern District of New York. He was also director of veteran affairs for the American Veterans Committee.

About $4 million worth of $10,000 bills were in circulation in the United States during 1967.

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The highest town on earth is Aucanquilcha, Chile, which is 17,500 feet up, says the National Geographic.

MAN IN THE NEWS

Robert Brown Nixon pick for black capitalist post

HIGH POINT, N.C. — Robert J. Brown, the first colored appointee to President elect Richard M. Nixon's staff, though little known nationally, has made something of a mark in North Carolina.

Brown, a bespectacled 33-year-old policeman turned public relations man, was named by Nixon to seek ways of developing "black capitalism."

He has been a warehouse manager, city recreation supervisor, policeman, detective, federal narcotics agent, city redevelopment official and — currently — owner of a public relations firm affiliated with Carl Byoir Associates, one of the largest such firms in the country.

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Asked for his formula for success, Brown says:

"You've got to keep pressing . . . I mean politically and economically, not with firebombs."

When he was a policeman in 1956 his jurisdiction was strictly within the colored districts of High Point. But Brown quickly adds that things are different today.

In fact, Brown calls his home town a "good town full of genuine people."

Discrimination in the north, Brown says, is harder to deal with.

"It's more subtle . . . almost more damaging than in the South because you can't identify it," he said.

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He is a lifetime member of the NAACP and a board member of the SCLC.

In 1964, he became the first colored southerner to win a Chamber of Commerce distinguished service award.

Brown is a trustee of North Carolina College in Durham, a director of the North Carolina Fund, director of the Good Neighbor Council and the North Carolina Voter Education project.

He was educated at Virginia Union University in Richmond and North Carolina A and T College at Greensboro.

ROBERT J. BROWN

Va. University names recruiter

(UP) — Fred T. Stokes, a graduate student, has been hired by the University of Virginia to recruit colored students.

Stokes, 34, was given the job in answer to a Student Council resolution passed earlier this week calling for the creation of a position for a colored admissions officer. The council said the move would "establish a direct link with the black community."

Officials said Stokes holds degrees from Virginia Union and Hampton Institute and taught in the Richmond Public School System for 14 years. He is studying at Virginia to obtain his Masters degree in education.

Atty. Brown assumes job as EEOC commissioner

WASHINGTON — William H. Brown III has assumed his new duties as one of the five members of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission following his interim appointment by President Johnson.

Brown, 40, a partner in the Philadelphia law firm of Norris, Brown and Hall, has been active in the civil rights area of employment, housing and health care for the disadvantaged in Philadelphia.

He has voluntarily served as legal counsel to individuals filing lawsuits concerning employment discrimination, and worked with the Urban Coalition towards obtaining better jobs and housing for the less fortunate.

WILLIAM H. BROWN III

As President of the Board of Directors of Mercy-Douglas Hospital, he has been instrumental in providing health facilities in underprivileged areas of the city.

Prior to his appointment, Brown was deputy district attorney for the City of Philadelphia where he was born.

A 1955 law graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Brown completed his undergraduate studies at Temple University in 1952, following two years service in the Pacific theatre (1946-48) with the United States Army Air Force.

Aside from his law career, Brown has been active in a wide variety of activities in Philadelphia. He is a Board member of the Neighborhood Renewal Corps, the Big Brothers Association and the Crime Prevention Association.

Also, a member of the regional board of the First Pennsylvania Bank, a former member of the executive committee of the Garden Court Civic Association, and member of the Philadelphia Housing Association Relocation Committee.

The new Commissioner also holds memberships in the NAACP, Urban League, the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission and is a permanent member of the 3rd Circuit Judicial Conference.

He and his wife, the former Sonya Brown of Atlantic City, are the parents of a daughter, Michele, 13.

Brown was named to the Interim appointment to the Commission on Oct. 29. Under the law his name will have to be submitted to the new Senate for confirmation after it convenes in January.

He succeeds Samuel C. Jackson, whose term expired June 30.

Gregory blames Daley for violence in Chicago

BUIES CREEK, N.C. (UPI) — Violence in Chicago during the Democratic convention was not a police riot but a political riot, Dick Gregory told Campbell College students Tuesday evening.

If Mayor Daley had told them to leave the demonstrators alone they would have been left alone, he said.

Gregory addressed about 1,200 white students in the auditorium of the Baptist college. The address was the first in a series of lecture programs sponsored by the Student Council.

Gregory said he was fed up with whites telling black people to be non-violent. He said the Declaration of Independence declares that it is the duty of a people, when a government has become unjust, to alter or abolish it.

We talk about the U.S. Constitution all the time, he said. Well, let them in Washington stand in back of the Constitution instead of in front of it.

Gregory said black people do not want any more civil rights legislation.

All we want is the Constitution.

If Democracy is as good as we say it is, he asked, why are we running all over the world trying to ram it down the throats of other countries with guns?

32 narcotics agents resign

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark disclosed this week that 32 federal narcotics agents have resigned in the wake of an investigation of agents who peddled some of the drugs they had seized as contraband.

Clark said more resignations were expected.

The Justice Department investigation produced evidence during the past decade of "significant corruption among former employees of the New York Office of the Bureau of Narcotics."

In addition to selling drugs seized as contraband, a spokesman said, some also illegally used other contraband — such as seized cars — and were engaged in the illegal purchase and sale of drugs.

African sees education as key to independence

GREENSBORO, N.C. — A prominent African educator told Bennett College students recently that education was the force that moved African countries from under the control of colonial powers.

Samuel Boateng, superintendent of secondary education for the Republic of Ghana, said Africans are now in a position where their "voices are heard in world councils."

Education introduced by the colonial powers produced "an educated elite which organized revolutionist movements which ultimately brought about political independence in tropical Africa," he said.

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Mr. Boateng explained that at the turn of the century "colonial administrators began to take a keen interest in the educational development of Africa."

He said that with the spread of education there began to appear an articulate, well-organized group of African politicians whose activities "gained momentum after World War II."

He emphasized that "now the political leaders of the new nations of Africa see in education, not only the key to political independence, but a means of improving the lives of their people."

National Guard Still Patrols Wilmington 8 Months After Riot

WILMINGTON, Del. — Squads of National Guardsmen dressed in fatigues and helmet liners and carrying loaded M1 rifles bounce along in olive-drab jeeps each night through the ghettoes of Delaware's only major city.

The "rat patrol," a pseudonym contemptuously coined by residents in the ghetto, has been enforcing Wilmington's unique style of law and order for 33 weeks.

No one shows when it will be withdrawn

"Prevention," says Charles L. Terry Jr., Delaware's lame duck governor.

"Harassment," retort leaders of Wilmington's black community.

The patrols have damaged, perhaps irreparably, black and white relations in the city, according to some antiguard spokesmen.

"Nixon is to blame," says Terry. "Black people want the patrols as much as the whites; it's protecting them, too. And we haven't had any outbursts since the patrols began."

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On the afternoon of April 8, less than four days after Dr. Martin Luther King was killed, simmering racial unrest boiled over in Wilmington.

There was some looting, rather widespread arson in the ghetto and about 400 arrests.

There were no deaths.

Mayor John Babiarz, a Democrat, called Terry in the state capitol at Dover and asked for 500 National Guard Troops to help restore order.

Terry, also a Democrat, agreed. But to Babiarz' amazement, the Governor summoned the 4,000 members of Delaware's Army and Air National Guard, only time in Delaware's history an entire militia had been mobilized.

The disturbances continued another day, then, on April 10, things began to quiet. Babiarz went to Terry and asked the guard be withdrawn.

Terry said no.

He based his answer on what he called his "intelligence." said it told him the city could expect "several more riots."

Terry never has disclosed the sources of his "intelligence." He leans on these unidentified informants to explain to everyone who asks why the guard has remained long after the city ostensibly had returned to normal.

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Some of his critics say Terry is, purely and simply, the victim of terrible intelligence.

State Sen. Herman Holloway, D-Wilmington, a black man who once was close to Terry, is one of those critics.

He said the city "is no longer under any direct threat. I'm not sure it ever was.

"He's something of a bigot. But I don't believe it's even that so much. He's just the victim of his own belief in some terrible intelligence."

The Rev. Thomas Luce, pastor of a Presbyterian Church in the Valley, Wilmington's Worst Ghetto, agrees.

From his pulpit, he denounced Terry for "deliberately aggravating human relationships for political purposes."

"The Governor's keeping the Guard here is purely political," Luce said in an interview. "He sought the white blacklash vote and got it, but he didn't win, and now he can't extricate himself from the corner he's backed into."

The Rev. Mr. Luce credited Terry with "almost pulling off the neatest political trick of the century."

"He took conservative Kent and Sussex counties and added to them the antiblack sentiment from New Castle. He molded them through the Guard patrols into what almost won him reelection. It's a year of a Republican sweep," he said.

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Terry, a goodnatured, plump man who sometimes calls black people "boy" and "duskies," disagrees he was politically motivated.

"I didn't put the Guard in there for politics," he said. "And I'm not going to pull them out now that the election is over. I'm going to deliver the patrols over to the new governor on Jan. 21, then it's his ball game."

The Governor-elect is Russell W. Peterson, 51, a research executive with E. I. Dupont de Nemours and Z Co.

He has declined to say what he will do when he takes office, although in campaigning, while not straying far from Terry's stand, he has given rise to hope among antipatrol factions that the jeeps soon will be off the streets.

Peterson won most observers believe, because the incumbent suffered a heart attack, his second, five weeks before election day.

Terry, at 66, is the nation's oldest governor.

Terry ascribes his defeat to his illness and failure of 6,000 supporters of George Wallace to vote for him.

The city lost 15,000 residents between the 1955 and 1960 census, indicating a white exodus to the suburbs. The black population jumped from 17 per cent in 1950 to an estimated 40 per cent now, meaning almost 40,000 of the city's 9,000 residents are black.

Until federal funds ran out Nov. 9, guardsmen met nightly at the Wilmington Armory to backstop the patrols. Now the money is gone, the armory troops are gone, and only the "rat patrol" remains.

A patrol consists of a state police car with one state trooper and three guardsmen. Trailing this lead are three jeeps, each with four guardsmen.

There are five such caravans patroling each night of the week — a total of 15 jeeps and 75 soldiers on duty from 6 p.m. until 2 a.m.

Incidents are few. Three weeks after the patrols began, a specialist fourth class who works by day as a construction company clerk shot and killed a robbery suspect.

An investigation disclosed the gun was fired by accident at point-blank range and had a faulty safety lock. No charges were lodged.

Shortly after, a bill absolving National Guardsmen of any civil or criminal liability while on duty was introduced in the state legislature, sailed through both houses without opposition, and was signed by Terry.

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City Solicitor O. Francis Biondi says the Guard has had "no impact on crime in the city.

"I can't say that the Guard reduced crime, and I don't think anybody can really tell whether the Guard prevented another civil disorder.

"Let's face it. The National Guard here has become a symbol of white supression of the black community," Biondi added.

The Rev. Mr. Luce said you can "feel the animosity between the Guard and the people in the ghetto. The guard and the police are insulting the black man."

Leonard L. Williams, who is one of Wilmington's two municipal judges, said in a speech Sept. 25 that of the city's 40,000 blacks, fewer than 100 were involved in the disturbances.

"Every black man in Wilmington who's worth his salt, when he leaves his job in the evening and sees the convoys — something happens inside him. You can't solve problems in a repressive society."

Court to review suit against 'clubs'

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Supreme Court has decided to review whether privately owned and operated "clubs" and recreational areas which bar colored people are covered by the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF) attorneys asked the High Court to rule in the case of two Little Rock, Ark. women, Mrs. Doris Daniel and Mrs. Rosalyn Kyles.

The women charged that the Lake Nixon Club, Pulaski County, Ark., was "depriving them, and other citizens similarly situated, of rights, privileges and immunities" under the Constitution and Title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Lake Nixon is a recreational area made up of 232 acres and servicing approximately 100,000 persons each season.

General advertisements offer memberships in the "club" for twenty-five cents.

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LDF attorneys said in their brief that "a significant number of people know that Lake Nixon is in fact open to the white public is general and that a nominal membership fee is charged simply to exclude undesirable persons."

If successful, the LDF will establish law affecting resort-type recreational facilities across the nations.

LDF attorneys John W. Walker and Norman J. Chachkin of Little Rock are joined by Director-Counsel Jack Greenberg, James M. Nabrit, III, Norman C. Amaker, and Conrad K. Harper of New York City.

Flight captain

ADDIS ABABA (UPI) — A graduate of the National Airlines Training project, predecessor of Ethiopian Airlines' pilot training center, has become the first Ethiopian to qualify as a captain upon successfully completing the final flight test of his DC 3 captaincy.

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