OAS aide sees education need

Galo Plaza, Secretary General, Organization of American States (OAS), said this week that education should be regarded as an investment of the highest priority in considering the economic development picture of Latin America.

The former president of Ecuador said that "one of the most valuable resources in the economic process is man himself. Like hunger, and disease, illiteracy and inadequate education are burdens that weigh heavily on the less developed countries," he declared, adding:

"Conversely, the educated man is a natural resource of the highest order. That is why education has not only a social function but an economic function.

"Seen in this light, education takes on a new economic dimension and must be regarded as an investment of high priority."

Mr. Plaza spoke at the Milton S. Eisenhower Symposium at the Johns Hopkins University here.

Referring to the primary education situation in Latin America, Mr. Plaza said there are "alarming statistics concerning children of school age who are not in school."

"There is a shortage of teachers and classrooms, and the method and programs are not always designed to help a child develop his talents and learn the important characteristics of his home, his community, and his environment.

"Especially in the country, where most Latin Americans live, schools retain traditional ideas and practices and children do not go beyond the third or fourth grade."

As for higher education, the former U.N. troubleshooter in Cyprus and the Congo pointed out that "because of limited means and the shortage of specialized professors, most Latin American universities do not offer training in many technological fields or conduct research designed to speed up the development process.

"The universities need more technically qualified faculty members, more and better research facilities and laboratories, and better organization."

Noting that in the foreseeable future "we will not have the vast financial resources that would be required to equip all Latin American Universities adequately," Mr. Plaza said that to provide facilities for 8.6 percent of the university-age students by 1975, "it has been estimated that between 1966 and 1975 the Latin American universities would need to spend $7.5 billion for current expenses and $1.5 billion for capital improvement."

The OAS Secretary General expressed optimism, however, at the new regional centers for higher education that will soon be in operation throughout Latin America. The proposals for the centers came out of the 1967 meeting of the Chiefs of State in Uruguay who pledged "to establish multinational institutes for advanced training and research in science and technology, and to strengthen existing institutions of this type."

Dave Mason may get judgeship

David T. Mason is among nine persons recommended by the Bar Association of Baltimore to fill the vacancies on the Municipal Court Bench of Baltimore City.

The vacancies were created when Judges Robert B. Watts and Basil A. Thomas

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Wife of AFRO foreman dies

Mrs. Virginia Washington, 108 N. Payson St., wife of John Washington, AFRO composing room foreman, died suddenly this morning.

Funeral arrangements had not been made at press time.

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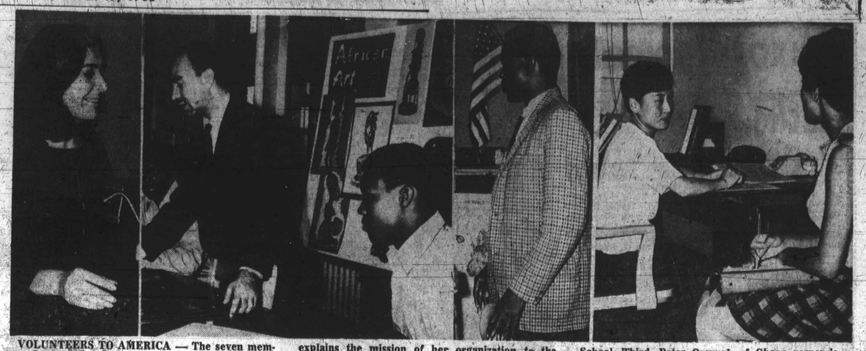

VOLUNTEERS TO AMERICA — The seven members in the Baltimore Public Schools of Volunteers to America, a Peace Corps in reverse, include a wide range of public appearances along with their teaching duties. At left, Miss Carmen Cosamento explains the mission of her organization to the Civivitan Club in a recent luncheon at the Emerson Hotel. In second panel, Hassan Kassai of Iran talks of the Moslem influence on Iranian architecture during a recent class session at Dunbar High. Third, Peter Onumah of Ghana responds to a question about African History in a class session at Northwestern High School. In last panel, Miss Byong-Nam Hwang of Korea is serving as a guidance counselor at Eastern Senior High School.

Volunteers to America bring schools expertise

By A RUTLEDGE

The seven student teachers whom School Superintendant Thomas Sheldon and the U.S. State Department arranged to have teach in Baltimore City schools through the Volunteers to America Program have completed their first quarter semester of active duty.

The Volunteers to America program imports young teachers and social workers from various nations to serve in U.S. schools and community agencies. Their general assignment is to broaden the cultural spectury of U.S. students, teachers and citizens.

The seven in Baltimore include six graduate teachers and a social worker from five countries.

They are: Miss Byong-Nam Hwang, B.A. in social work from Ewha Woman's University, Seoul, Korea; Miss Carmen Casamento, B.A. in English, Catholic University, Buenos Aires; Frederick Agbengu, B.A. in history, University of Ghana; Peter Onumah, B.A. history, University of Ghana.

The others are: Hassan Ali Kassai, B.A. in English Literature and a Law Degree from Jehran University Iran; Shigeyoshi Aoki, B.A. English, Rikkyo University, Korea and Chong-Youl-Kim, B.A. history from Teacher's College, Kyungbuk National University, Japan.

The volunteers were selected by their government in cooperation with the U.S. embassies. They are given a four-to six-week training program conducted by the School for International Training at Bartleboro, Vt., and are expected to serve for a period of 13 months.

They are to return their homelands and work for their governments for at least two years.

When they first began teaching in Baltimore, Mr. Agbengu summed up their observations and expectations this way;

"The school system and teaching techiques in America are quite different from those of our countries. I have not seen enough of it to make a definite comparison or evaluation but at the end of our year we will have had more definite views."

An exclusive interview with the AFRO this past week revealed that at least four of the seven have already formed certain definite opinions about the educational system in America and their respective countries.

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Says Mr. Onamuh (Ghana): "American Education system deals with practical application of subject matter, but in Ghana a student removed from the classroom cannot apply what he has learned to practical situations. Ghana deals with abstracts."

Mr. Aoki (Korea): In Korea the principal is dignified and aloof and never mingles with students. In America this is not so. There is much more relaxed exchange between student and teacher."

Mr. Kim (Japan) "In Japan the emphasis is on effort and not skill and is much more severe. America is more personal and relaxed. We have no dorp-out because through to the high school level education is compulsory."

Miss Hwang (Korean) "The system in America is also more liberal. In Korea boys and girls above the age of six cannot sit together. Religion also plays a strong role in the Korean educational system."

During their stay in the U.S. the seven exchange teachers are expected to give more the 700 speeches aside from their regular duties of teaching whatever subjects they are called upon to teach in any school in the Baltimre area. Coordinator for these appearances and for the volunteer, work in the city schools is Stephen Telinski.

Booker T. classes resumed

Yesterday (Monday) students returned to Booker T. Washington Junior High School, which had been crippled by arsonists and closed to students since last Monday.

The return to classes was "managed quite well,"

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Maj. Roy finishes advance training

LOS ANGELES

Maj. Clarence E. Roy Jr. of the Baltimore City Police Department graduated last week from the University of Southern California's Delinquency Control Institute, where he received post-graduate level training in the latest methods of handling juvenile offenders.

Graduation of D.C.I.'s 47th class brings to 1,054 the number of graduates who have given professional service to some 1,300,000 juveniles under the age of 18 years in most of the 50 states and 25 foreign countries.

Thirty-five of these graduates have become chiefs of police and five are law enforcement consultants to other nations.

Many others have risen in rank in their depart-

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ANOTHER 'FIRST' — Police Maj. Clarence E. Roy Jr., who has scored many "firsts" in his 18 years of policing, claimed still another one this week when he completed technical training at the Delinquency Control Institute at the University of Southern California. Maj. Roy is director of the Police Department's Juvenile Services Division with offices at the Pine Street Police Station. His is the first member of his race to have been promoted from the grade of lieutenant to major. He is one of the department's two highest ranking non-white officers.

Dobson fears exclusion as Model Cities product

By ADAM KLINE

There is still room in the civil rights struggle for white groups working in concert with black groups, a Baltimore activist told an audience on the Johns Hopkins campuss last week.

The Rev. Vernon Dobson, pastor of Union Baptist Church, told the all-white audience that those interested in advancing the struggle for equality would do best to organize groups to work in coalition with blacks groups, rather than work alone in the white community.

He was speaking Wednesday night at a meeting sponsored by Response, an organization formed recently by white activists many of whom had been part of local civil rights groups.

The basis of its formation came from the new urgings by civil rights groups that white activists work for change in their own communities, while black groups lead their own struggle in the ghetto.

"Healthy coalitions between black and white groups are possible only because there are enough whites sincerely interested in seeing blacks form their own leadership in the struggle to control their own destinies," the minister and former parole officer said.

"Once together," he added, "you will be better able to work on specific problems in the institutions that govern us.

"And anti-poverty programs like Model Cities represent only one of the many kinds of specific problems there are to be solved."

The Rev. Mr. Dobson explained that city officials are "terribly" frightened of the "recent upsurge in political consciousness in the black community."

As an example, he charged a lack of community participation in the forming of the local Model Cities plan, just released, and noted his fears for community participation in the future.

City officials, he charged, "are fighting a losing battle to 'keep things as they are,' so that large numbers of community people cannot participate in the use of political power, especially as it relates to the anti-poverty program."

The Rev. Mr. Dobson warned his listeners that the term, "community participation," in anti-poverty programs is often a cover-

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Mrs. Doris W. Gambill, teacher, buried today

Funeral services were held today (Tuesday) for Mrs. Doris W. Gambill, 817 N. Payson St., at Emmanuel Christian Community Church.

MRS. DORIS W. GAMBILL —Senior teacher at school 202 dies.

Mrs. Gambill died at her home Friday, after a brief illness.

She was born in Baltimore, the daughter of the late Kennard and Grace Williams. She was educated in the Baltimore city schools, and was graduated from the old Coppin Normal School and Morgan State College. She earned her M.A. degree from New York University.

For 30 years, Mrs. Gambill taught in the public schools of Baltimore. At the time of her death she was a senior teacher at Lafayette Elementary School No. 202.

Mrs. Gambill was affiliated with several church, civic and social organizations.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Grace Robinson; two uncles George Bagley, New York; and Ernest Williams; two cousins Misses Texanna Ellis and Delores Bagley of New York.

Burial is in Arbutus Memorial Park.

Miss Ethel Thompson, 75, speech teacher 50 years

"She took ill suddenly while she was visiting with me. . ." she was making plans to return to her home here in Baltimore for Christmas. . ."

Mrs. Laura Weaver of Washington was speaking of her sister, Miss Ethel Thompson.

Miss Thompson, 75, was for 50 years a speech teacher in the Baltimore public schools until her retirement five years ago.

Funeral services are being held today (Tuesday), at 1 p.m. at St. John AME Church.

Born in Baltimore, Miss Thompson was the daughter of Andrew and Laura Jones Thompson. Her father was one of the founders of Trinity AME Church.

MISS ETHEL THOMPSON

She held membership in Trinity until recent years when the church moved a distance from her west Baltimore home.

For years, the Thompson family lived at 1218 Druid Hill Ave., and more recently at 1014 W. Lafayette Ave.

Miss Thompson was a graduate of Morgan State College, New York University and the U. of Pa. She did additional speech study at Cornell University.

Most of her teaching career was at School No. 79, where she is remembered as a precise and studied teacher who took pride in achievements of her pupils.

In later years, she was a speech correction teacher at a group of schools.

She was a member of Alpha Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

In addition to the sister, Mrs. Weaver, Miss Thompson is survived by a brother, the Rev. C.N. Thompson of Pittsburgh.

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Yule Too Late For 'Nice Couple'

MICHAEL WELLS, 3
4211 Etheland Ave.
"Le me think . . ."

DONNA WATSON, 3
1416 Gorsuch Ave.
"And after that . . ."

CURTIS WATSON, 2
1416 Gorsuch Ave.
"Are you really Santa?"

WONDA LESTER, 6
4930 Edgemere Ave.
"Of course he is . . ."

A TALK WITH SANTA — Our roving photographer was eavesdropping at Mondawmin Shopping Center this week and the combination of camera and imagination filed these reminders that Christmas is really for children. These expressive youngsters were putting in the final word with the Jolly One whom they will await restlessly tonight.

Teenage girl gets gas chamber edict

TARBORO, N.C. (UPI) — While legal controversy reigns over the death sentence in North Carolina, a 17-year-old girl has been sentenced to die in the gas chamber three days after the New Year.

A jury consisting of four non-whites and eight whites found Marie Hill of Rocky Mount guilty Thursday of first degree murder for the slaying of a white grocer.

Since the jury failed to recommend mercy, Judge George M. Fountain had no choice but impose the death penalty as required by North Carolina law.

The young woman was sentenced to die in the state's gas chamber Jan. 3, 1969. No one has been executed in North Carolina since 1961, and the last time a woman was executed in North Carolina was in 1944.

The judge sentenced Miss Hill to death for the slaying of W. E. Strum, a 65-year-old Rocky Mount grocer. Police said four colored women robbed and beat Strum the morning of Oct. 7. He was fatally hit in the head and chest with a .25 caliber pistol.

In Raleigh, Jack Safron of the attorney general's office said he had filed notice of appeal of the 4th Circuit Court ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court.

He said federal appeals court rulings are not binding on states courts unless affirmed by the U. S. Supreme Court.

The 4th Circuit Court had ruled in North Carolina Vs. Alford that "in the present posture of the North Carolina Statutes the various provisions for the imposition of the death penalty are unconstitutional and hence capital punishment may not be imposed under any circumstances."

North Carolina allows a person charged with a capital crime to plead guilty and get a mandatory life sentence. If the person pleads not guilty, he is running the risk of a death sentence much as was imposed in Tarboro Thursday.

The 4th Circuit Court, following a ruling by the U.S. Court said defendants are under duress to plead guilty.

Walter Mullins said during the trial that Miss Hill told him she hit Strum on the head with a poker and shot him twice with a .25 caliber pistol.

Ron Raeburn, 22, of Greensboro, who had given professional service to some 1,300,000 juveniles under the age of 18 years in most of the 50 states and 25 foreign countries.

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500 tell president farewell

By LILLIAN WIGGINS

WASHINGTON

President Lyndon Baines Johnson was nearly reduced to tears Tuesday night when nearly 500 colored citizens from all over the country gathered at the Sheraton Carlton to say "Thank you, Mr. President."

The President was guest of honor at a reception given in his honor by his colored appointees.

Secretary Robert C. Weaver, who was feted Monday night at a testimonial cocktail dinner party, had noth-

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N.J. police are indicted

WASHINGTON — Frustrated by a Dixie grand jury's failure to indict, the Justice Department has filed criminal charges against nine South Carolina state highway patrolmen in the mass shootings of students at Orangeburg on

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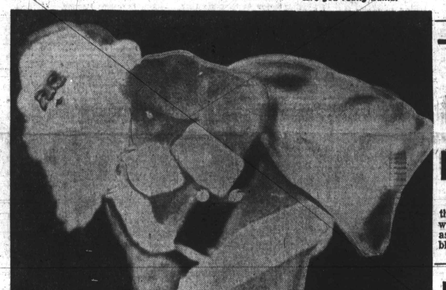

THIS IS THE LIGHT — "It was the night before Christmas . . . and all through the house . . . Not a creature was stirring, not even . . ." Any child from 8 to 80 can complete this age-old couplet, because this is the night that its universal popularity is at its zenith. AFRO Roving Photographer Irving H. Phillips Jr. captured the jolly visitor (Harold Sanders) minutes before he thundered "On Dancer, On Dancer, . . ."

Tragedy smashes holiday cheer in Koko Lane home

Christmas will be too late this year for the people whom neighbors described as the "nicest couple on the block."

When police and reporters visited their plushly-appointed home at the corner of KoKo La. and Windsor Ave., late Saturday they found an abundance of evidence that Mr. and Mrs. Mace Williams (Grace) were ready for Christmas.

The deep, blue, luxurious wall-to-wall carpet was spotless. The recently-paipted egg-shell blue walls were radiant.

An aluminum glittering Christmas tree was erect near the window in the front room.

Its brightness was enhanced by a tri-color electric reflector.

Neatly-wrapped, colorful presents were stacked underneath cushions on the contoured sofa, blending perfectly with the color scheme of the room, were in place.

The marble-top table was decorated with a vase of brilliantly bright flowers.

The excited voice of a football announcer was rushing from the speaker side of the expensive television consule.

Even the game ended too late for Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

When the Cleveland Browns won the Eastern Conference championship of the National Football League by a 31 to 20 score over the Dallas Cowboys, neither of the "nice people" knew it.

Mr. Williams, 50, a veteran steelwork, was sprawled on a portion of that plush carpet which covers the

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Father takes baby to Cuba

"I guess that means it was probably him," Mrs. Joanne Washington, 25, of 5542 Locust St., said in a soft, measured voice.

She didn't know for sure Wednesday night where it was former husband, Thomas Washington, 27, who had hijacked the Miami-bound jetliner and ordered the pilot to fly to Cuba.

Mrs. Washington was informed that the name Washington had appeared on the hijacked aircraft's

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Teacher hurt by assailant

A 29-year-old schoolteacher was stabbed in an apparent rape attempt as she entered the hallway of an apartment house in the 1600 block of Bolton St. during the early morning hours Friday, Central District police reported.

Her assailant, an unidentified man described as in his early 20's, about 6-feet tall and 180 pounds, approached her from the rear as she was entering the

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TJD urges faith in Yule message

My Fellow Baltimoreans, I want to take this opportunity to extend to each of you the happiest of holiday greetings, and a wish for a prosperous New Year.

During this season of joy and happiness, it is important to recall the deep spiritual values that have inspired the human spirit throughout the ages.

It is my fervent wish that the values of brotherhood, good will and a deep faith in God will continue to inspire each one of us and remain with us through the years ahead.

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An overworked announcer for a color TV spectacular fainted during a final rehearsal. As he came to, the producer bent over him. "John!" the producer called "Whathappened?" "I don't know," the announcer replied, shaking his head lazedly. "Suddenly everything went black and white."

'This is the best Christmas gift I have ever had,' says freed man

BROOKLYN, N.Y. — "I guess this is the best Christmas gift I have ever had," said Thomas Earl Jones, who missed the Yule season with his family last year.

A year ago this week, Jones, a gangling porter in a Forest Hill apartment house, was arrested and indicted for rape, robbery, burglary and for carrying a concealed weapon — a small pocketknife.

Jones had already started assembling Christmas gifts for his three small children, when, on Dec. 22, three detectives from the Maspeth squad seized him as the long-sought "Phantom."

The suspect had been accused of raping and terrorizing women in apartment buildings in Elmhurst, Forest Hills, Rego Park and Kew Gardens.

Jones proclaimed his innocence.

But he was called "a menace to society" by Asst. Dist. Atty. Hirscheimer of Queens, who requested a bail of $75,000.

The porter's lawyer, Mrs. Geraldine Eiber termed the bail "excessive and ridiculous."

But Judge Moritt disagreed. He said, "The charges before us are a degree less than murder."

Just six days after Jones

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EDITOR VIEWS CHRISTMAS:

'This is the night of the great event'

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

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The moon was brilliant on that crisp, cold night of Dec. 25, 1968, as a man drove unhurriedly through the suburbs of a big city.

For a fleeting moment his attention was drawn to an elderly man whose hunped shoulders attested to years of toil.

He was pushing his hockey cart along, collecting

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4 needy families share $200 gift

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BY BETTYE MOSS

Thanks to the generosity of an AFRO reader who asked to remained anonymous, four families in need of Christmas cheer received an unexpected windfall over the weekend.

The mystery man picked their names from the AFRO's Mrs. Santa list and Mrs. Santa's helper visited the homes and gave each family $50 cash.

At the first home in West Baltimore, we were greeted by the 15-year-old girl who had written Mrs. Santa that their mother died leaving nine children to be cared for by their grandmother.

She stood unbelieving as we explained our visit, but there was a smile when she looked at the check.

She whispered, "thank you, thank you".

The smaller children gathered around to watch and listen. They were wide-

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Group would symbolize King's birthday, death

Efforts to establish the Jan. 15 birthday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King and the April 4 date of his death as national holidays have been launched by the Afro-American Culture Committee, 2013 Ashland Ave.

The group would have his birthday symbolized as "the day of hope" and his assassination as "a day of mourning."

Churches, organizations and individuals are being asked by the committee to join in this drive, and urge the cooperation of city,

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