Reporter joins ARCO as editor

PHILADELPHIA, — John W. Singleton Jr., former Trenton (N.J.) Times reporter, has joined Atlantic Richfield Company as an assistant editor in the Employee Communications Section.

Singleton, of 127 S. 50th St. is assigned to the firm's Product Spark, monthly newspaper distributed to some 27,000 active and retired employees in the Products Division. He also is editor of To The Point, a newspaper for employees at Atlantic Richfield's Philadelphia refinery.

Klansman given rights damages

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (UPI) — The City of Charlotte has paid a $2,000 settlement to Harold Murray, the Ku Klux Klansman who was fired by city officials when they learned of his affiliation with the white supremacist organization.

U.S. District Court Judge James B. McMillan said Friday the case was resolved. He ruled last week that Murray's constitutional rights of free speech and association were violated when the city fired him

City officials said Friday they paid Murray the $2,000 and also had to pay $1,500 in court costs.

ETHEL ENNIS Baltimore's own Queen of Jazz, and Charlie Byrd, D.C.'s nationally acclaimed guitarist will appear in WBAL-TV's locally produced Holiday music special "It's Christmas," Saturday, Dec. 18th 8:30-9 p.m. in color on TV 11.

Florida unit loses grant for schools

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The government has cut off a $1.7 million federal aid grant to a Florida school district, charging that the school officals involved failed to observe racial equality rules that accompanied the money.

The grant, to the Broward county, Fla., school district, was part of $70 million in grants awarded by the U.S. Office of Education this year to help schools and community groups meet problems associated with desegregation. Ft. Lauderdale is in Broward County.

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The eudcation office said that the school board in Florida failed to meet a requirement that each school in the district have the same ratio of white to non-white teachers. It also said the board failed to note in its aid application that it sold equipment to four private schools which were segregated.

It was the first time this school year that the Office of Education has taken such action. Six grants were suspended last school year under similar conditions.

Baltimore And All That Jazz

ARCHIE MANGRAM JR.

By ARCH MANGRAM JR.

Well, Christmas is just around the corner. I would like to wish each and every one of my readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

It appears as though there will be a swinging Yule Season for all you jazz buffs. There are many clubs where live jazz can be heard.

The Left Bank Jazz Society had their last concert for the year last Sunday. They will resume their weekly concerts, featuring 'name' jazz artists the last of January in '72. In the meantime the Gentlemen of Jazz will sponsor a series concerts during the hiatus.

Last Sunday the Left Bank Jazz Society brought Kenny Burrell, the jazz guitarist, to town. Kenny is one of the top, if not the top, jazz guitarist on the scene today.

He brought, with him, a very fine quarted and they get an intense though relaxed sound. In addition to Kenny, Richard Wyands was on piano; Major Holley, bass, and Bill English was on drums.

It was indeed a pleasure to hear Kenny again. He is one of the few jazz musicians that hasn't been caught up in the avant grade movement so prevelant in jazz today.

Don't get me wrong though; this is not to imply that Kenny doesn't swinc. He does. And so does the rest of the group.

Particularly impressive this writer, was Richard Wyands, the pianist. He is one of the most lyrical improvisors that I have heard in recent concerts. And he was the epitome of consistency; all his solos were outstanding.

Major Holley, the basist was an to Kenny's guitar. ment to Kenny's guitar. His prancing bass lines added much to the pleasant, overall effect. On one solo he hummed along with the solo, giving an eerie effect of hearing two basses soloing simultaneously.

Bill English, on drums, was the driving force of the group. Yet he was not overbearing, as many drummers are wont to be. His solos were interesting exercises and demonstrations of the percussionistic arts. Kenny was . . . well, Kenny Burrell. That should speak for itself. His subdued approach to the guitar is a wonder to hear. His delicate — almost fragile — were masterpieces in themselves.

One thing that really impressed us was the fact that he played, for a very pleasant change, tunes with which everyone was familiar. Things like: "Surrey with the Fringe On Top."

He played a very moving rendition of Nat Coles immortal "Christmas Song,' mortal "Christmas Song.' He also played a selection from his latest album, the title selection; "God Bless the Child" that was very well received.

The Kenny Burrell concert was a very relaxed, warm evening of jazz, one that will not soon be forgotten by those in attance. Here's hoping that he will be booked for a return engagement in the very near future.

Ray Pino and the Gentlemen of Jazz will present the Herbie Hancock Septeton Sunday, December 26th. Herbie, ofncourse, plays piano and tric piano.

Herbie is one of the dominant figures in jazz today, contributing both as a performer and more important as a composer and jazz innovator. This promises to a very interesting concert.

The proceeds of the concert will go towards the research of Sickle Cell Anemia, a little researched disease affecting only black people.

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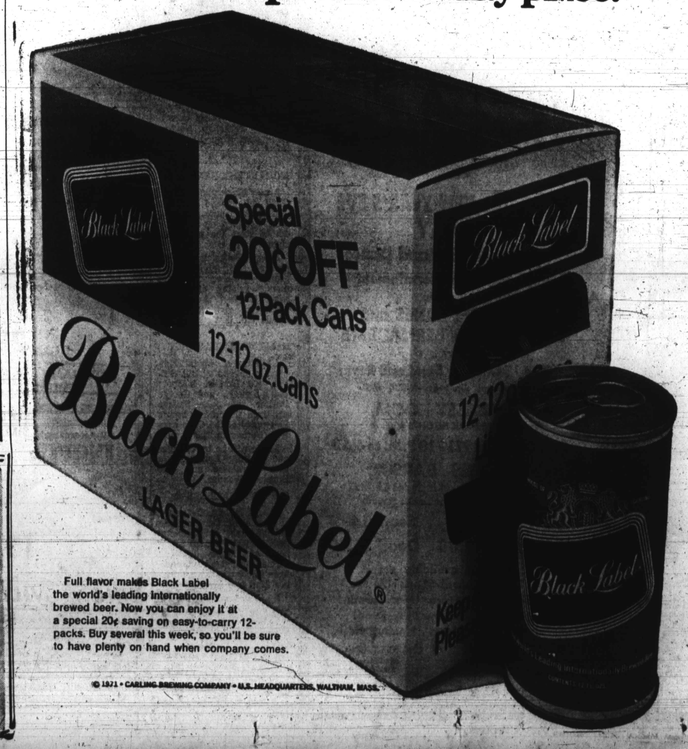

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REPORT FROM EUROPE

Rats and roaches lacking in Paris

By OLLIE STEWART

PARIS — Here I was, settled down on my spine to read a new AFRO. The paper arrived at my door on Dec. 4 and was dated Oct. 16 (the dock strike having made it two months late.)

Soo, real comfortable and happy to let the rest of the world go by, I opened the paper — and five minutes later AFRO writer Bob Queen had scared me so badly I had to calm my nerves with a beer.

Bob sermon was rats and roaches, and the way he preached gave me not only the shakes, but made me want to get down on my knees and offer up a quick one.

Writing from New Jersey (where I grew up), Queen said: "Experts state in rough numbers, buth certainty, that there are at least a million (cockroaches) in every building."

He also noted that rat exterminators are more often than not, called in "before the walls and windows are installed" in a new building.

As I said a moment ago, I spent a lot of my youthful days in East Orange and Newark and those days are so far away I don't remember how big a rat and roach population we had.

But if it's like Bob Queen says it is now, I'm more than happy to be out of the Garden State.

And I'm not putting this down to brag — I'm just lucky, I guess. But in this house in Paris (where I've lived the past 20 years), I have not seen one rat or one roach.

There must be both roaches and rats in Paris. But now that i think about it, I don't remember visiting anybody else here who had bugs that scampered when the light came on in the kitchen. Or rats that ate holes in the wall, not to mention any food not protected by a steel box.

So I'm lucky. My house has concrete floors, and a rat would play hell eating his way into my place. I suppose a cockroach could scrap up a meal now and then if he could climb the pipes, but not one has his head out since I've been here.

It makes me wonder. Do we in Paris have less filth in our summer screens in which vermin can breed?

Do we keep less food around to attract the bugs? Or is it simply that Paris houses are bebber built.

Which reminds me that a few years ago I went to take pictures of the oldest house in Paris. It's still in good shape, despite the fact that it was built 500 years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock.

In short, it's 800 years old — and I'm pretty sure it has neither rats nor roaches.

We also don't have mosquitoes in Paris, which reminds me of Newark and East Orange again. The thing I remember best about New Jersey is the way we had to fight hungry mosquitoes.

didn't mean a thing . They hit the line like a pro football team, and at night their weirtl war cry meant that blood was going to run.

So maybe I owe Bob Queen something, but I can't figure out what. On the one hand he scared me into a thirst, and spoiled my afternoon reading.

But on the other hand, he made me dig back into my memories of Central Avenue and Halsey Street — and come to the conclusion that what's happening on Newark's High Street (vermin-wise) isn't likely to happen to me where I live now.

Maybe it's good to be reminded of something to feel good about.

NEIGHBORLY VISIT — Newark Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson, second from left, made a stop at the party given by the S. 17th St. and 17th Ave. Neighborhood Association at the home of Mrs. Deene Campbell, foreground. Left, is Johnie Peterson, Commissioner of the City Alcohol Beverage Control Board; Rear, (l-r) are Mrs. Mary Spencer, block leader and Mrs. Susie Fields, association president. (AFRO Photo)

More education funds for indigent children

The Maryland State Board of Education is initiating a new program for low income families in various cultural groups to apply for excess funds to educate their multi-handicapped children.

Being initiated though the medium of the Office of Special Education of the Division of Instruction, the program will be broken down into four major parts.

According to the program, released at the meeting of the Board Wednesday, there will be dissemination of information through publication, conferences, visitations and suspended special education cases.

Officials engaged in the scheme will meet principals, counselors, psychologists and social workers of schools predominantly serving lower socio-economic families.

They will also visit families to determine those individuals who could benefit from excess cost.

The program indicates a survey will be conducted of the 1972 applications to determine the increase availability of excess cost to lower socio-economic and multi-ethnic groups.

According to the results of House Bill 328 all youngsters who have been excluded from school and have not been provided with an appropriate special education program must be provided with equal special education opportunities. Some of them may qualify for excess cost under the law.

According to figures released by the Budget Committee the State Department of Education has requested $23,191,102 for the next financial year.

This figure shows an increase of $2,435,509 over last financial year's budget.

Federal office takes complaints

RICHMOND

The Richmond Social Security Office has been designated as a local center to receive complaints about substandard conditions in nursing homes.

Persons who have information about instances of poor quality care, neglect, unsanitary, or unsafe conditions in a nursing home may give that information to the social security office at 400 N. Eighth St. in person, by letter or telephone.

If desired, the name of the person making the complaint and the name of the nursing home patient will be kept confidential, said C. A. Archiell, social Security District Manager in Richmond.

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Lee was presented a silver Paul Revere bowl by Jim Ross, president of Cornerstone, and Bill Williams, vice-president.

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Doctor dissects war in Vietnam

NEW YORK — Vietnam: the most photographed and controversial war in American history comes under the clinical scrutiny of a young black doctor who served there and writes of his experiences in JUST BEFORE THE DAWN by Fenton A. Williams, M.D., published by Exposition Press.

This is the straightforward account of Dr. Williams' horrifying experiences with the Medical Battalion of the 9th Infantry Division at Dong Tam in the Mekong Delta. Using neither sensationalism nor hyperbole, he states the cold facts, which need no amplification.

Exposed to the total experience of "the most unpopular war in history," he has measured every aspect of American involvement and finds, tragically, "that United States of America . . . must be considered the supreme culprit, a belief" he writes, "Shared by the doctors and dentists in his billet who discussed the war in all its aspects every evening in the officers' club.

Leon Bates, top pianist plays at FMC

MIAMI — Leon Bates, a renowned pianist recently performed in concert in the Teaching Auditorium at Florida Memorial College. His performance was part of FMC's Lyceum series.

Bates began his formal studies in music at age six with a private teacher, Christopher Sinjani. At 12, he entered the Settlement Music School in Philadelphia, under Irene Beck.

Throughout his high school career, he was an outstanding musician, featured in concerts and recitals., radio and television. Since 1964, Bates has been active in professional music, winning several He is a student at Temple University.

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