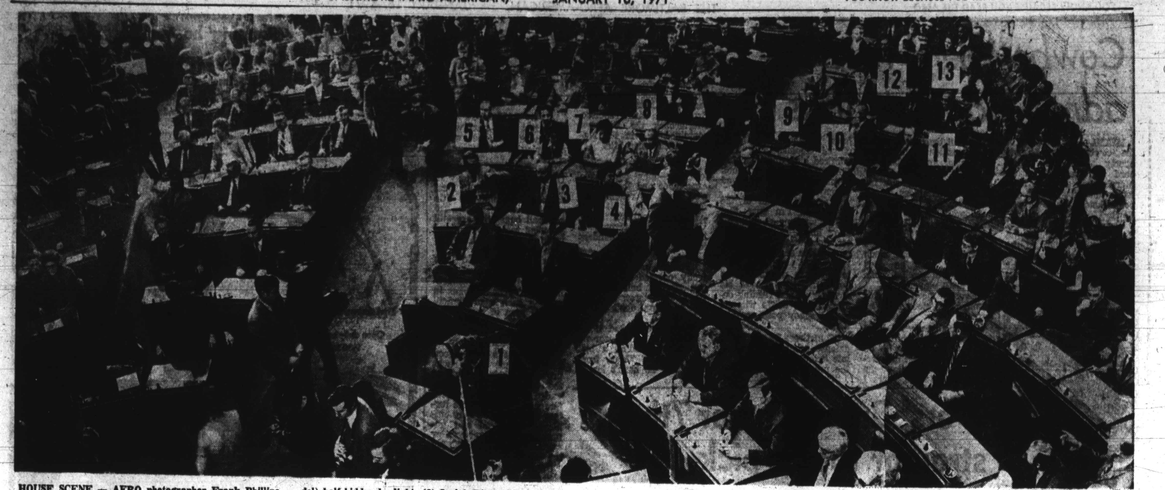
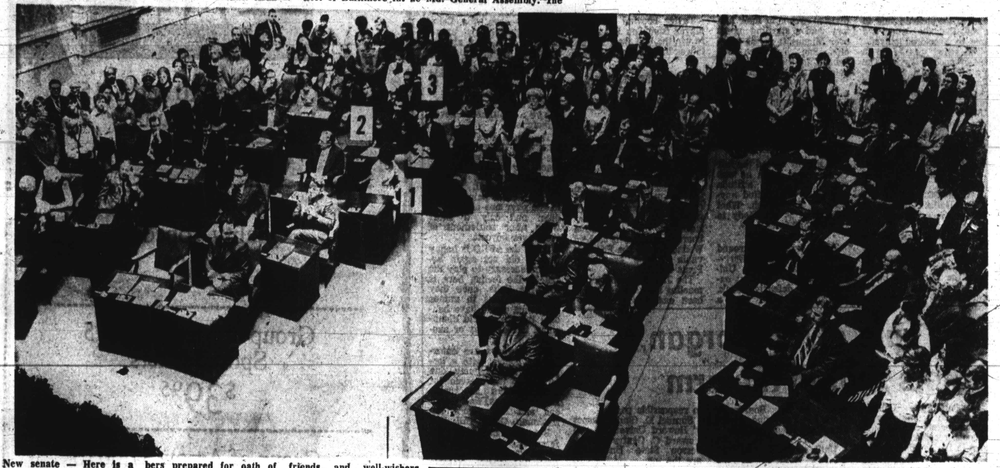


HOUSE SCENE — AFRO photographer Frank Phillips caught this scene in the House of Delegates at Annapolis Wednesday, prior to oath of office ceremonies. Black delegates are (1) Dr. Aris T. Allen Anne Arundel) half hidden by light, (2) Isaiah Dixon Jr., (3) Calvin A. Douglass, (4) Mrs. Lena K. Lee, (5) Lloyal Randolph, (6) Frank M. Conoway (7) Miss Hilda- gardeis Boswell, (8) Troy Bralley, all 4th D. Baltimore; (9) Walter R. Dean Jr. (10) Kenneth L. Webster, both 5th D. Baltimore; (11) John J. Douglass (12) Floyd B. Adams, (13) Joseph A. Chester, the three from 2nd D. Baltimore. Not visible at top in the back left was Arthur A. King (Prince Georges).



New senate — Here is a partial view of Maryland's new Senate, as the members prepared for oath of office ceremony Wednesday in the upper chamber. Not friends and well-wishers crowded around the walls. Black members include: (1) Mrs. Verda F. Welcome, with head turned, (2) Clarence M. Mitchell 3rd, and incumbents: (3 Robert L. Dalton, 2nd D. Baltimore, and (4- Clarence W. Blount, 5th D. Baltimore. The latter two are first black Senate representatives from their respective districts.

Assembly settles to routine business

By MAX JOHNSON
AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — Maryland's new General Assembly swings into the third session today (Friday) of an extended 90-day meet, with its record high of 18 black members and a number of kinks to be ironed out.

So far, there has been primarily basic organization along with some routine matters.

About the biggest thing that has happened to date in both the House and Senate since the opening Wednesday has been committee assignments.

The assignment of black Assembly members to these committees is printed elsewhere in this edition.

Even the election of officials in both chambers went as expected and was virtually routine.

In the House, Thomas Hunter Lowe (Talbot) returned as speaker, and William S. James (Harford) is again president of the Senate.

Both chambers are expected to settle down to business the coming week, when a number of the committees begin Tuesday to hold meetings.

Early agreement is that the Assembly meets in the morning, and the committees in the afternoon. Both are open to the public.

No major bills of any especial note have been introduced so far. These brought in are proposals from the Legislative Council, working arm of the Assembly between sessions.

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Of the 14 black delegates in the 143-member House, five are newcomers and all from Baltimore City.

John J. Douglass joins Floyd B. Adams and Joseph A. Chester, incumbents, (2nd D.), Miss Hildagardeis Boswell and Frank M. Conaway.

Randolph, Troy Bralley, Mrs. Lena K. Lee, Isaiah Dixon Jr. and Calvin A. Douglass, incumbents (4th D.)

Walter R. Dean Jr. and Kenneth L. Webster are newcomers from the 5th District.

From the counties are incumbents Arthur A. King (Prince Georges) and Dr. Aris T. Allen (Anne Arundel), lone Republican in the black contingent.

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Over in the 43-member Senate, newcomers Robert L. Dalton (2nd D.) and Clarence W. Blount (5th D.) join veteran Senators Verda F. Welcome and Clarence M. Mitchell 3rd.

Oath of office ceremonies Wednesday afternoon attracted several hundred spectators to the State House. It appeared that a majority of them were black friends and well-wishers.

They jammed the galleries in both chambers. They crowded around the walls in both the House and Senate, overflowing outside in the corridors.

In the House, there was loud applause when a member of the black delegation moved up on the rostrum to shake Speaker Lowe's hand and receive the certificate prior to recording his name.

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Things were a bit more subdued in the Senate, however. There was no applause, but happy smiles on all black faces noted, as the four black senators went through the same routine.

The next day, there were virtually no spectators about.

While this regular session is for 90 days, the Assembly is authorized to extend an additional 30 days if necessary.

This extension is anticipated by some veteran lawmakers, when the Assembly begins the issue of congressional redistricting.

Assembly divided on meeting time

AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — Maryland's new General Assembly moves into its third day of a 90-day session today (Friday), with the House and Senate still trying to agree on a common hour for sessions.

The House has returned to its practice adopted last year of meeting at 10 a.m.

The Senate, which regularly has scheduled weekly sessions with the exception of 3 p.m. on Mondays and 12 noon on Fridays, has attempted to compromise on am 11 a.m. time.

Sen. George E. Snyder (D. Allegany-Garrett-Washington), majority floor leader, said the 11 a.m. session time would apply during the early days of this meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The Senate, he said would still meet at 9 p.m. on Mondays, and 12 noon on Fridays.

Committee meetings, as in the House, will follow the weekly morning meetings.

City delegation head c,anged

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ANNAPOLIS — After having headed the Baltimore City Delegation (House) since 1962, Murray Abramson was replaced here Wednesday by the more youthful John J. Kent Jr., 33 (3rd Balto.)

Mr. Kent is beginning his second term in the House, and as a member of the General Assembly.

Mr. Abramson has moved up to broader authority as one of the three Democratic whips on the House floor.

WELCOME, BROTHER — Speaker of the House Thomas Hunter Lowe left congratulates new Delegate Walter R. Dean Jr. (5th D. Balto.), when he moved to the rostrum to sign in after taking oath of office. Mr. Dean, one of 14 black delegates in the House, is also one of three black representatives for the first time

Environment bill set by Sen. Abrams

Senator Rosalie Silber Abrams (Balto. City, 5th) has announced that she would re-introduce a measure in the 1971 session to create a Protector of the Environment for Maryland.

In preparing to file the bill, the newly elected senator said, "I believe this is one of the most important measures that we could enact for the protection of our environment.

"Departmental administrators today not only bear complaints and pleadings, but also set the standards and serve as public counsel." In the opinion of Mrs. Abrams, "This hardly provides an objective hearing."

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Industry often lures top flight legal counsel and the best witnesses money can buy to present their case before the Department of Natural Resources, she stated.

"On the other hand," said Senator Abrams, "no one is authorized legally to represent the public point of view. Speaking out for the public have been attorneys who have volunteered their services through conservation organizations. There are no funds to pay either counsel or witnesses."

Allen gets same top post back

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ANNAPOLIS — Dr. Aris T. Allen (Anne Arundel) has again been named Republican minority whip in the House of Delegates, and thus holds the highest post in this General Assembly among the 18-member black delegation.

Dr. Allen, an Annapolis physician, is beginning his second term in the House.

Majority floor leader is C. A. Porter (Baltimore), who replaced John S. McIlnerney.

On the Democratic side in the House, Thomas Hunter Lowe (Talbot) easily succeeded himself as Speaker of the House, and Frederick T. Wright (Washington) was named speaker pro tem.

Majority floor eader is John S. Arnick (Baltimore), Assistants termed whips are Murray-Abramson (5th Balto.), William J. Helms Jr. (Anne Arundel), and Bernard W. Donovan (Prince Georges).

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Over in the Senate, William S. James (Harford) also quite easily succeeded himself as president, and Mrs. Mary L. Neck (lower Eastern Shore) was again named president pro tem.

New majority floor leader is George E. Snyder (Allegany-Garrett-Washington who succeeds Harry R. Hughes recently named Maryland's Secretary of Transportation by Gov. Marvin Mandel.

As of late Wednesday, the Republican senators were still deadlocked for a minority leader between Edward T. Hall (Anne Arundel-Calvert), seeking his old job back, and Jervis S. Finney (Baltimore).

Allen plans new abortion measure

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ANNAPOLIS — Dr. Aris T. Allen (Anne Arundel), lone Republican in this General Assembly's 18-member black delegation, said Thursday he will introduce a new abortion bill in the House of Delegates.

It is expected early next week.

Provisions of the bill, he said, provides the municipal police controls over abortions.

Dr. Allen, returning to the House for a second term, said the measure would propose:

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1. The decision of abortion would be only between parents and the physician;
2. Only licensed physicians would be authorized to perform the operation;
3. Abortions could beperformed only in an accredited and licensed hospital;
4. Supervisory committees would be set up in such hospitals, to make a determination on abortions.

Full details will be disclosed, Dr. Allen said, just prior to introduction of the bill.

The Assembly passed an abortion bill last year which Gov. Marvin Mandel refused to sign.

Black Assembly

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ret C. Schweinhaut (Howard-Montgomery) is vice chairman.

Finance — Mrs. Welcome; George E. Snyder is chairman, and James (Allegany - Garrett - Washington) is chairman, and James Clark Jr. (Howard-Montgomery) is vice chairman.

Judicial Proceedings — Clarence W. Blount (5th Balto.), Clarence M. Mitchell 3rd (4th Balto.); J. Joseph Curran Jr. (3rd Balto) is chairman, and Edward T. Conroy (Prince Georges) is vice chairman.

In the Senate, the Rules, Ethics, Entertainment and Investigation Committees have no black members at this early stage.

On the House side, there are some changes to come, also the naming of a number of sub-committees.

HAPPINESS 1970 — Mr. and Mrs. John W. Douglass beamed with satisfaction of the hour when Speaker of the House, Thomas Hunter Lowe, bestows you the elected delegate the coveted title of Honorable John W. Douglass. Mr. Douglass is recognized as a Member of the District of Baltimore in the Maryland General Assembly. The couple talked with AFRO reporter, Miss Debbie Brown.

JH to air plans for health care

"The Fifth Freedom," a half-hour film report by the Johns Hopkins Hospital on the development of its new community health care plans, will be presented Sunday, Jan. 17, at 5 p.m., on WMAR-TV, Channel 2.

The film documents the health care plans the hospital is now developing in the predominantly black community of East Baltimore and in the new city of Columbia, Md.

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"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times....."

Welcome back to Baltimore and all that jazz, 1971 edition. I missed a few editions during the Christmas and New Year's holidays. However, I felt as though I needed the break in routine to get myself together.

I would like to take this time to wish each and every one of my fellow jazz buffs (and non-jazz buffs for that matter), a very happy and prosperous New Year.

The above quotation from Dicken's: 'A Tale of Two Cities', just about sums up the year of 1970 as far as jazz was concerned. In many respects, it was a very good year, and in others not so good.

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From the jazz fans perspective it was a pretty good year. The Left Bank Jazz Society, who incidentally launched me into writing about jazz in Baltimore in the first place, presented a very dynamic series of Sunday jazz concerts.

Just about everybody (with the exception of maybe Miles Davis) that was anybody appeared for the LBJS. Cannonball, Dizzy, Kenton, Count Basie, Lee Morgan, Moody and many, many others, all appeared on the LBJS's Sunday Afternoon concerts.

The Gentlemen of Jazz were very much in evidence on the jazz promoting scene bringing to Baltimore such notables as Sonny Stitt, Gene Ammons and Dexter Gordon, all together in one mind-fracturing concert.

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During 1970, James Brown bought the Downtowner Motor Inn and after his group took over they presented many live jazz attractions. People like the incomparable Ernie Andrews, Fuzzy Kane, and other local but extremely talanted musicians.

Those Guys presented, at Lenny Moore's Club 24, a series of Saturday afternoon Jam Sessions featuring local jazz musicians.

Some of those sets got so hot that the joint was literally smoking.

About this time last year, Andy Ennis, a Baltimore product now playing Tenor with Ray Charles, was turning the session out almost every week.

Yes it was the best of times.

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Still there were numerous dark clouds on the horizon. WSID started a daily jazz format only to have it changed after only a few months to an all gospel station (the soul was still there but the mode of expression changed).

There was some internal friction at WSID between management and labor over what the black community wanted to hear.

Of course everybody seems to think that he is some kind of expert on the black community, especialy if he's NOT black, dig?

Well the final result was that Oliver Johnson (better known as O.J.) got fired because he wanted to function in the capacity that they hired him for, Station Manager.

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There were other dark clouds. Even though things were swinging from the fans' point of view, from the musicians view they were not as rosy.

I'm speaking primarily about local jazz musicians. It was still difficult to make much money playing Jazz exclusively in Baltimore.

So from the musicians perspective it was not the best of times: maybe not the worst, but certainly not the best.

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For all of you jazz afficionados who have missed Red Garland from the Jazz scene; he was found alive and well and still playing up a storm in Dallas. He plays at the Club Arandas weekends. Has a 'boss' Trio. Walter Winn is on Drums and Charles Scott, the best bass player South of the Mason Dixon line, is his bassist. Red hasn't lost his touch. He still plays those big beauiful block cords and those delicate solo lines that was and is his forte.

Rufus Harley was at the James Brown Motor Inn last weekend. He is an experience.

If you have never heard him and his jzaa bagpipes, then you have missed something special. Catch him this week-end. The Earl Wilson Trio is backing him, and they are something else themselves!

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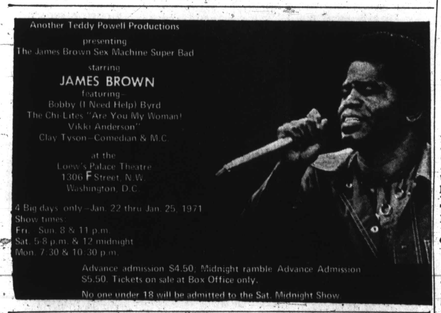

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Childbirth films free

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TUES. Jan. 26, 8:00 P.M., Mt. Pleasant Auditorium Sinai Hospital.

Thursday, Jan. 28, 8:00 P.M., Slayton House Lounge, Village of Wilde Lake Columbia; and Saturday, Jan. 30, 2:00 p.m., Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Church.

All film showings are free and the public is invited to attend.

WMAR series to show effect of smoking

Continuing efforts to educate the tobacco-using public on the ill effects of smoking will be outlined in a special 30-minute edition of WMAR-TV's long-running health program YOUR FAMILY DOCTOR Sunday, January 17, at 4 p.m.

Produced in cooperation with the Baltimore City Health Department, this weekly series has enlisted the services of three prominent Baltimore physicians.

They are Dr. Harry L. Berman, president of the American Cancer Society, Baltimore City Unit; Dr. Robert J. Wilder, chairman of the Program Advisory Committee, Heart Association of Maryland; and Dr. Meyer W. Jacobson, medical director of the Maryland Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association and Clinical Director in the Baltimore City Health Department.

Each physician will demonstrate during the program the adverse effects of smoking on health. Several patients who have had smoking related experiences will also be on the program.

Some suggestions will be made at the conclusion on what may be done by smokers to either give up the habit or at least cut down on the chances of losing their health to smoking.

Museum of Art offers classes

The Baltimore Museum of Art Education Department is offering a comprehensive range of studio and lecture classes for adults and children this spring.

Included are children's studio art classes under the supervision of Glenn A. Long, curator of education, adult studio art classes taught by various local professional artists, and a lecture series concurrent with the museum's exhibition of Matisse drawings taught by Dr. Long and by Mrs. Seymour Perlin, chief of the museum's education department.

The spring session will extend from February 2 to May 1, with no classes from April 4-11.

Cancer film

Many people are being cured of cancer every day by surgery, radiation or x-ray, points out "Traitor Within," an 11-minute cancer film which is available for loan from the Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Designed to counteract some falsen notions and unfounded fears regarding cancer, the film emphasizes that everyone is subject to the risk of cancer and stresses the vital importance of early diagnosis and treatment.

The film may be borrowed without charge from the Film Services, Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, 301 W. Preston St., Baltimore (Phone: 383-3010, extension 8516). Time should be allowed to preview and to arrange for a discussion leader.

'This Is Your Life' returning on TV-13

After a nine-year hiatus, "This Is Your Life" will return to the air on WJZ-TV, Channel 13, beginning Thursday, Jan. 21 at 10:30 p.m.

Creator-host Ralph Edwards is bringing back the popular program in a new updated version.

Relying heavily on mobile videotaping on location, the new "This Is Your Life" will again take weekly expeditions behind the scenes into the lives of many prominent theatrical and sports celebrities.

Surprise will be a major contributing factor as Ralph Edwards highlights the stories personalities have to tell and recall the people who have been part of their lives.

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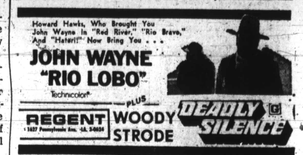

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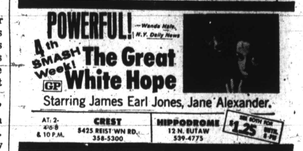

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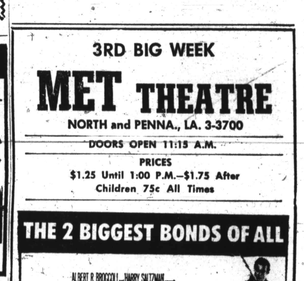

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