MRS. IDA MURPHY SMITH, AFRO sales representative, (left) was consultant for the "Prom and Deb Fashion Show" staged at opening of Women's Week at Morgan State College, Monday. Mrs. Smith is modeling the African Bush wig, the door prize given by Mister Baker Beauty Shop of Mondawmin, and won by Miss Valerie Briscoe. At right, Mrs. Ann Lacewell of Fuller Cosmetics demonstrated make-up for the college girl. Model is Miss Marilyn Meredith.

Morgan seeks to strengthen ties with local businesses

Some 23 representatives from key companies and agencies in Baltimore met with administrators and faculty members of Morgan State College recently to plan to pool their talents and resources under the plans for Progress Cluster Program.

The cluster concept of Plans for Progress is being used by colleges throughout the country to establish programs to initiate, develop and expand a cooperative relationship between the businesses and colleges.

At the meeting, faculty chairmen of departments presented preliminary plans for the development of Morgan. Included in the proposals were direct grants for specific purposes, unlimited grants, a computer center, financial aid for students, placement including work-study programs, support to develop Morgan as an Urban University and support of higher education generally in the state.

President Martin D. Jenkins of Morgan State College, said that the cooperative relationship would be of mutual benefit to the college and to the local business community.

The college plans, President Jenkins stated, to be an effective center in the Baltimore area for providing services to the business community on a racially integrated basis.

With the cluster concept business and industry will be involved with the college in such areas as curriculum, research, facilities, college objectives, career planning and placement, academic counseling, quality and quantity instructors.

Also involved are administration and organization, work-study, internships, coops, exchange programs for students and faculty.

The business community would be provided with increased and improved manpower resources. Coordinators are Stewart Brooks, Assistant to President; and Willie Howard, Director of Special Projects, both of Morgan.

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Bill collector arrested, convicted, on probation

An over zealous bill collector was found guilty this week of "tormenting" a west Baltimore housewife.

Northwestern Central Court Judge Avrum Rifmn sentenced Harvey Pollack, a bill collector for a credit agency, to a year on probation when Pollack was found guilty of making repeated phone calls to Mrs. Minnie Montague to "annoy, abuse, torment, harass and embarrass" her.

Mrs. Montague, who lives in the 5000 block of Queensbury Ave., said Pollack tied up her phone with calls, and at one time the telephone line was busy with Pollack's calls for two hours.

Mrs. Montague's daughter, Mrs. Reginia Valentine, said, "my mother had to take the phone off the hook," to keep Pollack from calling.

Mrs. Valentine said her mother was further incensed because she thought the calls from the bill collector might have made her miss a call from a local television show that gives money to viewers it contacts over the phone.

Mrs. Valentine, of the 4100 block of Callaway Ave., told the AFRO that the collector was actually calling her and not her mother.

Mrs. Montague finally notified the telephone company about Pollack's calls and swore out a warrant for his arrest.

A complaint against Pollack has been filed with the Consumer Protection Division of the Maryland Attorney General's office.

—Rent bill

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and his City Solicitor's Office should have prepared his suggested amendments, but have not done so.

Sen. Mitchell further charged that the mayor had yet to deliver two promised votes for the measure from the city's First District, which would all but assure its passage.

Gov. Marvin Mandel told the AFRO Thursday that he thought the bill would be passed, but no in its present form, indicating a weaker measure.

Death bill is killed

AFRO BUREAU

ANNAPOLIS — The movement to abolish the death penalty is dead for this session of the General Assembly.

The House of Delegates on Wednesday killed a measure in this respect. Earlier in the week the Senate also killed a death penalty abolishment bill.

—Songbird

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state's witness is Leroy Koonce, 34, 1900 block E. Madison St.

Koonce admitted Tuesday under questioning by Defense Attorney Milton B. Allen, that he promised to "sing" for the state to possibly get some charges dropped and hopes of reduction of a 10-year bank robbery sentence already imposed. He is in jail "somewhere" except when testifying in court.

"Tall Tommy" was captured in a dramatic snatch by the FBI a few weeks ago in Washington after he had reached the FBI's en Most Wanted List.

He and "Chicago Al" and others under indictment are all dapper, handsome young men, "swell dressers" and described as romantically inclined.

"Tall Tommy" has been mentioned frequently as Cofield, Koonce and others have testified this week.

Also in testimony and exhibits before the court are photos of the men and girls "living it up" on the beach in Atlantic City this past summer "on the bank's money," according to testimony.

Lucas (Tall Tommy) is alleged by police to have been host last summer at an East Baltimore "bank robbers party" which is claimed to have cost cohosts "$1,000 a plate." The guest list was limited to "successful bank robbers only."

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Highlighting Cofield's testimony Tuesday was his statemnt that he had at one time a $200 to $300 a day dope addiction.

He told the court he has successfuly "kicked" the habit, however.

The state denies any money for dope is being supplied Cofield.

Cofield and his family have been moved from his East Baltimore home to one hotel, then to another and to the present rented house at a cost of $750 thus far for moving vans.

At an average of $250 moves, defense attorney assume he is living "auite a distance" from Baltimore.

Among other outstanding items on the State's Attorney's expense account for key witness Cofield (as entered into the record by Mr. Allen, (attorney for Chicago Al) are the following:

SPENDING MONEY for 204 days $1,060.64.

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TELEPHONE total so far for unexplained and possibly long distance calls $682.56.

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GAS total so far $138.39
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$18.70
$29.90
$28.10
$35.12

ELECTRICITY total so far.
$51.55
$20.32
$13.96
$17.27

TELEPHONE total so far
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$108.67
$102.13
$235.96
$114.92
$120.83

HOTEL No. 1 13 days at $51.84 a day total of $933.22
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HOTEL No. 2 23 days at $64.54 a day, a total of $1,484.63
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—HEW ruling

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quirements of the Federal government."

Morgan's graduate school program is 40 per cent white, the undergraduate, about 3 per cent.

Neither Dr. Jenkins nor Dr. Hawkins had received any correspondence from HEW yesterday, Thursday. But Dr. Parlette Moore, president of Coppin State, told the AFRO the Coppin Board of Trustees had received a letter from HEW and sent him a copy.

"I think the letter requires study and discussion with the HEW people and a complete understanding of their intent."

He added that HEW has agreed to send a representative to Coppin to discuss ways to achieve more integration.

"I do not feel we are discriminating in any way whatever but our non-disresulted in much racial balance."

He called the racial make-up of state schools "traditional."

To attract white students Coppin has "attempted to offer majors and programs in areas considered unique, things that are not done at other colleges," said Dr. Moore.

One such program is special education, what Dr. Moore calls, "the only fully developed program in the state."

The white enrollment at Coppin is 31 per cent in the graduate school and under five per cent in the undergraduate, a figure similar to Morgan's.

Coppin has 657 undergraduates in the day program and 225 in evening school. There are 230 graduate students.

Dr. Moore referred to West Virginia State and Lincoln University in Missouri as examples of schools that have changed their "racial make-up."

West Virginia State was once predominately Black, now it's nearly 70 per cent white. Dr. Moore speculated that the change came when W. Va. "expanded" its course offerings.

The president of the largest school in the state, the University of Maryland, was not prepared to comment on the desegregation-integration ruling Thursday.

A statement released earlier this week by the U. of Md. said "The university and its president, Dr. Wilson H. Elkins, have been asked by radio and T V and the press since late yesterday, March 10 to respond publicly to a letter which has not been received as far as the university can determine has not been sent to President Elkins."

The school spokesman said the 99 per cent white university would make a public statement whenever the letter is received.

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—OIC at standstill

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Board Chairman, Rev. Sidney Daniels fired Executive Director William Holt.

Immediately members of the OIC staff called for Rev. Daniels' resignation on the grounds "that he was standing in the way of OIC progress" and that Mr. Holt should be re-instated.

Several weeks and many confrontations between OIC's executives and staff members brought an ultimatum from the Central Headquarters of OIC in Philadelphia which demanded a complete overhaul of the board.

OIC complied and the nine-member board was expanded to include 14 other members representative of the poor, the business community, and the clergy.

But during this period funds were shut off which prompted resignations of employees and it followed that without teachers there would no students.

Harvey Nelson, a local attorney, was appointed to head up the fund raising efforts of OIC. He says, "I don't really know all the facts about the current status of OIC as I have just taken the job.

"But as I understand the fund-raising project is so that we can get enough money to bring OIC up to the standard it had reached prior to all the turmoil."

OIC has not enough money to operate. "And that," Mr. Royster, claims, "is what it's all about."

The AFRO asked Mr. Royster about the $1.5 million which inside sources claimed was ear-marked for OIC before the change over came.

"As far as I know," he answered, "once the issue of bringing the membership of the Board into line with the National Office's poucy was settled the funds were supposed to be released."

Mr. Royster would not speculate on whether the delay in the release of the funds meant that the National Office was not satisfied with the result of the change in the Board of Directors.

Until such funds are found, either through the OIC fund raising project or "other sources" Mr. Royster is certain, "OIC will just be in Limbo doing what it can do for as long as it can do it."

MANDEL'S NO. 1— Arthur G. Murphy Sr., shown here with Gov. Marvin Mandel, assumed his new duties this week as senior Community Relations staff executive and the governor's advisor on the Administration of Justice program. In the latter category, Mr. Murphy, former deputy U.S. attorney, becomes the first of his race to represent a governor's office in the law enforcement field in this country. A native Baltimorean, he is a Morgan College and University of Maryland Law School graduate.

—Ray trial cover-up

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is trying to camouflage the King assassination."

Cashes said he feels Ray's alleged co-conspirators will have to kill him now, and Solomon Seay, a Montgomery, Ala. attorney, said; "I give him three months—then he'll die of cancer."

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Both Mrs. King and Abernathy said they would have opposed a death sentence for Ray.

"The death penalty for the man who pleaded guilty to the crime would be contrary to the deeply held moral and religious convictions of my husband," said Mrs. King.

"Retribution and vengeance have no place in our beliefs."

In New York, Roy Wilkins, executive director of the NAACP, said Monday James Earl Ray's confession means only that the "trigger man" in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has been convicted.

"In more than a rhetorical sense, the nation which permitted virulent opposition to the aspirations of Dr. King and his people is the real culprit," Wilkins said.

"I feel the prosecuting attorney had an ironclad case against Ray and if it had gone to trial he certainly would have been found guilty," said Memphis juror Joe Stovall Jr.

In Nashville, William G. Allen, lodged two cells away from Ray, said he was unconcerned by his new neighbor. "As far as I am concerned, society is what killed King," said the black power advocate convicted 14 months ago of killing a policeman.

The New York Times, one of the many newspapers which have criticized the handling of the case, said editorially:

"The aborted trial is a shocking breach of faith with the American people, black and white, and of people the world over still numbed and puzzled by the gunfire that struck down this international leader."

David Brinkley said on an NBC radio program that while the Warren Report did "try to make all the facts public, there was no attempt to do that" with Ray.

"Some black people, particularly those who most admired King, may believe they have been told only part of the story. And they will be right."

In Chicago — The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, director of the SCLC "Operation Breadbasket," said Wednesday that American injustice "received the kiss of legitimate recongition" with the quick life sentence imposed on James Earl Ray for the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King.

"We were told justice was done by giving a puny, sick white man a 99-year sentence in exchange for the assassination of our black prophet," Jackson said in a statement.

"But far from justice, the American judicial system would not allow even an insensitive and unconcerned inquiry into the murder of a world leader.

Arthur Hanes, former mayor of Birmingham, Ala., and Ray's first attorney, said Ray had told him he had a "contact" in planning the assassination.

In a CBS radio interview in New York, Hanes said "there's no question in my mind" that there was a conspiracy.

"I stated shortly after the first two or three interviews with this man that ... there was a plot involved," Hanes said. "That position has been hardened in the ensuing months."

In Washington, Chairman James O. Eastland, D., Miss., of the Senate Internal Security sub-committee, voiced his continuing doubts "that this killing was the work of one man" and said he was assembling "all available facts" on the matter.

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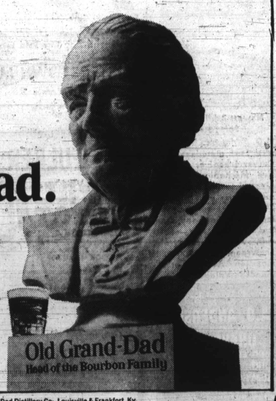

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