Bishop Cedric E. Mills

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younger man here," Bishop Mills, white haired but looking 20 years younger, told the AFRO.

"In four years I would have to retire. It takes longer to do things down here and I would not to like to start something and not finish the job," he said.

Three beautiful murals hang in the Cathedral Church of All Saints in St. Thomas, V. I. which were painted by Mrs. Mills.

All three hand over-looking the main altar of this beautiful church. One is mother and child, one of Christ on the cross, and one of Christ alone.

Father Mills had been rector of St. James in Baltimore for 23 years. When he was consecrated bishop, he became the fourth black member of House of Bishops.

He was a magna cum laude graduate of the Philadelphia Divinity School, and has a master's degree from University of Pennsylvania. He has received honorary degrees from Lincoln University, Philadelphia Divinity School, St. Augustine's College and Morgan State College.

In Baltimore he was a charter member of the Baltimore Chapter of Frontiers of America, Inc.; member of the Board of Directors of the NAACP; a member of the Governor's Commission on Problems Affecting the Colored Populations; member of Board of Directors of Baltimore Council of Social Agencies, 1951.

Also he was Chairman of Survey Committee of the P.T.A. of Frederick Douglass High School, 1952; chairman of the Parents' Citizens Committee on Education; member of the Board of Managers of George F. Bragg Fund;

Member of Board of Directors of Mental Hygiene Society of Greater Baltimore and member of Advisory Committee on the Henryton School of Practical Nursing. He served as vice president of Board of Directors of the Citizens Planning and Housing Association;

Before coming to Baltimore, Bishop Mills served parishes in West Chester, Pa., and Plainfield, N.J. — F. Murphy

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Higher wages, biggest factor in Dec. rise

By GENE CARLSON

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Personal income of all Americans jumped $9 billion in December, the first full month, following the wage-price freeze, the government said today.

The rise was about triple the monthly gain of the rence Sherma , the Choregrapher, Louis Brown, past three months when the wage-price freeze held down the size of workers' paychecks, dividends and other income payments. The commerce department said it represented the second largest monthly gain of 1971.

For all of 1971, personal income totaled $837 billion, 6.5 per cent above the 1970 6.5 per cent above the 1970 total, but 0.5 per cent less than the 1970 gain over 1969.

The December increase brought the seasonally adjusted annual rae to $883.8 billion.

Higher wages and salaries was the biggest factor in the December rise, the deparment said. Paychecks increased $9.8 billion in December compared to 3.5 billion in the previous month.

Inmates set banquet for Sunday night

The Old Town Jaycees, a group of 86 inmates at the Maryland State Penitentiary, will hold its sixth annual banquet Saturday, at 6:30 p.m. Congressman Parren J. Mitchell will be the guest speaker.

Curran Awards will be presented by James Jordan, commissioner of corrections for the state, to those members of the news media who best publicized activities of the State Division of Corrections.

The Jaycees gear their efforts toward gaining leadership training through the development of community, inside the prison and outside.

Running well over 100 projects a year, the Old Towners have served in the March of Dimes, Cerebral Palsy, Goodwill Industries and the Leukemia Society of America.

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Mitchell seeks exemption of poor from wage freeze

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell (D. — 7th. Md.) announced Wednesday he has sent letters to every member of the Pay Board and the Cost of Living Council asking them to follow the intent of Congress and assure that the working poor are exempted from wage freezes during this period of economic stabilization.

His actions were in response to press statements that the Pay Board would suggest an exemption level of some $4,000.

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Mitchell, who introduced the amendment as part of the Economic Stabilization Act, wanted to assure that the Bureau of Labor Statistics definition of working poor was followed. This is $6,960 for a family of four, with one employed head of household.

Congressman Mitchell stated, "In my judgement the $6,960 exemption level established by the Congress may be too low, by virtue of the cost-of-living increase since Spring, 1970.

The $4,000 level, however, would, if adopted, have the curious effect of freezing the earnings of millions of Americans at or below the poverty guideline."

"The authority of this legislation was never intended by the Congress to be used to impede the accession of low-income persons toward an adequate living standard." Congressman Mitchell stated in his letter to members of the Pay Board.

"It is my great hope that the Pay Board will not reflect the callous and indifferent attitude of an Administration that is continually showing its insensitivity toward the poor and working poor in our country."

Congressman Mitchell also stated that "During this period of economic stabilization we cannot allow those who have the least to suffer the most."

—Hostage figure

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fered himself as a hostage.

It has been learned that Morgan is a Vietnam vet and was discharged from the Army three years ago and considered 100 percent disabled. The government describes his disability as "catatonic and schizophrenia."

Doctors report that the government has failed to thoroughly investigate the possibilities of combat trained veterans resorting to violence once back in American society.

Doctors state it is remarkable he is alive, as many other police in the nation would have killed him. They said further his bold action was an attempt to get attention as well as a cry of despair.

Mr. Morgan was injured during a mortar attack and was carried to California. The strain of combat apparently triggered an emotional problem and he was placed in a hospital, doctors report.

He lived in the Glen Burnie area with his relatives. Mayor William Donald Schaefer and Police Commissioner Donald D. Polmerleau awarded officer Edward Malecki and Mrs. Brooks the Mayor's Citation for acting above and beyond the call of duty.

Councilmen tell why no Walbrook program

Several councilmen, representing the 5th and 6th Districts, have explained why the four-quarter year round school program was not approved.

Councilmen Reuben Caplan, Allen B. Spector and Alexander Stark of the 5th District, and William Myers of the 6th District, told Walbrook High School students:

"The Department of Education submitted an $800,000 request for this purpose of which $400,000 was by the Department of Finance and $300,000 deducted by action of the Board of Estimates.

"The remaining $100,000 was deducted by action of the council. The reason for the council's action was that the $100,000 was found to be solely for planning and not for actual cost operation for the summer season.

"It was our opinion that with the size of the Administrative Supervisory Staff at the Department of Education, there was no need for additional planning money."

The councilmen stressed however, that "just because the money for the four-quarter program was deleted by the mayor and council does not mean that the Department of Education could not have allocated money for it if they felt that the program deserved top priority."

Judge won't delay school merge edict

By GENE POYTHRESS

RICHMOND, Va. (UPI) — U.S. District Judge Robert R. Merhige Wednesday refused to stay his landmark ruling in the Richmond school merger case, saying the harm that might come to the defendant state and suburban counties is "in reality, neglible."

Merhige said he denied the stay, sought by the state board of education and Henrico and Chesterfield counties, because "The defendants can in no manner be harmed by complying . . . and any failure to do so will undoubtedly result in great and irreparable harm to the plaintiffs . . ."

The state and the two counties argued in a hearing Tuesday that the problems of establishing a 104,000 pupil system crossing political boundaries would be tremendous.

They also argued that if the plan were put into effect and later overturned, the students involved would be disrupted by having to again switch schools.

Merhige claimed he lacked the authority to grant the defendants the total relief sought — a stay pending appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

He dismissed the defendants' description of the case as "novel," saying he viewed his legal conclusions as "legal principles long established as the law of the land."

Merhige ordered the consolidation Jan. 10 and directed it to go into effect this fall. The Richmond School Board sought the consolidation to ease desegregation burdens caused by increasing flight of whites to the suburban counties.

Under the plan, about 78,000 students would be bused — some across the political boundaries.

Merhige said he had to consider the "irreparable harm" that will come to Richmond area school children "each day in which they are denied an educational opportunity to which the court has concluded they are entitled."

"The prospective harm to defendants should be the instant motions be denied is in reality neglible," he said. "... This court cannot foresee any reason why the matter cannot be presented to the U.S. Court of Appeals well before there is any visible implementation of the approved plan."

Merhige said he felt he could not delay the case further, reminding the defendants there was at least one lengthy delay in the actual trial of the case. He said the delays in the case so far "undoubtedly will stand them in good stead in the pending appeal."

In arguing for the State Board of Education, Atty. Gen. Andrew Miller called Merhige's original decision "revolutionary" and "extraordinary." He had said it should be finally resolved before implemented.

Attorneys for Henrico County claimed a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court Monday in a similar New Jersey case was grounds for a stay. In that decision, the Supreme Court refused to review the dismissal of a similar case by a lower court.

The Richmond School Board and black plaintiffs opposed the stay, arguing the constitutional rights of the school children were more important than the possible inconvenience to which the state and counties might be put.

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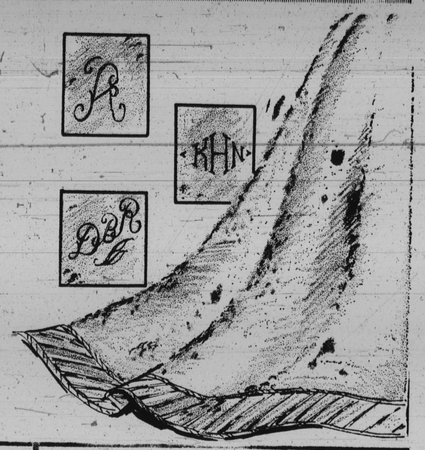

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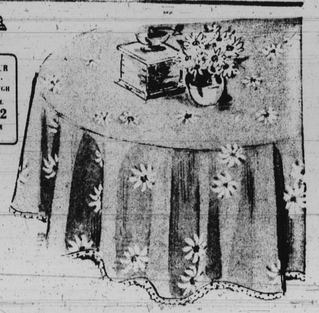

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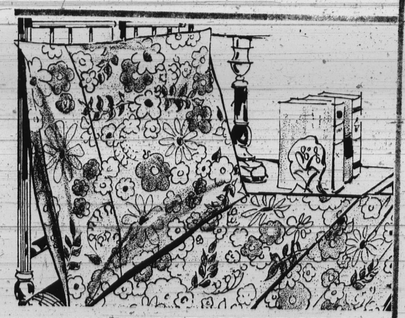

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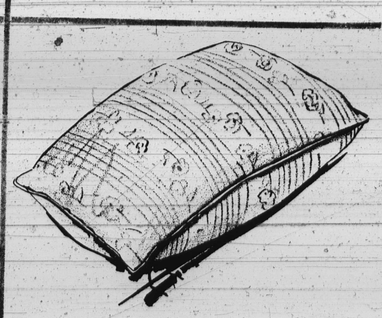

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