GRADUATION DAY — First panel: Sen. Parren J. Mitchell congratulates staff members of the Contractors Upgrading Program (l to r) Elias Dorsey, Construction Director, "Hap" Groscup, Director, and Henry Lewis, Co-Director, for a job well done. Second panel: Beaming rappily and displaying his Certificate of Award for successful comletion of the Construction p Ugrading Program are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jarrett. Mr. Jarrett is one of the 50 proud ecipients who gaduated Tuesday. Third panel: Mrs. Enolia McMillian, president of Baltimore Branch of NAACP presents diploma to Cleveland Scott. Henry Lewis, Co-Director, of Institute of Construction look on. Last panel: Institute of Construction graduates Leon D. Langley, John Warren and Solomon Bridgeforth.

Adults return to school to learn how to make money

Tuesday, March 2 was a red letter day for 51 adults who were graduated from the Contractors Upgrading Program of the Institute of Construction.

Having received intensive training in fundamentals of estimation preparation of contracts, simple bookkeeping, loan getting processes and field experience in making proper assessments, the graduates are better prepared to wheel and deal in the construction industry.

Second in a series of six annual training classes, this group of 51 trainees met at the 3223 Garrison Blvd. location of the Institute of Construction 7 to 10 p. m., on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 17-class sessions.

The Contractors Upgrading Program is an innovation federally funded program. It aims not to teach trades, but the mechanics of business administration which will ultimately raise the income of trainees.

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Henry Lewis, co-director of the Institute of Construction explained the program to the AFRO as follows:

"Our goal is to annually train 300 men in contracting and allied fields in areas of business development which will upgrade the quality of their skills, hence increase their overall income.

"Trainees are mostly residents of the inner city and are representatives of all phases of the construction field. They are carpenters, painters, bricklayers, paper hangers and countless other related occupational laborers.

"Ours is a pilot program which will set the guidelines for other such operations throughout the country, if we continue the successful turnout, which we've been having."

The 5-man professional

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Baltimore Afro-American

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AFRO PHOTOGRAPHER Frank Phillips caught this picture of two young men training a water hose on an electrical fire raging in the neon sign outside the used car lot of the Andy Svatey Auto Fair in the 2500 block Franklin St. Firemen were eventually called to snuff out the blaze but not until the sign was totally destroyed. There were no injuries reported from the incident.

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Redistricting plan remains up in air

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April 1 is the deadline by law for the Baltimore City Council, to approve a redistricting plan, based on 1970 census figures for the upcoming mayoral and councilmanic elections.

At Council session Monday night, President William D. Schaefer introduced on behalf of the D'Alesandro Administration an ordinance which would require passage of the revised Bard Plan or the adoption of a new plan by that deadline.

The orginal "Bard Plan" was the product of a committee headed by the President of the Community College of Baltimore, Dr. Harry Bard, which submitted a plan to the mayor which was not based on 1970 census figures, then unavailable.

Since that time the Commission has submitted a revised plan based on the 1970 figures which became available in the interim period.

Although the mayor has expressed disapproval of the revised plan, he asked the Council President to sponsor legislation which would require its passage.

If the plan is approved there is strong hint of increased council membership for blacks in the 2nd and 5th districts and possibly the 6th. Black majority

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Ft. Meade change gives new hope to Lt. Font

It may not be the dawning of the Age of Aquarius, but there will be some changes made at Ft. Meade, as the First Army gains a new commanding general. Lt. Gen. C. E. Hutchin Jr., who was installed at a ceremony on Monday.

Lt. Gen. Hutchin replaces Lt. Gen. Jonathan O. Seaman as head of the First Army. He comes to Ft. Meade from his latest command, the V Corps headquarters in Frankfurt, Germany.

One of the officers at Ft. Meade to whom this change of command is particularly important is 1st Lt. Louis P. Font, of the First Army headquarters company.

It was Lt. Font who made headlines recently by bringing to the attention of Rep. Parren Mitchell (D, 7th, Md.) and the nation unacceptable conditions in enlisted men's barracks at Ft. Meade.

Lt. Font was subsequently charged with five counts of disobedience and faced court martial.

Lt. Font's lawyers and Congressman Mitchell, however, felt that the charges had been "dumped up" to punish Font for calling attention to the matter of the barracks.

Part of the friction in the case resulted from the fact that Lt. Font had also filed charges against the commanding general Seaman for "war crimes" in Southeast Asia.

Now that Lt. Gen. Seaman has been replaced, though, things seem to be looking up for Lt. Font.

The AFRO has learned on good authority that Lt. Font will be "exhonorated" by the end of the week. Reliable sources inform the

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LT. LOUIS P. FONT

Wind shatters school window; 7 kids hurt

Strong winds the weather authorities reported as from 30 to 50 miles per hour Thursday shortly after 12 noon, blew out a window at Alexander Hamilton Elementary School No. 145 at 800 Poplar Grove St.

Injured by falling glass were a teacher, Mrs. Elaine Shaw and seven children who were in grades 4 and 5 in the third floor classroom.

According to Mrs. Charlotte H. Harper, principal, the teacher and children were sent to the hospital immediately and the extent of the injuries was not immediately known.

No information could be obtained pending notification of parents, the AFRO was told.

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Lutheran Hospital records show that the children treated and released near 2 p.m. were: Barbara Wilson, Michael Short, Laverne Tyson, Lorece Edwards, Serena Henson, Sylvia Pearson and Michele Coates.

Hospital authorities told the AFRO the children and teacher were in "satisfactory condition," but refused to reveal injuries.

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Gale warnings and cautions to travelers continued through Thursday afternoon and night as temperatures dipped from 30 degrees at 1 p.m. to the 20's after dark.

About 2 p.m. police report winds blew a house down in the 1000 block W. Fayette St. Elsewhere, reports were received on trees felled by the gales which had been mixed with snow in blizzard proportions since before dawn.

Several AFRO newstipsters reported the loud and "scary" noise made when a lamp post was blown over on top of a parked car at Greenmount Ave. and E. Biddle St. No one was hurt.

Fires were frequent as citizens attempted to keep warm. A 2-alarm blaze did considerable damage to a house in the 200 block McCurley St. about noon. The Red Cross was called to assist victims of the fire at 1221 Shields Place.

Today (Friday) and the weekend are expected to witness rising temperatures weatherman says.

WELCOME — Welcoming Lt. Gen. Hutchin and his wife to Ft. Meade and Lt. Gen. Hutchin's new command is Maj. George Forrest of the First Army.

Federal judge tells state: insure inmates due process

A federal judge, Tuesday, handed down an order detailing rules intended to set "minimum standards of constitutional due process" for inmates in state correctional institutions.

In a decision on a case involving 82 plaintiffs vs. the state's commissioner of the Division of Corrections, Joseph Cannon, the jurist ruled that the rights of the prisoners had been violated when the Department of Corrections illegally transferred them from medium security prisons to the Penitentiary.

Judge Roszel C. Thomsen, who gave the order in conjunction with one decision added in his introductory remarks that the Division of Corrections "shall promptly establish rules and regulations for all future adjustment violations not less favorable to the inmate than the following procedures."

The judge then went on to outline in detail exactly how a minor or major violation should be handled with emphasis on the inmate's constitutional rights of due process throughout proceedings.

He also added a footnote to the order detailing the infractions of prison discipline — "adjustment violations" — that the warden of such an institution is authorized to punish.

They included such things as disrespect, cursing, assault on another inmate, and making or owning a dangerous weapon, among many others.

In this case, 72 prisoners asserted that they had been "scooped up in a disgraceful fashion" and bused from the medium security House of Correction at Jessup to Baltimore, where they were placed in the maximum-security section of the Penitentiary.

This action followed a sit-down demonstration at the House of Corrections last September.

The prisoners pointed out that as a result of the move they lost "good time" earned by work assignments, a chance for parole hearings, and other advantages of a medium-security prison. They added that they were not given proper hearings in the matter.

Many of the prisoners also claimed that they had not been involved in the demonstration but were picked up by prison authorities "as an arbitrary enforcement of discipline."

Judge Thomsen ordered that the Penitentiary transfer be removed from the prisoners' records, and that any "good time" they had lost in the transfer be re-

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James Brown attacks Civic Center ruling

Millionaire-singer James Brown is gearing his forces to launch an all out attack on the Civic Center Commission for its rule against holding rock and roll shows in the 13,000 seat facility.

A spokesman for the James Brown Enterprises in Atlanta, Ga. told the AFRO that "Mr. Brown has learned of local interests who are seeking to take WEBB Radio station from him.

"This is the most recent affront to him by people of Baltimore. Officials of the Civic Center have no legal right to deprive the black citizens of the city what they grant to whites by allowing hard rock shows featuring white performers.

"Financially he is suffering by not being able to appear in this city where he is very popular and in the coming months he's going to do everything possible to get that rule rescinded."

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Rock and roll shows have been banned by the Civic Center Commission on two occasions in the past because of vandalism and rowdiness after the shows. Business interests in the area around the Civic Center influenced the decision because their property was usually the object of the vandals.

On the first occasion great efforts were made by many people to have the rule dropped and the Commission relented.

However, after a fight at the end of one show resulted in the shooting of one teenager and the arrest of several others the Commission reinstituted the ban.

The announcement of Mr. Brown's intentions was made over the air at WEBB on Wednesday in a one minute and 45 second tape made by his wife Deidra. The star himself is in Europe on tour, planning to return in April.

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'Block Murder' Suspects Escape

NIXON SENDS PLANE

Whitney Young dies suddenly

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Whitney M. Young Jr., executive director of the National Urban League since 1961, died unexpectedly in Lagos, Nigeria, Thursday morning. State Department reports say he was swimming at a beach when he succumbed to a heart attack.

Urban League spokesmen in New York City told the AFRO the 49-year-old world figure was in excellent health when he flew to a conference in Lagos on March 6.

Among other persons in Lagos for the Ford Foundation's African-American dialogue and discussion meeting was former Attorney General Ramsey Clark who the State Department announced was on the beach with Mr. Young when the sudden death occurred. The location, Lighthouse Beach, is a popular Lagos bathing beach.

Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Edmund S. Muskie of Maine also was a participant in the meeting.

State Department officials said Young's body was taken to a Lagos mortuary where an autopsy was performed.

The White House was reported as sending an Air Force plane to bring the body back to his country.

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Brigadier General Daniel (Chappie) James, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense and old friend of Whitney M. Young, Jr., was dispatched by President Nixon in an Air Force transport plane to return body

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WHITNEY YOUNG
Death shocks nation

Leaders eulogize Mr. Young

Whitney Young, a moderate in the struggle for racial equality, was among the most polished and articulate of spokesmen for Black Americans. He was at home in the corporate offices of Wall Street and the inner sanctums of Washington and had the ear of some of the most powerful men in the white establishment.

Prominent whites were quick to voice concern over Young's death. Vice Presi-

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You can register now to vote for new mayor

Party affiliation may be changed until March 13, 1971.

Final filing date for candidates, July 6, 1971.

Final withdrawal date for candidates, July 31, 1971.

Last day of registration prior to primary election, Aug. 16, 1971.

Mayoralty primary election, Sept 14, 1971.

Registration reopens, Sept. 25, 1971.

Last day of registration prior to mayoralty general election, Oct. 4, 1971.

Mayoralty general election, Nov. 2, 1971.

Books reopen for registration and change of affiliation. Nov. 18, 1971.

Where to register: Supervisors of Elections, People's Court Building, Fayette and Gay Sts.

Remember, 18-year-olds can register to vote NOW too.

Absentee Ballot Dates

Deadline for receipt of absentee voting application for primary election, Sept. 3, 1971.

Deadline for receipt of absentee voting application for general election, Oct. 22, 1971.

13 mayors tour and relax here

Tour

By AL RUTLEDGE

"The Federal Government is not exercising its responsibility in giving resources to local gogernment who can and will solve the problems of urban America," Cleveland's Mayor Carl Stokes, told newsmen Wednesday.

He was one of 13 members of the U.S. Conference of Mayors who came to Baltimore as guests of Mayor D'Alesandro who took them on a tour of the city.

The mayors, all members of the conference's legislative committee saw vacant

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Relax

By JOHN H. MURPHY 3rd (AFRO President)

The Greater Baltimore Committee hosted a luncheon for 13 mayors of major American cities at the Cente Club Wednesday.

Even though the subject matter was serious and the problems real the mood was light and cheerful.

These mayors are the Legislative action committee of The Congress of Mayors who were meeting in Baltimore to discuss their common problems — of rising crime rate, polari-

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WINNER of Goodwill Worker Of Year award was Mrs. Dorothy Mae Graves, seated in wheelchair, shown here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Graves. This AFRO staff photo by I. Henry Phillips was taken during recent luncheon in Mrs. Graves' honor.

GOODWILL WORKER OF THE YEAR

'I feel very proud of it', Mrs. Graves says of award

The winner of the "Goodwill Worker of the Year" award told the AFRO Thursday, "I feel very proud of it. It's an honor."

Mrs. Dorothy Mae Graves has been with Goodwill Industries for only three years, but her work has been "exemplary," according to that company, an agency which collects and redistributes used furniture and clothing.

Mrs. Graves suffered total paralysis of the lower extremities following injury to the spinal cord in an accident in 1959.

After 17 months in a hospital, she moved with her family to Baltimore.

In 1967, she was entered in the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation evaluation program at the Baltimore League for Crippled Children and Aults. That evaluation showed that, she was very capable, but her main problem stemmed from being unable to use public transportation.

Early in 1968, at the recommendation of her counselor, she applied for a job at Baltimore Goodwill Industries. She started as a telephone order clerk in April of that year. Since then, she has held a variety of positions, and is now a switchboard operator and receptionist.

Mrs. Graves is aided in getting to work by a fellow Goodwill employee.

She lives in the George Murphy Development Project in West Baltimore with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Graves, both 71, and her 17-year-old son, Wayne Broadhurst, who attends Woodrow Wilson Junior-Senior High.

Police have warrants for 2 white males

Deputy Police Commissioner Frank Battaglia has informed the family of the teenaged boy murdered on The Block on Feb. 28 that the arrest of suspects is expected this weekend.

The family has hoped justice will prevail, said Mrs. Evelyn Burrell, aunt of Michael McCray, the 15-year old Douglass High School junior who was gunned down while walking with friends in the 800 block E. Baltimore St.

Mrs. Burrell quoted Col. Battaglia as saying, "We have warrants for two white men. If we don't come up with them, we will call in the FBI."

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Col. Battaglia told the AFRO, "We are feverishly trying to solve this case. We are attempting to locate two white men we feel were involved in the tragedy.

"If we find they have skipped and may be in unlawful flight to escape prosecution, we will call in the FBI. At this point we do not know if they have vacated the city but if we don't come up with them in a few hours, we'll go a step further."

Col. Battaglia explained the search for the two men began Tuesday after the warrants were signed. Wednesday night he reported "no luck yet" as the Deputy Commissioner's officers, Homicide and Central District officers stayed on the job around the clock.

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Meantime, the young man's griefstricken mother, Mrs. Geraldine McCray, a resident of East Baltimore, told the AFRO she can not believe such an incident occurred. "It's awful," she exclaimed.

Michael resided on McKean Ave. with his aunt, Miss Frances McCray, guardian of the McCray children, since their mother became ill.

The father, James McCray, also resides at the McKean Ave. residence.

Early this week Mr. McCray expressed hope persons responsible for his son's death would be apprehended, and asked anyone with knowledge of the killer

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TOUR GUIDE BEAUTY — When Social Security headquarters in Woodlawn hosted special guests, Dr. Ivo Vorgan of Yugoslavia and Arthur Pogensky, chief of international social training, Mrs. Lorraine Opher, the first black tour director at Social Security, demonstrated the use of microfilm for the national employee index file.

Court rule to legalize free divorce

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

A meeting today (Friday) of city and state attorneys with Circuit Court No. 2 Judge James A. Perrott, may result in legislation which from now on will be dubbed "free divorces."

Connecticut already has provisions for cost-free divorces for the poor as a result of a U.S. Supreme Court decision handed down March 2.

Judge Perrott is expected to follow suit today, ruling in the case of a black mother who brought a test case through Legal Aid attorneys, Irwin Brown and Lawrence B. Cushnear.

The Perrott decision would sign into law a consent decree which will outlaw publication costs and other court charges for the poor who seek divorces.

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The plaintiff in the civil action before John D. Hubbie, clerk of Circuit Court No. 2, is Mrs. Mamie B. Joyner, 800 block George St., a public aid recipient and mother of seven children.

In her request to Judge Perrott for a declaratory decree, Mrs. Joyner says although she has no funds, her desire for divorce is meritorious and she wishes to be "free to remarry."

She also states her husband, Joseph E. Joyner, has an unknown address and asks that the court

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Frazier Is Champ, Ali Still Pretty

Nearly 20,000 Baltimoreans saw THE FIGHT on closed circuit TV at the Civic Center and the 5th Regiment Armory. Several hundred thousand others listened to the brief rounds-by-round recaps broadcast over local radio stations.

It's over now, and Joe Frazier has retained his heavyweight crown, but in post-fight interviews with the local citizenry the AFRO found that post fight opinions are running as high as pre-fight feelings.

Joe Frazier knocked Muhammad Ali down in the 15th round.

The punch was photographed by an alert UPI cameraman at ringside but Tony Gloriosa, a student who watched the fight at the Civic Center declared, "It was fixed, the punch may have been real but it was just a repeat of what happened to Jack Johnson in the Great White Hope."

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The bearded youth made no bones about his belief that Muhammad Ali "could have beat Frazier but the three years did make a difference. They wanted Ali to come back and fight a big strong country boy like Frazier and they took advantage of the fact that he still has a court fight ahead of him.

"They did the same thing in the White Great Hope, didn't whip Frazier and now he won't have to go to jail."

Some expert observers like the AFRO sports editor Sam Lacy never gave Ali a chance anyway. He had predicted in advance that the stunning blow would come no matter what Ali did.

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That it did come seems to have made Melvin Moore of the 1900 Blk. W. Fayette St. quite happy. Mr. Moore is one of the many who expressed dislike for Muhammad Ali be-

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U.S. only real winner Monday night, says Ali

NEW YORK (UPI) — Joe Frazier and Muhammad Ali both lost. Only the government won.

That was the opinion of Ali, who was beaten for the first time in his career by Frazier Monday night in a fight.

Both fighters received $2.5 million for the bout, but by the time federal and state tax agents go through the bankroll the two fighters will be left with less than one-fifth of the original sum.

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"I'm not mad at Joe Frazier, and he's not mad at me. We're both mad at the government for taking all our money," said Ali. "Off the top comes $1.5 million for the Federal Government; off the top comes $348,000 for New York State and then there's another $65,000 for training expenses. I might go home with $370,000.

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"One is your life you get a big fight, something you hoped to get a piece of and then the government comes in . . . What good is the fight even if I won? Black people figure the system works against them.

"I'm not worried about