GETTING THE DOPE — City solicitor George Russell, also a candidate for mayor in next fall's election, presented his position on drugs at a press conference in the Cherry Hill shopping center Monday. Listening were, left, Dr. Uthman Ray, and right, Charles G. Tilden, along with other citizens. Russell called for a 'drug coordinator" to work with the Baltimore City Health Department.

Bill to give tenants power of bargain

NEW YORK — State Senator Milfred Ohrenstein said he will introduce a bill to guarantee tenants the legal right to bargain collectively with their landlords.

In the case of deadlocks between tenants and landlords, the prospective state legislation would allow for an ombudsman as a mediator.

Orhenstein said that a tenants' union would gain legal standing when it is joined by at least 40 per cent of the building's residents.

"This bill will give tenants the same traditional American right to collective bargaining that they already enjoy in their places of employment and in other situations," Orhenstein remarked.

Under the legislation, tenants and landlords will bargain on such matters as setting reasonable rents and funds for building repairs and maintenance programs.

Orhenstein said the tenant organization and the landlord would then sign a contracts which would be legally binding in courts.

Be involved, Rep. Chisholm tells Coppin State grads

By PAUL EVANS

An audience of more than 3,000 persons gathered Tuesday evening on the moonlit grounds of the Frances L. Murphy Lab School for the 21st Commencement of Coppin State College.

Cong. Shirley A. Chisholm (D-N.Y.), gave the main address which immediately followed introductory remarks by Dr. Calvin Wilks Burnett, president of the college.

Dr. Burnett presided over, this, his first graduation since being named to succeed Dr. Parlette L. Moore last year.

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In the academic procession were persons to receive honorary degrees and members of the state board of trustees.

Receiving honorary degrees were: Mrs. Chisholm, Parren J. Mitchell (D-Md.), Milton B. Allen, state's attorney and Baltimore's Thomas J. D'Alesandro III.

Board of Trustees members presented included: Mathias J. DeVito, chairman; Dr. Elaine C. Davis, vice chairman; Victor Frenkil, who awarded degrees, and the Judge Robert B. Watts.

Also members of the official party were Dr. Delores Hunt, chairman of the Coppin State Board of Visitors and Dr. Charles Sanders, dean of the college.

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In her address to the 300 graduates, entitled, "Universities As A Catalyst for Change," Congresswoman Chisholm implored in a resounding, spirited voice:

"Institutions all over this country are being deeply affected by the winds of change that are sweeping across the land by the black revulution and the student revolts."

She asked, "Will we cease and desist from practices that deprive blacks, Puerto Ricans, Indians and other minorities from moving into the mainstream of America to participate in the American Dream?"

She noted, "Will we be strong enough to transform our institutions to be relevant and meaningful for today's world?"

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Mrs. Chisholm advised the students that a need existed for involvement "instead of intellectualizing."

"Universities must become reconciled to the fact that whole chunks of their traditional way of thinking have to be devised. It is your obligation to fight for the equality of man. The demise of the evil of racism should not be made dependent on the good behavior of a race that has for so long been abused," she emphasized.

The congresswoman, who has been known for her slogan, "unbossed and unbought" concluded, "Universities can not continue with business as usual on a quiet campus or one paralyzed by student demonstrations."

She was given a standing ovation.

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Top-ranking students of the class were: Miss Leslie Maxine Barnett and Miss Mae Thompson Staubs.

Some 184 students were graduated with the bachelor of Science with 5 students receiving the bachelor of and More than 125 received master's degrees in education.

Dr. Burnett told students that his administration had "chartered its course and was familiar with the direction." And he was pleased to preside over his first commencement at Coppin.

A reception followed the ceremonies in the Tawes Student Union for graduates, friends and parents.

new bank to be formed by the amalgamation of two foreign banks, Standard Bank and Barclays.

He said a government was able to force foreign companies to give a controlling interest to the nation, but he said that if such actions were widely pursued,

Reagan may 'challenge' Nixon

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — The Ripon Society says that Governor Ronald Reagan of California will apparently use federal poverty and welfare programs as an "excus," to challenge Richard Nixon for the Republican presidential nomination next year.

The Republican research organization said Nixon's inability to satisfy Reagan's demands on the California Rural Legal Assistance Program and on federally issisted welfare programs:

"Will provide Reagan with an excuse to declare his candidacy."

Thomas heads Atlanta section

ATLANTA — Franklin Thomas was sworn in as the city's first non-white department head by Mayor Sam Massell in a ceremony at city hall.

Thomas, a former national YMCA, official, will fill the city's personnel director post vacated more than a year ago by the retirefent of Gen. Carl Sutherland.

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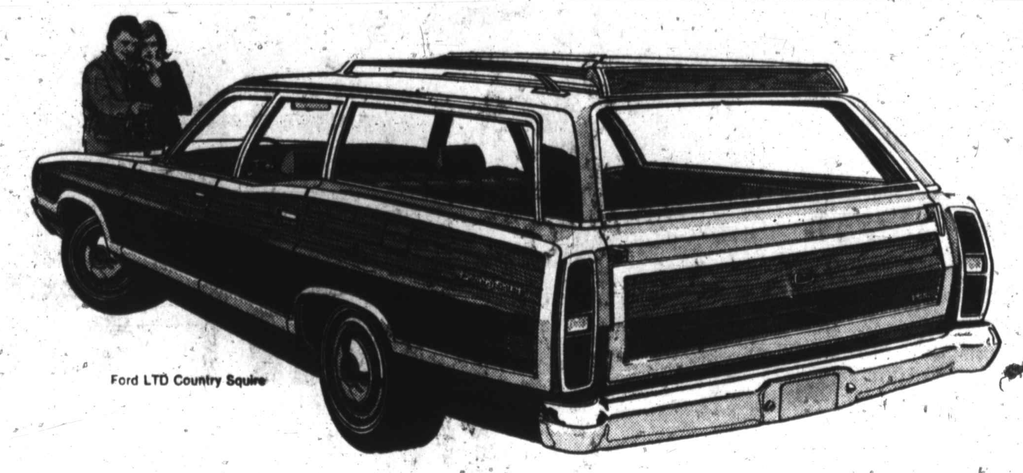

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