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GREENSBORO, N.C. — The Rev. John Coventry Smith, D.D., Moderator of the United Presbyterian Church, will speak Friday at 7:30 p.m. at St. James Presbyterian Church. Dr. Julius Douglas is pastor. Dr. Smith will be the guest of the Catawba Synod of North Carolina and Virginia.

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SAN ANTONIO—Airman Stephen M. Addison, son of Mrs. Gladys E. Addison, 2814 S. 62nd St., Philadelphia, has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. He has been assigned to Chanute AFB, Ill., for training in metal-working. Airman Addison is a 1968 graduate of Frank W. Ballou High School, Washington. His father, Calvin, resides at 1942 savannah Place, SE, Washington.

AGANA, Guam — Staff Sgt. Kenneth L. Council son of Mrs. Mattie C. Morris, 77 Holworth St., Boston, recently received the U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal at Andersen AFB, for meritorious service as food service specialist at Cam Ranh Bay AB, Vietnam. He is a 1961 graduate of Mayo High School, Darlington, S.C. Sgt. Council's wife, Kathryn, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Watson, 471 Eldridge St., Columbus, Ohio. His father, Edward Council Sr., resides at 1313 W. Cary St., Richmond.

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HAWKINS, Texas — Dr. J. O. Perpener, president of Jarvis Christian College, has appointed Timothy L. McGill as dean of student affairs. McGill is in his twelfth year of service to the college. In this new position he will be responsible for financial aid and student employment, health and psychological services, religious life, men's and women's affairs, student activities, and federal programs.

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WASHINGTON — Aaron Henry and Charles Evers, president and field director of the Mississippi NAACP, were in the state party delegation at the recent Democratic National Committee meeting here. Evers seconded the nomination of Sen. Fred Harris of Oklahoma, the unanimous choice for national chairman. Henry joined the committee on the state of the party in Mississippi.

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LAUREL, Del. — Chester A. Waller, a former teacher at William Jason High School in Georgetown, has been appointed to the town council here. He has recently been pursuing a doctorate in science education of Temple University.

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ATLANTA — Dr. Cornelius V. Troup, retired president of Fort Valley State College, was recently commended by the Georgia Legislature for his accomplishments in education. Following his retirement in 1966, after 21 years as head of Fort Valley, Dr. Troup conducted a talent search for Coppin State College, Baltimore, and later joined the Urban League's southern regional office here.

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LEWES, Del. — Frederick Thomas, former president of the Delaware State Teachers Association, has been appointed to the Sussex County Selective Service Board. He is principal of the Du Pont Avenue School and Chairman of the Community Action Council.

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ATLANTA — Dr. Harding B. Young, dean of the Atlanta University School of Business Administration, has been appointed to the National Advisory Council for the Small Business Administration, representing the Georgia Council.

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Capt. George Sims, a native of Dallas, Texas, has joined the ROTC instructional staff at Florida A and M University. He reported to the unit from Fort Belvoir, Va. where he attended the Engineer Advanced Course.

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MONTEREY, Calif. — Maj. James C. Taylor, U.S. A. (Retired) was recently installed as president of the Peninsula branch of the NAACP by San Francisco Municipal Court judge Joseph G. Kennedy. Taylor lives in nearby Marina.

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CHICAGO — Sumner G. Whittier, executive director of the National Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults, has been reappointed to the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped for another three-year term by Committee Chairman Harold Russell.

Caribbean isle fighting Hong Kong flu epidemic

CASTRIES, ST. LUCIA, WEST INDIES — This British colonial island, located about 24 miles South of Martinique, is suffering through a raging Hong Kong flu epidemic.

Dr. Malcolm Rigsby, one of the ten physicians on this lush tropical isle of 120,000 people, said recently that "at least 150 out of 200 patients I see during morning clinic hours alone have the Hong Kong flu."

The doctor added that it is a "blessing" that the malady has not yet hit the island's mental hospital, which he said "runs out of medicine after three or four months each year.

"We simply do the best we can," he explained.

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Commenting on general health conditions on this scenic isle of swaying banana and palm trees, Rigsby said that "about 90 per cent of the people in the country and 50 per cent of those in Castries have bilharzia — a deadly disease picked up from worms boring into the feet."

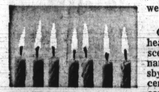
Practicing medicine on this sunswept isle may sound romantic to some but for Rigsby and his colleagues, it's a demanding, 24-hour-a-day job.

"I've totalled up eight and a half months of vacation time since I've been here for just a few years, and I have no idea when I'll be able to get away for a rest," he said.

The pace is such that the doctor, who was born in Trinidad and now has a British wife, is known for his "daredevil" driving on the isle's winding roads to get to a patient.

But Rigsby said that the island, famous for its quiet harbors, green mountains and good rare solution, has been "good to me."

You might want to know cancer's seven warning signals. So if you spot one, you'll get the message.



And the message is this—see your doctor. Fast. These are the signals to watch for: 1. Unusual bleeding or discharge. 2. A lump or thickening in the breast or elsewhere. 3. A sore that does not heal. 4. Change in bowel or bladder habits. 5. Hoarseness or cough. 6. Indigestion or difficulty in swallowing. 7. Change in the size or color of a wart or mole. If you see one of these signals for more than two weeks, remember the message: see your doctor.

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Hampton presents Fine Arts Festival

HAMPTON, Va. — Heading the list of performers taking part in Hampton Institute's annual Festival of the Fine Arts was Veronica Tyler, a recent winner of the First Tchaikowsky International Vocal Competition held in Moscow.

Miss Tyler appeared at Ogden Hall on Monday, the first day of the five-day festival which ends this Friday.

All performances for the remainder of the week will be held in the Little Theater in Armstrong Hall. No admission will be charged.

On Tuesday, Geoffrey Holder, currently staring with Rex Harrison in the movie "Doctor Doolittle" will entertain. Mr. Holder has been called a "one-man cultural center."

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"The black scene in prose, poetry and song" will be presented by Vinnie Burrows on Wednesday, Feb. 5, in her program entitled "Walk Together Children."

A critic reviewing Miss Burrows show recently said that her program "runs from the delicate wit and beauty of Langton Hughes to the indelicate pain of Leroi Jones."

On the following night Hi's own Roland Carter, director of the school chorus, will entertain at the piano accompanied by bass-baritone singer Naymond Thomas, also on the faculty.

Rounding out the week's activities will be Margaret Goss Burroughs, the multi-talented illustrator of children's books who is currently the director of the Museum of African-American History in Chicago.

Miss Burroughs has traveled widely and brings an engaging style to the lecture podium.

TORNADO VICTIMS—Still shaken by the experience of being in a house that was picked up by a tornado and dropped in a nearby pond, this young victim, left photo, is comforted by Central Mississippi Red Cross chapter volunteer Cortia Thacker in Red Cross shelter, Hazlehurst, Miss. Red Cross disaster workers were on the scene in Hazlehurst shortly after the twister struck this and other Mississippi communities, Jan. 23. Left photo shows Bobbie Gilmore, one of a Hazlehurst family of 15, who was also dropped in pond, with Mrs. Edith Robinson, Red Cross disaster worker. Mrs. Robinson talks with Bobbie while her minor injuries are checked at one of five Red Cross shelters set up for tornado victims.

Rockefeller aide thinks Powell should quit seat

NEW YORK — The Rev. Wyatt T. Walker, pastor of the New Canaan Baptist Church, thinks the time is ripe for a Republican to unseat Adam Clayton Powell.

In a radio talk recently Walker, advisor to Governor Rockefeller on Urban Affairs, said Harlemites are ready for a change.

"Powell has done as much as he could for the community," he said. The Rev. Mr. Walker is not adverse to making the run when Powell's present term expires.

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Adam Powell's opposition in the decadent Republican Party is building up slowly but surely observers believe.

Long derided in Harlem because of its sorry showing in elections, the Republican Party leaders have smouldered and seethed over the failure of their candidates to lure Harlemites and Brooklynites from the clut hes of the former Tammany folk.

Rev. Walker thinks that with a Republican President, a Republican Governor and a Republican Mayor, the time is ripe for a Republican representative.

Harlemites submit $140 million plan

NEW YORK — (NPI) — A $140-million urban renewal proposal has been presented to city officials by a group of West Harlem residents. The residents want six rundown blocks developed with a new hospital, housing, a nursing home and community centers.

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Their proposal was endorsed by Jason R. Nathan, administrator of housing and development, on the condition that the local community contribute about $6-million for land write-downs. Residents believe they can raise the money from private foundations.

Leader of 'New Africa' wants 5 states

By JUSTIN BAVARSKIS

DETROIT (UPI) — Brother Gaidi raised the right lapel of his turtle-green sports coat, and looked down at the black nationalist emblem there. Alternately peering down at it and looking up, he explained the meaning of its black, red and green colors.

"The green's for land — for grass, trees, crops. The black's for the dignity of the black man, and to get land," he said. "You know, you have to go through blood. There can be no land, no nation, without bloodshed."

Gaidi, known to most as a successful attorney, Milton Henry, of Pontiac, Mich., is first vice president of the Republic of New Africa (RNA). The paper nation was formed at Detroit's Shrine of the Black Madonna almost 10 months ago. It seeks to take over five Southern states and to build out of them a separate, independent black nation.

The RNA also originally demanded $200 billion in reparations from the Federal Government. It has now doubled that demand.

Several months ago, Gaidi's brother, Imari (Richard), formally handed the black nation's demands to an assistant of Secretary of State Dean Rusk in Washington. No one seems to know what happened to the demands.

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Gaidi is a broad-shouldered, bespectacled man with an Afro haircut. He says the RNA will try to get Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, South Carolina and Alabama through negotiations. If that fails?

"There can be no nation without bloodshed."

Gaidi recognizes most whites and many blacks think his scheme a futile dream. But to him, "separation is essential."

To an extent, "I am a racist," he says. "I recognize the racial implications of the struggle for human dignity, the struggle for human decency in the world. If I could change this country so it no longer exploits the rest of the world, so color would not be a badge of privilege, then I might be interested in trying integration."

Forty years ago, Marcus Garvey collected millions of dollars while organizing a mass migration back to Africa that never materialized.

The brothers Gaidi and Imari apparently have not said that what's been collected has been spent on land in Mississippi and travel and organizing expenses.

The five states were chosen because the Gulf of Mexico provides water, fish and recreation, offers seaways to Cuba and Africa, and "our people like the climate."

Gaidi says the choice was a concession to the United States. "It's the cheapest area for them to give up."

Already, Gaidi says RNA consulates have been set up all the major cities and black universities to recruit citizens — and soldiers.

When the time for the takeover comes, Gaidi says it will be patterned after the founding of Israel. First, he says, "we buy land. Second, we bring the people in. Third, apply world-wide pressure on the grounds we're a noncaptive people subject to international law. We want the United Nations to decide whether we're being improperly treated as a trustee nation."

Even before the southward migration begins, Gaidi plans to send the black legion, the republic's army, into the five states. He himself owns two semi-automatic rifles, and he and other black nationalists practice regularly at a shooting range. "That's for self-defense," he explains.

The black legion, composed of young men, would lay the groundwork for the nation. They also would make sure black people vote as they will at the polls. "So far, white sheriffs have been able to intimidate the people," Gaidi said. "But with black people voting how they want, we'll get black sheriffs, black county clerks, black congressmen and senators. They'll show that political power belongs to this Gaidi said, would eventually prove that the black people in those states want to form their own nation. "We hope the Federal Government doesn't step in," he said. "Why should they run troops in on us if we have a pure election? Once we can show we represent the majority of the people, then the United States is hard put to it to say why not."

The black nation, says Gaidi, would be governed under a form of African socialism known as Ujaama. This is concern for the whole rather than the individual.

"We're being destroyed by the hard, materialistic, individual-oriented white society," he said. "With a black philosophy, the hangups of the Western world will no longer exist. It's our opportunity to make a society second to none."

Economically, Gaidi admits the nation would not be self-sufficient. But as part of the reparations, he would expect the Federal Government to pay the white-owned businesses whatever their property is worth when they move out. He also would open trade routes with other nations, specifically Africa.

The RNA would institute diplomatic relations with all nations, including Red China, Cuba and the United States. "We would hope they (America) would try to be friendly with us. But if the U.S. tries to extend the Marshall Plan, they'll force us into the other camp. We're not interested in them dominating our lives. If they want another Vietnam, it seems to me they're silly."

The press would be government controlled. "We have to have a press that helps the government," Gaidi says. "Yes, it's brainwashing. But, that's what they (the American press) do."

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What happens to the white people now living in those states?

"They can stay if they want to. But it would be a good idea for them to leave," Gaidi replied, smiling. Later, "If they're interested in truth and the republic, if they can teach people, help develop the nation, they can come in and live with us."

The president of the nation is exiled Robert F. Williams, who escaped from South Carolina to Red China to avoid prosecution on a kidnaping charge. He and his 10 cabinet ministers would make the decisions on how to run the country.

Gaidi claims his movement has one million members, who have pledged their allegiance to RNA, declared they have never been American citizens, and pay taxes to RNA (he himself faces trial on charges of income tax evasion. "How did they ever get to that point, wanting me to pay taxes?" he asks. "I've never been a citizen)."

There is no reliable estimate of RNA's actual membership, though a partial test will come Feb. 21 in the Ocean Hill-Brownsville district of New York, where RNA says it will conduct a session plebiscite among the black people.

Gaidi's hand was on the door knob when he turned around. "Tell it like it is," he said. "We want to separate. We want to live our own lives. It's best for us. It's best for you."

ill. senators set for busy session

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — The four colored senators from Chicago's Southside now serving in the Illinois State Legislature have been named to a record number of assignments in the current session, it was reported last week.

The senators, all Democrats — Fred J. Smith (22nd Dist.), Richard H. Newhouse (24th), Cecil A. Partee (26th) and Charles Chew Jr. (29th) — have been given 24 assignments on 19 standing committees.

In addition, five of the assignments are to key minority leader posts.

As a group, the senators say they will primarily serve as "watchdogs" over racial legislation, which includes a careful scrutiny of all bills that may contain "sleeper" clauses pertaining to racial issues, the black people."

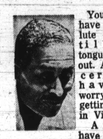
REPORT FROM EUROPE

How to avoid Uncle Sam's army in one easy lesson--and it's legal

By OLLIE STEWART

PARIS — Hey fellows, I mean you young men nearing the age of 18, without any burning urge to get drafted!

If you'll drop that pot or stop breaking up a school building for a few minutes, I'll tell you how to keep out of Uncle Sam's army and it will be as legal as going to church.



You'll have to salute or hike tillyour tongue hangs out. And you certainly have to worry about getting shot in Vietnam.

Allyou have to do is be outside the United States when you reach 18. That's all. And the day you're 18 you walk into a consulate or U.S. Embassy and register. But you'll never be called. The law says so.

But be warned: don't return to the U.S. Not until you're 26. And don't forget that the U.S. includes Puerto Rico, Canal Zone and the Virgin Islands.

You may not know it, but there are thousands of young guys out of the country who've registered and are living it up and have no intention of setting foot on home soil for a long time.

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When you register overseas you're assigned to draft board hasn't pulled in a living soul yet. It simply sends you a notice saying:

"In order to avoid unnecessary correspondence regarding when you may expect to be called to service, we wish to advise that under present regulations you will not be subject to induction unless you enter the USA or any of its territories ..."

But if you register in the USA and then go abroad, you've had it. They'll get you, no matter where.

If I had to make a bet, I'd bet that all the kids who are missing the draft by staying in France, Germany or Canada, are white kids. I just have that feeling. And you know why?

Most of the brothers who are doctors and big-shots with plenty of money wouldn't spend the dough to save their kid from Vietnam. They'd rather buy a bigger car, more liquor or two more TV sets.

The scuffling brothers simply don't have the cash. Which means once again that the draft laws are discriminatory. If you're smart and rich enough, your boy isn't about to be a soldier.

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And there's that other thing. How many brothers do you know who work overseas, who've got guts enough to get up and leave Jim Crow land behind and let their children grow up in a fairly decent climate I can count the ones I know on one hand.

This reminds me again of the true brain-washing: 'If you're black, get back" — but this is till the best place for you.

It's amazing how many intelligent people eat it up. Truth of the matter is, when you don't know any better you let somebody else tell you what to do.

The far-thinking parents who've put their teen-agers in school in Switzerland and other countries have been proud of themselves later on; but it's a sad commentary on the brothers that it happens so seldom.

The people who've cut out from Georgia or Chicago and gone into business in FFrance, Germany or other countries are also proud of themselves; and I keep wondering why I don't run into more of them.

Missing the draft by being outside with your boy is a small thing, but it's just one more benefit to be had from raising your head and looking around to see what the world is doing.

Educator says colleges not relevant to students

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Some of the unrest on college and university campuses is due to the fact that these institutions are failing their students in vital concerns, said a Michigan State University educator visiting in Greensboro last week.

Dr. W. Harold Grant, director of an NDEA Institute for Student Personnel Workers, made the remarks following a conference of the institute at A and T State University.

"The college is supposed to be an environment most conducive to human behavioral growth," said Dr. Grant, "but many times it is not."

Citing evidence of the failure of communication on campus, Dr. Grant said that the rate of suicides for college students is twice that for non-college youths of the same age. He added that only one in four persons who begins college graduates in four years.

"We find little evidence," he said, "that attending college has any positive impact on the life of a student. The college, in many cases, is not doing what it says, and therefore the students are demanding changes.

The three-day meeting at A and T was concluded with a meeting of the college personnel administrators, representing nine colleges and universities in the Southeast.

Obote blasts dual passport standard

LONDON — (NPI) — President A. Milton Obote of Uganda has hit the British government with a charge that passports issued to colored Commonwealth citizens have been devalued.

At a press conference in Marlborough House, Dr. Obote charged that British citizens receive two types of passports; one, for the white citizen who may be anywhere in the world and is permitted to enter Britain anytime and another for colored British citizens, restricting their entry into various countries of the Commonwealth, and limiting the number that may enter at any given time.

Haitian artists in museum show

NEW YORK — A vigorous Western culture of African origin is the focus of the exhibition which opens at the Studio Museum in Harlem on Feb. 14. "Afro-Haitian Images and Sounds Today" will remain on view until March 30.

Contemporary paintings and sculptures by approximately 30 of Haiti's self-taught black artists will be featured along with tapes of the country's music and language, slides showing the land and the people, and reconstructions of two different Voodoo altars, including extensive collections of objects, banners and designs associated with them.

"Harlem, like Haiti, is full of self-taught artists," says Theodore Gunn, a museum trustee of the Studio Museum and a self-taught artist himself. "We hope this exhibition will encourage others to try their hands at art as well."

Three teachers receive awards

LOS ANGELES — (NPI) — Lloyds of London has received an application asking a $2.5 million insurance policy on the potential earning power of Wilt Chamberlain as an actor and singer. Wilt, at 32, plans to sing, act, write and produce television commercials, and it is estimated that his entertainment venture will gross him $25 million in 10 years.

Reunion at FAMU

Reunion at FAMU — 14 pt

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The annual Founders' Observance at Florida A and M University will be held March 7-9. All alumni and friends are invited back to the "hill" for a reunion.

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Newly filed bills that bear watching

AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — With the Feb. 25 deadline fast approaching for introduction of bills at this session of the General Assembly, over 400 have been placed before the Senate and over 600 in the House of Delegates.

This Assembly session ends on March 25.

Maryland law states that no bill shall originate in either chamber during the last 28 calendar days of a regular session, unless two-thirds of the members vote approval.

Late bills have come in under such procedures in past sessions, but have been invariably doomed by shortness of time either in committee or movement from one chamber to the other.

Card Index files in the Department of Legislative Reference Annex, ground floor, State House, list all bills introduced to date by number in both the Senate and House, including what action, if any is taken on them.

The files are open for public scrutiny, and aides are present to help those uncertain.

Here are some recently introduced bills of special interest.

SB 300, by Sen. Verda F. Welcome (D. 4th Balto.) — A measure to make punishable by up to $1,000 fine and/or up to one year imprisonment publishment or public defamatory material against any race, person or religious group.

SB 301, by Senators Welcome, Clarence M. Mitchell 3rd (D. 4th Balto.), Julian L. Lapides (D. 2nd Balto.) — A bill to reduce from six to three years, and with no more than two consecutive terms, membership on Maryland's Human Relations Commission.

SB 302, by Sen. Joseph A. Bertorelli (D. 1st Balto.) — To set stiff penalties for persons who enter establishments and remove goods during periods of civil disorders.

SB 304, by Sen. Bertorelli — To provide authority for the imposition of a local income tax by Baltimore City or any county.

SB 318, by Sen. Royal Hart (D. Prince George's) — A measure to authorize state payment of tuition fees for students at community colleges, who obligate themselves to teach in the public schools for at least two years.

HB 467, by Del. Werner H. Fornos (D. Anne Arundel) — To change from six to two months time requirement for change of party affiliation prior to an election.

HB 470, by Del. C. A. Porter Hopkins (R. Baltimore) — A measure to allow a 50 percent income tax reduction for tuition paid to parochial, private schools and colleges.

HB 509, by Del. Rosalie S. Abrams (D. 5th Balto.) — To require election boards to check the validity of voter registration lists at least once every two years.

HB 510, by Del. D. Abrams — To authorize supplemental voter registration in each legislative district for one week during the 30-day period prior to closing of the books for an election.

HB 533, by Del. Thomas J. S. Waxter Jr. (D. 5th Balto.) and others — To require that employers with 25 or more employees to allow such employees to run for public office.

HB 522, by Del. William O. Jensen Jr. (D. Baltimore) and two others — To authorize possible life imprisonment for persistent felony offenders, with two or more previous convictions.

HB 516, by Dels. Troy Brown (D. 4th Balto.), Edward J. Clarke (R. Montgomery) — To hike the state's minimum wage law to $1.65 an hour by Feb. 1, 1970, and to $1.80 an hour by Feb. 1, 1971.

SB 340, by Carl L. Friedler (D., 5th. Balto.) — A bill to lower the minimum age for voting in Maryland elections to 19.

HB 460, by Del. Brailey — This bill would include all trade and business establishments under provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Law as it applies to employees injured on the job.

SB 49, by Sen. James A. Pine (D., Baltimore) This measure would return primary elections to the third Tuesday in May.

HR 30, by Del. Lena K. Lee (D., 4th. Balto.) — This resolution requests the police commissioner of Baltimore to direct police officers to file reports in lieu of issuing summonses when investigating vehicle accidents.

Mandel saves 1, but firm on death law

AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — In announcing Wednesday that he had commuted to life imprisonment the death sentence of E. Dunn Jr., a former Bainbridge sailor convicted in 1960 of fatally beating his wife, Gov. Marvin Mandel said he would propose no repeal of Maryland's death penalty law.

The commutation actually came Friday, when the governor wrote the Board of Parole and Probation that conflicting testimony at time of Dunn's trial raised the strong possibility that he was psychotic when the crime occurred.

The governor has said earlier he would review each of the cases of the remaining 15 men now on death row in the penitentiary prior to making a decision on their court ordered execution.

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He emphasized that he believes the death penalty law should be retained, and consistently voted against its removal while a member of the House of Delegates.

Bills to abolish the death penalty from Maryland's criminal laws are before this session of the General Assembly, and the Mandel stand means they will get no push from him as chief executive.

Gov. Mandel was asked whether the commutation of Dunn's sentence meant that it will be the forerunner of more such haltings of gas chamber convictions by him.

His answer: "No, but there will be more murders."

Mandel sets study of dope flow in jails

AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — Gov. Marvin Mandel said Thursday he had ordered an investigation of the flow of narcotics in the state's correctional institutions, but would not elaborate further.

The governor also said he has under study the feasibility of state aid to private and parochial schools, and declined further comment.

The statements came at the Mandel press conference which is beginning to follow a policy best described by this account from an aide: "I've known the guy for 20 years, and I've never heard him say 'yes' or 'no' to anything."

Fisher is new roads chairman

AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — The possibility that the highways building program in Maryland may be accelerated, especially Baltimore's east-west expressway, came Wednesday with the appointment of David H. Fisher as the new chairman of the State Roads Commission.

Gov. Marvin Mandel announced that he replaces the veteran Jerome B. Wolff, whose administration repeatedly has been under attack by civic leaders who charged a lack of initiative in the state's roads building program.

The 55-year-old Mr. Fisher has been chief engineer and deputy director with the commission since 1960. However, final decisions have rested with Mr. Wolff.

(MD. LEGISLATURE)

Malkus has last say on birthday bill

AFRO BUREAU

ANNAPOLIS — The General Assembly's veteran Sen. Frederick C. Malkus Jr. (D. lower Eastern Shore) long has been known as a fighter and resourceful lawmaker, even in face of eminent defeat.

The senator has demonstrated this time and time again in recent years, in his unbending stand against civil rights legislation passed by the Senate.

Sen. Malkus rose with his particular brand of resourcefulness again this week — but not against civil rights legislation.

He had just lost a floor fight to have Washington's birthday removed from a bill which would change that and three others, including Memorial Day, Columbus Day and Veterans' Day, to observances on Mondays in their respective months.

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The proposed changes are in line with a measure passed by Congress to affect all federal employees, giving them these extra long holiday weekends beginning in 1971.

Sen. Malkus argued long but unsuccessfully on the point of moving Washington's birthday from the traditionally observance on Feb. 22. He charged Washington was being discriminated against, in that nobody said anything about Abe Lincoln.

The Malkus arguments were in vain against the S.B. 90, sponsored by Senators Royal Hart (D. Prince George's) and Joseph A. Bertorelli (D. 1st Balto.).

Sen. Malkus has the last say, though.

He enlisted the co-sponsorship of Sen. Roy N. Staten (D. 1st Baltimore) and brought in SB 315 Monday night, which would, if passed, change the observance of the birthdays of Senators Hart and Bertorelli to Mondays in their respective months.

SENATORS WELCOME MITCHELL

New rent bill would restrict evictions

AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — A bill to strengthen Baltimore's Rent Escrow Law is to be introduced in the Senate today (Friday) by Senators Verda F. Welcome and Clarence M. Mitchell III (both D., 4).

The bill would make it unlawful for a landlord to evict a tenant who had valid reasons for making a complaint to the courts about necessary property repairs.

Among other things, provisions of the bill would prohibit a landlord from evicting a complaining tenant for a period of one year.

Senator Mitchell referred Wednesday to a court case in Baltimore where a complaining tenant had not been evicted, but ordered to pay back rental.

"This points up, more than ever," Senator Mitchell told the AFRO, "the necessity for legislation to prevent retaliatory eviction."

"It shows that the balance of justice is presently weighed overwhelmingly in favor of the landlords."

Way seen clear for 'green bag'

AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — The House of Delegates is set to give final approval today (Friday) to the SB 137, which authorizes Gov. Marvin Mandel to make hundreds of new Democratic appointments in his traditional green bag.

Republicans in the House used delaying tactics Wednesday and Thursday, but were vastly outnumbered.

Gov. Mandel is scheduled to send his green bag appointments to the General Assembly next week.

Professional boxing slated in Washington D.C.

WASHINGTON

Promoter James "Monk" Reynolds, along with matchmakers Chris Cline have signed "Sweet" Herbie Lee Dolloson for the main event for their boxing show at 807 North Saint Asaph St., Alexandria, Va.

Monday, February 10th's matches will feature in their semi-windup, Johnsy Gant of Washington, D.C. with Billy Elliott of Philadelphia, Penn. Other local boxers appearing will be Wild Bill Hardney, a light-heavyweight with a 7-4-1 record, Phil Smith of Falls Church, Va., a heavyweight (6-1, and Ronald Miller from Southeast Washington, with a (5-0) record.

Teddy Cooper from Piney Point, Md., fighting for the Seafarers International Union at 147 pounds has a 1-2 "credit card." All of these boxers' opponents will be named around fight time.

"Sweet" Herbie Lee has a record of 37 wins, 7 losses, and is on his comeback. Last defeating Doug Charles of New York, was his opponent Freddie Cobb, who has appeared several times in Madison Square Garden with a record of 12-1-1. Johnny Gant is 5-1-1.

Schools to seek community hand in budget this month

Late (this month or early in March, parents, students, and teachers will be invited to help make up the school budget for 1970-71, school superintendent Dr. Thomas Sheldon told the AFRO yesterday, (Thursday).

Hearings for the budget for the next school year, which begins in June, 1969 were held recently by members of the school board. The budget goes into effect June, 1970 and is not due to the superintendent's office until September.

The meetings involving community and school officials will begin earlier this year than last year to allow more time for community participation, Dr Sheldon said.

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The plan for parent participation was tried last year but "it wasn't too successful," he recalled "There really wasn't enough time and perhaps some people thought we didn't mean what we said."

Parents, teachers, and students will be asked to "get together in the schools" with the principal over a period of several months. "This won't happen in any one meeting," he predicted.

The community participation in the budget is part of a school system plan "to get our local school people to work with the local principal."

This way advisory councils for community schools may naturally develop, he observed.

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Wednesday afternoon Dr. Sheldon and Francis D. Murnaghan Jr., president of the school board, spoke on community control at a meeting of the American Jewish Committee on "Trends in School Decentralization."

Murnaghan is quoted as saying he would go along with "control first" but the "repository of ultimate control" should remain "at the top."

Dr. Sheldon told the group that community control is "not a panacea," adding that "solving of the problem is not a product of the organization but of what is within it."

He foresees more community controlled districts with the reservation that "what you do within the control is the important thing.

"There must be a high degree of co-operation at the local level and a high degree of interest on the parent level."

NAACP winning battle for principal's removal

INDIANOLA, Miss. — The Sunflower County School Board has agreed to consider the replacement of two school principals here whom the local branch of the NAACP said were educationally and mentally unqualified, it was announced recently.

The replacement of the men was one of ten demands made by the NAACP last September to the school board.

The school board said that it will review the principal's assignments at its next meeting on Feb. 11.

Four months ago, the NAACP asked the board to take "immediate steps to secure accreditation" of each school in the Indianola school system.

But the branch also claimed that accreditation was practically impossible because the principals in question had so little education themselves.

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The NAACP also demanded establishing an effective parents and teachers association, free school lunches for the poor, lunch room facilities in which children could eat from home, a total integration, the county superintendent of education, Herbert Hargart, argued in Federal court that under any new plan for more rapid integration "whites would leave the school system."

Carver A. Randle, NAACP branch president, said that some whites may have left the schools because they were not getting quality education.

He insisted that providing quality education in all schools, not retarding integration, would restrain white and colored parents who could afford it from enrolling their children in private schools.

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