BALTIMORE NEIGHBORHOODS Black Communications Committee includes from left, Miss DyAnne Jackson, secretary; Mrs. Helen Tucker, Miss Brenda Bryant, Miss G. Tywanna Perru and Mrs. Audrey Simmons, chairman.

THREE GENERATIONS — Miss Valerie Dianna Hamm, center, proudly displays printed program of pageant, "Who Am I?" which she wrote and directed to grandmother, left, Mrs. Leslie Wainwright and mother, Mrs. Gloria Wainwright. The pageant which was held recently in the Provident Hospital auditorium featured the Dramatics wh oinclude Joyce Alston, Melba Alston, Karen Brown, Earl Byrd, Betty Christmas, Margaret Cook, Shirley Goodson, Mary A. Greene, Acam Gray, Jr., Brenda Merrith, Linda Merrith, Michael Merrith, Margaret Muse, Lewis Payne, Roland Talbolt, and Shirley Young. Judy Cooper and Mark Payne were the accompanists. Joh Feather and Bobby Smith were in charge of the lights. AFRO Photo By I. Henry Phillips.

State-wide convention at MSC, Sat.

The Maryland delegation to the First National Black Political Convention held in Gary, Indiana is holding a state-wide convention at Morgan State College on Saturday, in Hurt Gymnasium.

Registration is from 9 to 10 a.m.

The fee $6 and includes lunch. Parking is reserved.

Scrub the screens before putting them up for warm weather use.

Haiti seen at crossroads in relations with U.S.

'Last In Series'

By R. S. PRITCHARD and A. J. POLGAR

Though predicated on egalitarian principles, American social patterns have severely restricted the freedom of Afro-American, Asian-American, native American, Mexican-American and Puerto Rican population groups.

The collective experience of such disenfranchised population groups was pre-determined by minority status, caste and/or race.

The practice of racial discrimination in the United States has similarly had a disruptive effect on America's relations with Third World nations. America's relations with Third World countries are but a reflection of its aberrant domestic policies vis a vis its ethnic minorities.

Indeed, in the case of Haiti, which has been particularly vulnerable throughout its history to the unadulterated imperialism of the great powers, the element of color prejudice is especially pertinent.

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Accordingly, it is extremely difficult for these writers to accept the luxuriant historical tendency of Haiti's critics who overlook the miraculous birth of a Black nation in the early nineteenth century. In projecting their own demands and expectations today, Haiti's critics are actually consigning Haiti to an irrevocable condition of exploitation.

Some have even gone so far as to imply that the only solution to Haiti's ills is annexation by the United States of America.

In spite of many setbacks, the history of Haiti is one of affirmation, under conditions of great adversity. Invariably, historical occasions of great significance in Third World history elicit the ridicule of historians and critics who overlook the disgraceful role played by a great power in attempting to degrade an utterly powerless small nation.

We observed this at first-hand in Haitian diplomatic circles in the Sixties. Haitian Diplomats in the United States felt it was incumbent upon them to maintain correct pro forma relations which the United States Government, in spite of the fact that a decade earlier they could not obtain a hotel room in Washington, D.C., or be courteously received by an assistant under-secretary of state.

At the same time, they felt duty-bound to explore all possible avenues of assistance for their beleaguered people.

If Haiti's leaders have now become the casualties of this cruel paradox of dependency and self-reliance, and are about to prostrate themselves to accommodate themselves politically to American business interests and international financial institutions, Haiti's critics must understand that the humiliation is not self-induced . . . nor is the hatred such humiliation will produce.

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Haiti is not a racist country; it is a nation which abhors the racist mentality.

Yet like all under-developed nations threatened by neo-colonialism, it is forced to choose between prostitution or famine, dishonor or poverty.

This is an unnatural choice, but it is this very unethical ultimatum placed by the great powers on Haiti's doorstep which alienated such Haitian leaders as Dessalines and Duvalier, which has forced young Haitians to rein to the desperate venality of some embrace leftist ideologies, and given Haitian public officials.

No one understood the threat of than the great Frederick Douglass, the United States' first Minister Plenipotentiary to Haiti. (The United States did not initiate diplomatic relations with Haiti until after the Civil War).

It happened that Frederick Douglass was sent to Haiti at a time when the U.S. coveted the Mole Saint Nicholas for a naval base in the Caribbean. It was in no small measure due to Frederick Douglass' unwillingness to be a party to the negotiations, and to the astuteness of Haiti's foreign minister that Haiti was not forced to cede the base, even though American naval vessels attempted by their presence to intimidate the Haitian government.

Haitian national life during the regime of the late President Francois Duvalier, who died April 22, 1971, was described as a ruthless dictator.

Yet these same critics would praise the tenacity of a Ho Che Minh or a Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

As the late Dr. Frantz Fanon of Martinque has written in **The Wretched of the Earth**, the heads of state of newly-liberated nations spend two-thirds of their time . . . trying to anticipate the real dangers that threaten them, and in defending themselves against the opposition's "ruthless ventures into sedition."

In keeping the principle of self-determination for Haiti intact for posterity, Duvalierism still threatens the status quo in naions where the black minority is suppressed.

Though these considerations will not endear these writers to their Haitian exile circles, they are set forth in the earnest hope that greater friends in Haitian Government and understanding may flourish between may usher in a new era in Haitian-fice of Minority Business Enterprise munity, and that such understanding American relations.

Ed. note — The authors of this final article in a series are experts on Haitian-American affairs, and have been identified in the past with a positive, albeit controversial interpretation of the Haitian social and cultural revolution during the Duvalier years. Dr. R. S. Pritchard, dean of black American concert pianists, black foundation executive, Inter-American and African-American Cultural Exchange expert, and A. J. Polgar, a French-born writer and poet, and associate director of Pritchard's Panamerican Association (founded partially upon Haitian inititives) were received officially by President Duvalier on several occasions between 1966 and the time of his death. A. J. Polgar was granted leave by the Panamerican Association for an eight month stint in 1968 when he was appointed head of Haiti's first Press and Information Service in Washington, D.C. by President Duvalier.

EUROPEAN HOLIDAY—Vacationing in Europe are Dr. and Mrs. Cyril E. Ashby of Baltimore. They were photographed at recent Provident Hospital benefit party given by Women's Auxiliary of Monumental Medical Society at Hunt Valley Inn.

—Miss Faison

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Reynolds by Gary Florence.

The students were dressed in formal or semi-formal style, the young women wearing pants sets as well as evening gowns, with open backs, some having slits at the sides. The men escorts of the Queens Court wore white brocaded tuxedo coats, trimmed in black velvet, but other students wore red, blue and white coats. Prof. Gregory drew much attention, with his red coat and plaid trousers.

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After the coronation, the Mayball guests sat at the 60 tables, with ten guests to a table for the buffet supper, and later danced to the music of Stacy and the Sound Service. Dr. Bard danced with Queen Faison.

The Mayball was sponsored by the Social Committee of the Student Government Association.

Working with the committee were Mrs. Gwendolyn Kellam, secretary of the Student Activities Department; Mrs. Jan Campbell, secretary of the Student Government Association; Mrs. Gwendolyn Sands, of the Security Office, and Mr. Faulkner, director of Student Activities.

Woodbourne band rated superior

The 47-member band of Woodbourne Junior High School rated highest at the citywide Junior High School Music Festival.

Led by Mrs. Marian Compello, the group presented "Symphonette for Band," "The Winds of Change," "Tambor," a Gospel Rock Medley," and "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing."

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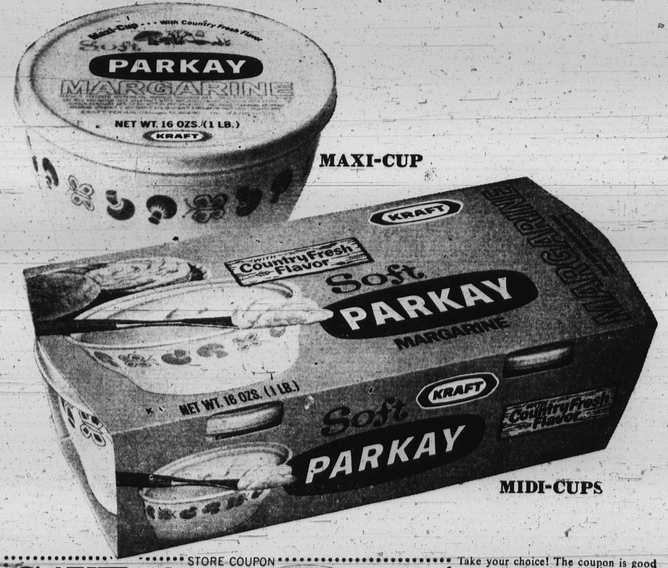

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MORE NAACP BABIES who have entered the "Human Dolls on Parade" contest include (seated, L to R): Marcell Broidy, 1, and mother, Mrs. Idonia Broidy; Traci Renee Braxton, 1, daughter of Mrs. Evelyn Braxton of Glen Burnie; David Skinner, 22 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Skinner, and Jada Jones, 6 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Jones. Standing: Vernon Watkins, 2, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernell Watkins; Romona Joyner, 4, daughter of Mrs. Elva Joyner; Tia Lavonne Berry, 2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Berry; Karen Jacqueline Falls; Annette Lynn Campbell, 14 months, daughter of Mrs. Janette S. Campbell; Gwendolyn Rollins, and Andre Henson, 8 months, son of Mrs. Patricia Henson. AFRO Photo By John Dorman.

Phone cheaters: your trap's set

"Through our tool fraud control program, we intend to turn the tide," W. M. Dunbar, manager of the C and P Telephone Company of Maryland, emphasized.

Recently, the telephone company started cracking downon toll fraud offenders — for example, persons who fraudulently use a credit card or who charge long-distance calls to numbers which they have not been authorized to use.

"No longer does it suffice to make restitution and to promise that you won't do it again," said Dunbar. "We are actively pressing for arrests and convictions."

In Maryland, an offender who is caught and convicted faces a fine up to $500, a jail sentence up to six months, or both.

C and P will not divulge its methods for detecting and tracking down offenders. They will say that the techniques employ the latest investigative methods, including use of modern computer technology and the training of operators to recognize and report fraud.

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GOODWILL FASHIONS will be displayed on Saturday at the new Goodwill Industry, 4001 Southwestern Blvd. Mrs. Matue Cooper, center, fashion show commentator, selects a blouse for the open house affair and Mrs. Bertha Pendergrass, right, is shown in an old-fashioned muslin and lace gown. Miss Shirley Dehn selects a gown for the afair.

Items for sale at Goodwill's annual open house on Saturday

Additional details have now been made available of the series of events planned for the Third Annual Open House of Baltimore Goodwill Industries at their new consolidated location, 4001 Southwestern Blvd, Saturday.

Since this is the only day of the year when Goodwill is in full operation, everyone is encouraged to take advantaged to take alvantage of thid opportunity to visit and see the handicapped men and women at work repairing and refurbishing the articles given to Goodwill by residents of the metropolitan Baltimore area.

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Open to the public at 9 a.m., the first eventwill be the dedication ceremony of the new outdoor flagpole. For the first time in Baltimore Goodwill's 53rd year history, both national and state flags will be flown regularly outside. The flags being used in the ceremony have flown er both capitols.

On display will be antiques that have been contributed to Goodwill, with a large selection being offered fro sale.

Also on display, and offered for sale, will be mod furniture done in bright enamel colors.

A Fashion Show as the grand finale of the open house visit, using only clothing which has been contributed to Goodwill by the community, this year will emphasize the addition of restyled clothing by the JC Jessupettes, a volunteer group of these women are a group of dolls which they have dressed and which will be judged in a contrast for prizes and then offered for sale to the public.

MISS PATRICIA LOCKS—A freshman at Coppin State College was awarded a full three-year fellowship to the Bio-Medical Sciences program at Meharry Medical College in Tennessee. Miss Locks, 18, will receive free tuition, textbooks, and laboratory supplies for the next three years. Upon her completion of the program, she will receive a check for $300 to compensate her for money not earned in summer employment.

Library grants total $185,000

Six demonstration projects in library services to this disadvantaged have been approved by the Maryland State Department of Education and will open this month. The six federal grants total $185,000.

"Project Outreach to Inmates" will make new library materials available to inmates at the Maryland State Penitentiary, including books, records; filmstrips, film projectors, and tape recorders. The $37,000 project was proposed by the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

A $22,816 Talbot County project, will establish a library in the Office of Economic Opportunity Center in Easton to serve parents of Head Start and day care children, basic adult education students, senior citizens, Job Corps trainees, and others.

A new project in Garrett County, submitted by the Ruth Enlow Library, will develop five community center libraries in low income areas, three forestry camp libraries, and small collections in two nursing homes and in the county jail.

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Three Southern Maryland counties, Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's, will equip a van with library and information services to tour those areas that are not accessible to the larger bookmobiles.

A Maryland State Division of Correction program will completely revamp library services at the Maryland House of Correction at Jessup, including renovation of the present library, purchase of new materials, and appointment of a librarian. The grant totals $40,700.

A "Patients' Library Project," proposed by the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, will place librarians at Western Maryland and Deer's Head state hospitals in Hagerstown and Salisbury.

Two other hospitals — Montbello, in Baltimore City and Mt. Wilson, in Baltimore County will also benefit under the project.

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