DISASTER AREA being attacked by community groups is shown here the way it looked to an AFRO photographer this week. The scene is the area of 900 Whatcoat St. and 1000 Calhoun St. Robert Wheatley of the Community Action Agency, one of the groups trying to get the trash cleaned up, said that block clubs are being founded "around this whole problem . . . we have to have a block club to keep the area clean once the trash is picked up." The V.I.P.'s a community group, is working with CAA and has "been working in this area since 1968" according to James Mason. Shown in the picture on the left are Clarence Henson, of the neighborhood, Mr. Mason, and Mr. Wheatley. Self Help Housing, through Marvey Smothers, is also working in the area.

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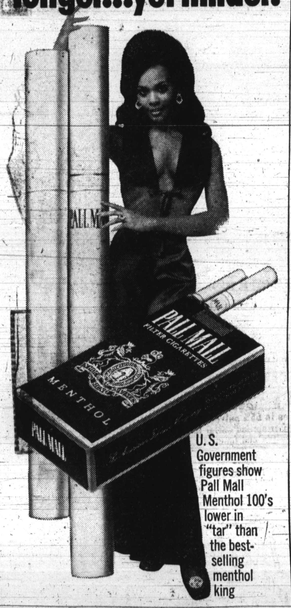

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—Alexander quits

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alike have been dismayed by the intimation — implicit in the timing of the White House announcement — that discharge of my responsibilities under Title VIII (the equal employment section of the 1964 Civil Rights Bill) had precipitated your decision to replace me," Alexander said.

"Moreover" Alexander added, employers and unions cannot be expected to cooperate with the commission under these circumstances."

He declared: "The public conclusion is inescapable. Vigorous efforts to enforce the laws on employment discrimination are not among the goals of this administration."

The 35-year-old Alexander said his resignation would be effective May 1, 1969 "or such earlier date as you may designate a successor."

Alexander said he did not tender his resignation when Nixon took office because of his belief that the commission's operation would be seriously impaired if there was a change in the chairman for the fourth time in 3½ years.

But Alexander said, "it has become increasingly clear that so long as I am chairman the commission faces a more serious impairment of its vital work: a crippling lack of administration support."

Dirksen, in accusing Alexander at a Senate hearing March 27 of harassing businesses, said: "This punitive harassing is going to stop or somebody's going to lose his authority. I'm going to the highest authority in the government and get somebody fired."

Alexander was defended at that time by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.), who said that he hoped "nobody was threatened here today" for doing his job.

Kennedy, who was chairman of the subcommittee, openly questioned whether minorities who were being harassed by discrimination could take the time to come to Washington and complain as Dirksen alleged several business leaders had done.

Alexander said Wednesday that he did not intend to go "into semi-retirement of oblivion" but said "the seat is theirs to do with as they wish."

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The five-member commission was formed to administer the section of the Civil Rights Act which bans discrimination in employment based on race, color, sex or national origin. Alexander said the commission received 15,000 complaints in the past year alone.

Alexander said the Justice Department's top officials "have been unresponsive to my requests, over two months ago, to discuss the future of Title VI enforcement."

Alexander told reporters he wrote Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell, Feb. 4 "indicating my strong desire that we sit down to discuss many problems."

"I received a reply many days later saying there could be a meeting when our mutual schedules were clear. That's the last I've heard."

He also said the Justice Department "has been unwilling to discuss a possible suit to remedy clear violation of Title VII in the motion picture industry as disclosed at EEOC hearings in Los Angeles."

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A commission spokesman said the hearings were held in March to investigate alleged discrimination in both the aerospace and motion picture industries.

After hearing testimony from the motion picture industry, the spokesman said the commission agreed to recommend initiating discussions with the Justice Department relative to filing a suit that would accuse the industry of "a pattern or practice of discrimination."

The spokesman said, "We made contact but to no avail."

Alexander also said he was not even informed of the Nixon Administration's first employment discrimination suit, filed Tuesday against Cannon Mills Co., of Kannapolis, N.C., by the Justice Department.

"In the past administration, we would have clear communication (with the Justice Department) about actions taking place," he said. "If the failure to communicate relates to my being chairman, then here."

CLIFFORD L. ALEXANDER

April 13 —

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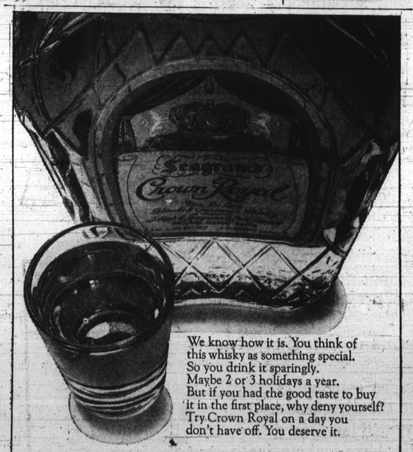

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FOR HEROISM in combat Cpl. Roland Newman of Baltimore is shown here in his hospital bed in Yokosuka Naval Hospital in Japan receiving the Bronze Star from Col. H. P. Williamson, commanding officer of the Marine Barracks in Yokosuka. Cpt. Newman helped save his battalion during a Viet Cong mortar attack in February. He lost both his legs during the battle.

'I wasn't concerned about the medal' says Viet hero's father

The family of Lance Cpl. Roland S. Newman has mixed emotions about the fate that has left him with a Bronze Star and both his legs shot away.

"I was so concerned about him losing his legs that I wasn't concerned about the medal," Mr. George A. Newman, Roland's father told the AFRO.

Cpl. Newman, 20, was sent to Vietnam 10 months after he joined the Marines. This is what he told his mother about the battle for which he was awarded the Bronze Star.

One morning in February Battery H was caught in a motor and anti-tank rocket fire attack.

Cpl. Newman, then a Private wasn't feeling well and was in his hutch asleep. He was awakened by another Marine and went outside in the midst of the attack.

He felt himself fly up in the air and when he came down he was in a gully and could hear the Viet Cong up on a hill laughing and talking. He knew he had to do something because the enemy had completely surrounded the hill.

He saw an unmanned mounted gun. The gunner was dead.

"After I realized my legs were gone, I thought surely I was dead," he told his mother.

"I took the belt from my pants and tied tourniquets around the stumps and crawling to the unmanned gun I was able to save at least 25 others and myself."

The Marine account of the battle said that Newman, alerted the other Marines in their living quarters, moving from bunker, ignoring the mortar rounds about him, until he was wounded by a mortar round. When he awakened the others, the company was able to repel the attack.

"Private First Class Newman is at the Yokosuka Naval Hospital recovering from his wounds," the Marine release reads. There was no mention of his legs being blown off.

Cpl. Newman has since been transferred to this country where he underwent surgery at the U. S. Naval Hospital in Philadelphia.

His father expects him home today (Friday).

Cpl. Newman lost a brother, George, 21, in 1966 when the older Newman brother was killed in Vietnam. His brother, Donald, is in the Air Force; and Clifton Newman is a Paratrooper who has served in Vietnam.

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The day before his parents were notified of Roland's being wounded, the third floor of their home caught fire with one room being completely destroyed and the rest of the house damaged by smoke.

Through all these misfortunes, Mrs. Newman still fondly thinks of her son as "quite a person" who loves sports and attends Ames United Methodist Church.

Mr. Newman is a fork-lift operator employed by the General Electric Company for the past 21 years.

The family lives in the 1200 block of Etting St.

Cpl. Newman has five sisters, in addition to his two brothers. They are Mrs. Delores Sullivan, Mrs. Betty Jones, Mrs. Gwendolyn Johnson, Miss Barbara Newman, and Miss Margaret Newman.

BALTIMORE HERO — Cpl. Roland Newman shown here in a photo he sent his parents when he was still a private. He was promoted to Corporal when he received the Bronze Star.

—Dies in Vietnam

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fense Department announced Thursday.

The Pulliam family was first informed that he was missing on Monday, then on Wednesday Major Charles J. Birt from Morgan State College visited the family home, with the official telegram.

The pilot's mother recalled, "He loved the service very much, but was undecided about his future.

"He was a very warm-hearted person who loved everyone, and when he set his mind on a goal, he saw it through."

His father, Wilbert L. Pulliam Sr., added: "I thought his job was dangerous, but he loved it."

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Lt. Pulliam was drafted in September, 1966. After Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Okla., he received helicopter training at Fort Wolters, Tex.

He was assigned to the 101st Aviation Battalion of the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam. He received his wings on January 1.

Lt. Pulliam was awarded several citations, among them was the outstanding achievement citation in the performance of duty as a Safety Officer.

He was born and reared in the Turner Station section of the city. He attended Morgan State College where he majored in art, and had at one time considered a career in the commercial art field, according to his parents.

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He was a member of the Morgan ROTC. During summer months, he worked as caddy and busboy at the Sparrows Point Country Club and later became credit manager at the Playboy Club in Baltimore.

He was altar boy at Christ the King Church and later became a member of the St. Thomas Aquinas Church where services will be held when the body arrives in Baltimore.

Besides his parents, Lt. Pulliam is survived by four sisters, Melina, Lisa, Deborah and Mary Pulliam, and three brothers, Wilbert L., Jr., Gary and Kenneth Pulliam, all of Baltimore.

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Ankrah quits after charge of corruption

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Ankrah, who helped topple the popular regime of President Kwame Nkrumah in 1966, was succeeded by the youngest member of the ruling National Liberation Council, Brig. Akwasi Afrifa.

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Julian calls po ol hall bill 'model legislation'

The new pool hall ordinance introduced in city council this week that establishes a Billiard Commission to regulate pool establishments is described as a "model piece of legislation" by one of its chief backers, Fourth District Councilman Emerson R. Julian.

After months of bitter debate and political maneuvering it appears that Second District Councilman Joseph V. Mach has been defeated in his attempts at liberalizing pool hall hours and age limits.

The legislation is the result of investigations by a special Pool Hall Committee that was named by council president, W. Donald Schaefer to consolidate and improve five different bills that had been introduced in the council.

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In a statement of legislative intent the bill reads "the City Council finds that the conditions presently existing in many of the billiard parlors in the city are a cause of concern and indignation to many of its citizens.

"Too many of these establishments are unhealthy places — socially, morally and physically.

"Standards of sanitation are shockingly low. The moral climate within their doors serves as an incubator for tomorrow's criminals."

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The proposed legislation provides for:

●Inclusion of all coin-operated pool tables under the legislation. This will mean that many previously unregulated pool halls will fall under the power of the law.

●Requirements for licenses for all pool tables to be obtained from the Billiard Commission at a cost of $20 a table.

●Requirements for employee identification cards for anyone working in a pool hall at a cost of $2 a card. These cards must also be obtained from the commission.

Failure to obtain table licenses or identification cards is punishable as a misdemeanor.

●Provides for the creation of a five-member city agency, the Billiard Commission, which will oversee the granting, denial, or revocation of licenses and identification cards. The members will be appointed by the mayor and will be confirmed by the council for terms of four years. They shall serve without pay, except for expenses, and will meet once a month.

●Gives the commission power to "make such rules and regulations as it shall deem necessary to: establish acceptable sanitation and health conditions, prevent the use of the premises for purposes of gambling, the transfer or use of narcotics, or the carrying on of any other criminal conduct."

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The Billiard Commission is instructed by the proposed legislation to deny licenses if the applicant would tend to produce undesirable conditions in the billiard parlor and would be an impairment to the public interest, health, safety, peace and welfare."

The commission is to use reports by the Police Department and the Health Department in deciding on renewals or denials of licenses and identification cards.

The bill also takes notice of community opposition to pool halls and notes that "a substantial protest from the neighborhood of the proposed billiard parlor location should be considered by the Commission and should be given serious weight along with other factors in reviewing the application for a license."

Councilman Julian has stated that he will seek to make a denial of license mandatory if a simple majority of a community petitions against a pool hall.

The commission is given the duty to "maintain a constant vigilance over all public billiard parlors" and to investigate all complaints arising from pool halls.

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YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

Forest Park senior wins achievement scholarship

Today's teenagers — tomorrow's leaders — are contributing in a significant way to society. Citation this week in the AFRO's "Youth Spotlight" is Edward Everett, 17, of Forest Park High School.

Edward, a graduating senior, has been awarded a $1,000 scholarship through the National Achievement Scholarship Program. The program is a subsidary of the National Merit Scholarship Program.

This year, 340 colored students throughout the nation were awarded these scholarships.

The two types of scholarships are these:

The National Achievement sponsored scholarship, a competition which provides additional funds for the program. These scholarships range from $250 per year up to $1,500 per year and are renewable for 4 years.

The National Achievement $1,000 scholarship is a one time non-renewable award. The scholar will receive no further assistance from the program.

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In Feb., 1968, Edward took the National Merit Scholarship qualifying examination.

In Oct., 1968, he was among the 1500 students selected as semi-finalists.

The requirements from this point were the completion of a biographical form, a special written essay, recommendation from the high school principal and the "SAT" Scholastic Aptitude Test.

All students who completed these requirements were named finalists and became eligible for scholarship consideration.

Edward is allowed to use the scholarship, at the college of his choice.

He has applied for entrance to several university, Johns Hopkins University and the University of Pennsylvania.

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Undecided about his future, he leans toward a career in chemistry.

A "B" average student, he is associate editor of the school year book, a member of the Students for Black Awareness, a member of FRISC (Forester Rising in Services to the Community), a participating member of several school committees and tutor at the Fellowship House.

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He is the second of three sons of Paul L. and Nona E. Everett, who live in the 4200 block Oakford Ave.

His father, chief of insurance compliance staff, has been employed with the Social Security (Woodlawn) administration for the past 15 years.

Mrs. Everett is an IBM statistical clerk.

His older brother, Lawrence, is a freshman at the University of Maryland and Warren J. is a sophomore at Forest Park.

YOUNG SCHOLAR — Edward (Skip) Everett in this week's youth in spotlight. Edward won a National Achievement Scholarship for $1000 that may be used at the college of his choice.

Biafran relief gets $50,000

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Another $50,000 has been sent by the American Red Cross to Geneva, Switzerland, to support the relief program of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Biafra and Nigeria, it was announced recently.

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