YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

Young carrier wins jet holiday overseas

Starting today is a new AFRO feature, "Youth Spotlight," which will explore the ways today's teenagers—tomorrow's leaders—are contributing in a significant way to their society. The series will feature the many youngsters whose enthusiastic efforts are too often overshadowed by the troublesome exploits of only a handful of teens.

A 13-year-old Baltimore newspaper carrier was awarded a trip to Tunis and Italy this week.

In competition sponsored by Parade Magazine, Randolph (Randy) Jordan was chosen for outstanding newspaper route management, scholarship and good citizenship.

During the Easter vacation, Randy will join other boys from cities across the nation and fly by jet overseas for a round of sightseeing, diplomatic receptions and royal entertainment.

Departure will be April 4 with the first scheduled stop at Tunis Airport.

For three days the group will visit important cities of the north African country, then jet to Rome.

School, where he is a class officer, a member of the Student Council and plays saxophone in the School Band.

He is a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.

During his free time, he can often be found assembling model cars, playing basketball, watching television with his sister Sharon, and brother, Georgy, a senior and track star at Douglass High.

Here they will visit the pope, museums, theaters, royal villas, churches and government buildings.

The young men will be feted at banquets and testimonials before returning home on April 15.

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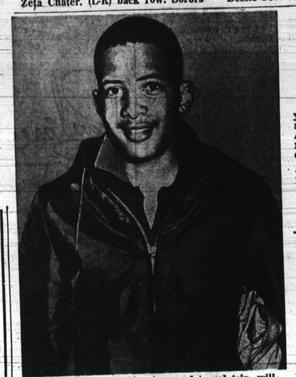
Randolph is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph A. Jordan. His mother, Mrs. Bertha Jordan is an AFRO employee.

He is an eighth grader at Garrison Junior High

U.S. veterans in civil life reached 26,712,000 in January 1969, according to the Veterans Administration.

THE ZETA CHAPTER OF Theta Nu Sigma National Sorority got together on Sunday morning for their Annual Breakfast at the Master Beauticians Center. Speaker for the occasion was Councilwoman, Mrs. Victorine Adams. The Breakfast is usually a kick-off affair for the yearly activites of the Zeta Chater. (L-R) back row: Sorors Lillie M. Spears, Everett L. Butts, Ann Blair, Florence White, Hattie Powell, Marion Wade, Olivia Gary, Rosetta Tilghman, Mary F. Nicholson, Mattie B. Hawkins. (L-R) seated: Sorors: Blanche S. White, Jannie G. Sanders, guest-speaker, Mrs. Victorine Adams, Basileus Lydia Starks, Bessie Prelow and Ivory Powell.



RANDOLPH JORDAN, winner of travel trip, will depart April 4 beginning a 12-day tour to Tunis and Italy.

Ralph Johnson tops among AFRO carriers

Ralph Johnson, is a 15-year-old, Patterson High student who delivers 600 AFROs each week, which makes him one of the tops of the AFRO's 458 carriers.

"It's not hard," says Ralph, a tall athletic type youngster, "I've had the route for two years and most of my 585 customers are pretty dependable."

Ralph lives with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Floyd T. Weaver, at 1939 Patterson Park Ave. He has five sisters and one brother. Ralph is the oldest child.

He says he takes an extra 15 papers each week because "That's how many I started out with and I still like to sell papers on the street."

At Patterson High, Ralph is a member of the track team, the Drama Club and his favorites subjects are art and music.

Basketball, baseball and football are Ralph's favorite sports and he plans to study art when he enters college, which he is helping to assure by saving as much of his income as possible.

"All that I can save while for school, I do' he says. buying clothes and things for school, I do" he says.

The entire family belongs Church and Ralph is an to Provident Baptist Church and Ralph is an usher there and has appeared in plays produced by the churche's youth groups.

WESTERN High School model, Joan Madden shows the new mini look in coats. She models a wool blend of camel, grey and cream plaid from Brager Gutman's. The coat features a wide lapel collar, ending with double-waisted styling with silver buttons. It has a buckle belt at waist and slit pockets at sides. Sizes 5-13, 45.

LEADING AFRO CARRIER — 15-year-old Ralph Johnson sells 600 AFRO's per week. This makes him the leading AFRO carrier.

Preakness drive at Y nearing end

The horses are off and running in the Madison Ave. YWCA's Preakness Membership Drive.

At the Tuesday report meeting, the 68 workers and leaders were enthusiastic in their reports.

No figures will be available until the teams reach the half mile.

The Preakness membership drive aims to recruit 2,000 renewals and 1,000 new members.

Next report meeting is March 31, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Madison Ave. Y, 1912 Madison Ave.

Meantime, the membership office is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Minimum membership is $5. Any amount contributing membership is from $10 to $25. Sustaining is $25 and over.

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Mrs. Mary B. Adams is general membership drive chairman. Division chairmen are Mrs. Beatrice Hall, Mrs. Imogene Douglass, Mrs. Sarah Bundy and Mrs. Sarah Baldwin.

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Division captains are: North West Baltimore, Mesdames Alice Bassfield, Ethel J. Day, Leonia Young; Miss Ruth Russell. East Baltimore Captains: Mesdames Mabel Watts, Hester Millinger, Mary S. Johnson, Ruth Crawford.

South Baltimore: Mesdames Ann Drayton, Terry Farrington, Judy Wilkins, Eleanor Lee,

North East Baltimore: Mesdames Edna G. Johnson, Edna S. Smith, Lillian Lee and Catherine Moyer.

MARCH 25

Community Open House Day at Cecil Elementary School. Many interesting activities have been planned to acquaint the community with the program and facilities of the school located at 2000 Cecil Ave.

COUNTRIES, racks and shoe displays are piled high with the newest Easter styles for men, women and children at The Mart at its one location at 321 W. Lexington St. There are no branches.

'MISS PUBLIC WELFARE' was title bestowed on Miss Esther Lazarus, center, at gala testimonial dinner in her honor marking her retirement as chief of Baltimore's Welfare Department. Left to right, her husband, Albert D. Goldman, the manufacturer; Mayor homas J. D'Alesandro 3rd, Miss Lazarus, and Louis B. Kohn 2nd, toastmaster. (AFRO Staff Photo by Phillips)

'MISS PUBLIC WELFARE'

'The community thanks you and wishes you well'

'The community thanks you. Miss Lazarus, and wishes you well.'

This was the concluding line of a magnificent tribute to Miss Esther Lazarus which appeared on her testimonial program.

Guests who crowded the Blue Crest North on Thursday evening cheered and applauded the five-foot tall No. 1 social worker of Baltimore.

The communitywide testimonial dinner was to mark her retirement after 30 years with the Baltimore Department of Public Welfare, the last 15 as director.

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Her co-workers noted "she has been an ardent and ferocious fighter. She has steadily and insistently promoted the need to provide for and protect the dignity of all people, not just some people.

"She has fiercely and energetically fought against the myopic, punitive and unrealistic laws, rules and regulations under which she has had to administer the public welfare program of this city.

"Frequently the target of criticism, or verbal and printed abuse, Miss Lazarus has always interpreted these polemics to be against the program she was administering, rather than against her personally."

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The citation added, "She is convinced that public assistance grants are dangerously inadequate and has said so. She feels that public assistance clients have been vilified and humiliated, and she has let this be known.

"With courage and a compelling sense of responsibility, she has fought against the severe obstacles of too little money and too little community support.

"She cares very deeply about people. She believes in the integrity of the individual and she is a powerful ally of the individual in his striving towards self-fulfillment.

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Louis B. Kohn 2nd, chairman of the advisory commission on social services, presided.

Mayor Thomas J. D'Alesandro 3rd, brought laughter from banquet guests when he quipped: "This is the first time in my life I have seen Esther Lazarus without her hat."

Noting that many families have "benefitted from her generosity." The mayor confessed he is finding it difficult to find a successor for her:

"The difficulty I'm having with the Civil Service, you may be a lifetime employee," he said.

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The Hon. Charles E. Moylan Sr., retired Juvenile Court judge, characterized Miss Lazarus as 'a lady with a lamp.'

Former Mayor and former Governor Theodore McKeldin, pictured her as one with words of kindness, even for her critics.

Edmond P. Dandridge Jr., chairman state board of social services, observed: "She never hesitated to plead her cause or meet her critics. . . to give way to despair or indicate her frustrations."

Dr. Harriet P. Trader, president Md. Chapter, National Association of Social Workers saluted Miss Lazarus as the pineer professional social worker."

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Clarence Bishop, long-time elevator operator represented the staff.

He drew a standing ovation when he reached the microphone.

He told the gathering: "This is one of the happiest moments of my life. Thank you for coming out tonight to share with our staff this little bit of joy and sadness.

"We love Miss Lazarus, and (thank you) for joining with us to tell her we're going to miss her. . . a friend down through the years."

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Other speakers included: Raleigh Hobson, for Governor Mandel; Mrs. Doretha Wallace, the Social Service Commission; E. Clinton Bamberger Jr., chaifman City Hospitals Commission;

Also, Thomas J. S. Waxter Jr. (D.-5th), whose father preceded Mss Lazarus as welfare director; the Rev. J. Francis Stafford, director Associated Catholic Charities; Dr. Ewan Clague, U. of Pa. School of Social Work; Donald C. Lee, president, Md. Conference of Social Work; and Dr. Daniel Thursz, dean, U. of Md. School of Social Work.

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It was Dr. Thursz who announced creation of the Esther Lazarus Leadership Fund in amount of $4,400 at the U. of Md. where Miss Lazarus is on the faculty.

When her turn came, the First Lady of Welfare, thanked banquet guests for contributing to the fund in her name ('a wonderful idea.')

She credited her staff, observing, 'I could not have done all this alone, it's been a wonderful staff down through the years.

"Yes, I care about people who need service. I feel this audience is paying tribute to what I stood for."

The audience responded with another rousing ovation.

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Rabbi Morris Lieberman, Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, offered prayer. Mrs. Lee Williams chaired the dinner committee.

Other members were Mesdames Betty Hamburger, Eleanor Levy, Carole Stolba, Lillian Boyd, Geraldine Aronin, Maud Harvey, T'Jon Hill and Miss Gertrude Rogers and Edmund Jones.

Among head table guests was Miss Lazarus' husband, Albert D. Goldman, a manufacturer.

The program hailed him as one who has "stood by her steadily through all of her years in public service."

B. M. MOSS

House kills non-parole bill

AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — A strong opposing plea by Del. Lena K. Lee (D. 4th Balto.) was credited Wednesday with the death of a bill whic would have provided that a person whose death sentence is commuted be inelligible for parole.

In a brief floor speech in the House of Delegates as the HB 1312 came up for third reading passage, Mrs. Lee, an attorney, termed the bill "vicious" and a denial of justice in the right of prisoner rehabilitation.

After considerable debate sparked by her charges, the House killed the bill by a 69-62 vote, with the 69 favoring short of a constitutional majority needed.

Assembly move scholarship bill

ARO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — The Senate has under consideration for likely passage a bill okayed by the House of Delegates to extend some state scholarships to students wishing to attend community colleges.

The HB 519 would allow the two scholarships allotted to House members for attendance to the University of Maryland be shifted, if so desired, by rewarded students to be credited to a community college in their districts.

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