—Dave Mason hits HEW

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(3) extension statewide of following actions:

(1) the deployment of the State's Quality Control unit to Baltimore City last year to assist in the elimination of an eligibility reconsideration backlog of 35,000 resulting in savings to Federal, State and local governments and the perfecting of procedures to accomplish this same result statewide;

(2) the development of "flying squads" specially trained units for deployment to local areas with reconsideration backlogs;

income screening procedures used in Baltimore City;

(4) making a major investment in a sophisticated data-processing system to virtually eliminate clerical error; and

(5) the institution of a positive identification system for public assistance check cashing purposes.

"In sum, the secretary said, we are trying as conscientiously and as strenuously as is humanly possible to eliminate our own error and to detect client errors. The proposed regulation will neither assist us in this effort nor add to the abundant incentive we already have to root out improper payments.

"Such action represents an imposition of sanctions without due process. It is based upon an arbitrary and improper instrument for determining how much the Federal Government owes or does not owe the State.

"It will impose upon the poor of Maryland and unsupportable hardship, will discourage States in their efforts to perfect their quality control systems and is in direct contravention of court decisions and HEW's own regulations requiring a recipient to be considered eligible (and thus to be paid) until he is finally adjudged ineligible."

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In suggesting that Maryland might be forced to take court action if the regulation is adopted, Secretary Mason cited the following justifications for such action:

(1) The proposed regulation would impose fiscal sanctions upon the States without due process in violation of the Social Security Act, the Administrative Procedure Act, and HEW's own regulations governing administrative hearings.

(2) The withholding of payments to the States based upon the Quality Control error rate cannot be regarded as "non-payment for ineligibility or over payments" in that Quality Control findings represent only suspected errors among a randomly-selected minuscule sample and therefore are not a proper device for calculating the number of persons who were improperly paid.

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(3) The refusal by the Department to assume its share of State payments to recipients up to such time as they have been properly determined to be ineligible or overpaid represents a violation of the Social Security Act's mandate that the Secretary of the Treasury pay each state the prescribed Federal percentage of its expenditures for aid to needy people.

It violates, furthermore, the Constitutional and statutory right of the public assistance applicant or recipient to Federal funds until he has been determined ineligible or overpaid through a fair hearing procedure.

Mr. Mason informed Secretary Richardson that if HEW proceeded with the regulation Maryland would request a separate administrative hearing before its implementation in this State.

The secretary concluded.

"... there is a better approach to the problem of preventing erroneous payments: I concur with your expressed aim of eliminating such payments, but the instrument you have devised will not accomplish that objective and should be discarded. Let us, instead, develop cooperatively a system by which States can actually reduce their error rates, and the Federal Government can determine fairly and accurately its share of the cost."

—$730,864

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used to renovate the former Norwegian Seamen's Home.

The Center will house Model Cities Child Day Care Programs, an Enoch Pratt Library Reading Center, a 4-H Club, Family and Childrens Society Programs and Outreach Programs of the Community Action Agency.

This Center is also scheduled to open in 1974.

The Cherry Hill and Reservoir Hill Centers are the City's fourth and fifth such projects to receive HUD approval over the past several years.

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These projects and the Multi-Purpose Center Bond Issue approved by the voters in November are part of Mayor Schaefer's commitment to provide Multi-Purpose facilities throughout the city in the next several years.

Mayor Schaefer added "that while Federal and City funds were necessary to build the centers that surrounding neighborhoods should be commended for their efforts in bringing these plans to fruition."

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FRED Z. NICHOLS JR.

Fred Nichols found dead in bedroom

Fred Zane Nichols, 55, 2100 block Garrison Blvd., was found dead at 7:04 p.m. Wednesday in his apartment, police report.

Southwestern District Officer Calvin Moore stated he found the veteran Social Security supervisor dead in his bedroom with his right arm folded across his chest.

A witness told police Mr. Nichols had not been well of late and was suffering from high blood pressure and cancer. He was pronounced dead at 7:07 p.m.

Police stated that there was no sign of foul play. Mr. Nichols, was divorced and lived alone. No funeral arrangements had been made at AFRO presstime.

School plans benefit dinner

Cardinal Gibbons High School will sponsor a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, Feb. 3 in the school cafeteria from 4 to 7 p.m.

The dinner menu will feature meatballs, meat sauce salad, bread, wine and a dessert. Tickets, $3 for adults and $1 for children under 12, may be purchased at the door or by calling Mrs. Virginia Gray at 465-8109.

The proceeds will go to the varsity football team and the athletic Department of Cardinal Gibbons.

MISS MARY FRANCES JORDAN

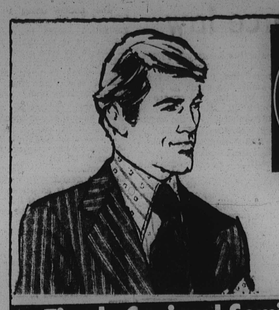
Musical recital for Miss Jordan

Former Miss Mary Frances Jordan will be presented in lyric soprano, a musical recital by the Maryland State Association of Ministers Wives at 4 p.m. Jan. 28, 1973 at the Centennial United Methodist Church, 1029 Monument St.

Miss Jordan was recently married to Joseph Atkins-Afful of Accra, Ghana, West Africa.

A native of West Virginia, she now resides in Baltimore with her husband. She is the daughter of the Rev. B. P. Jordan, a retired minister of the United Methodist Church, Baltimore Conference and Mrs. Jordan.

Miss Jordan is a graduate of Dunbar High School and Morgan State College. She also studied with Joseph Eubanks of Morgan State College and with Beta Mateusz and Madame Wushack, both of Peabody Conservatory.



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fri jan 19

Rally at Malcolm X Park

(15th & Euclid), at 5:30 p.m. Rally will include Congresspeople Andrew Young and Bella Abzug, Beulah Sanders of NWRO, Jesse Gray of the NTO and Howard Zinn, historian, among others. movies at the All Soul's Church (16th & Columbia) at 7:30 p.m. Movies will include "Nixon's the Culprit," "Angola," and other movies about the Vietnamese, African and American peoples. vigil, all night, starting at 11 p.m., at the Forrestal Building (10th and Independence) to protest the war, domestic represssion and the institutional racism of the U.S. Navy.

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THAT'S NOT WHERE IT'S AT GOVERNOR . . .

The Case of Prince George's County on Busing . . . .

By VERDA F. WELCOME

The birthday celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. provided the opportunity for me to take the floor of the Senate and speak out against happenings which have troubled me for a number of months.

The governor of the state of Maryland, in an attempt to "placate anti-busers, and anti blacks" in Prince George's County has placed the state in the position of condoning the failure of Princes George's County to comply with court ordered school integration.

Because a large vocal group of citizens has opposed the busing of 13,00 students representing 3.8 per cent of the white students in the county and 20 per cent of the blacks, Gov. Marvin Mandel has proposed an alternative of building new schools located centrally to white and black communities, to avoid busing.

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I suggested that the governor will soon rue the error of his ways, for, not only has he placed himself in an untenable position in opposition to the Constitution as interpreted by the courts, but he will be committed to an expensive and unwise school construction program which will satisfy no one.

It will satisfy no one if undertaken as proposed because we all know that the objections of these irate citizens are not really to the busing, but rather to the more than token integration of their schools.

The governor has failed to exert the leadership we have the right to ask of our governor in the face of a highly emotional issue.

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I called to his attention the recent study of "the U.S. Senate Committee on Equal Educational Opportunity for Children, chaired by Senator Walter Mondale, which concludes that "racial and economic integration including a cautious use of busing as a tool must be used to achieve the court's order."

The report continued, saying "We are mutilating the spirit of millions of American children every day, and it is a sin."

Our state constitution clearly places with the state the responsibility for the equal educational opportunity of all children. I urged the governor to reassess his recent positions in the light of this goal.

—Mitchell

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iced. According to administrators the two-year contract of the center was suddenly terminated without any explanation last Wednesday.

The two year contract was to run from Nov. 1971 to Nov. 1973 with an option for a third year. Within 14 months of its existence more than 500 persons with drug problems have been rehabilitated. Currently more than 200 drug addicts are receiving servicing.

In addition to counseling patients receive job training, job replacement, training in basic education for high school equivalency, individual and family counseling and psychotherapy. It has a staff of 34.

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In his telegram Congressman Mitchell stated:

"It is of great alarm and distress that I have just learned of the abrupt termination of the above program. I cannot believe it is the intent of the Government to precipitously jump over 200 hard-core addicts or drug users in various stages of rehabilitation back to the street where the shock and disillusionment produced by this action will result in high recidivism. In addition, the action will make later effort for their rehabilitation impossible.

"I know that this program, one of two in this country, has a highly trained staff who are functioning as a team and are meeting the goals of the program. When one considers the urgency of the drug problem and the difficulty of getting the program together, it is almost criminal negligence to dismantle the program before it has completed its task.

"I strongly urge the immediate retraction of this termination before irreparable harm is done to the program in Baltimore City. This action appears to run counter to the administration's commitment to combat crime."

—Randolph

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years ago. It is rumored, here in Annapolis, that King has slipped down to devote more time to furthering political ambitions.

Information leaking from the meeting revealed that, in fact, King had refused the nomination. There had been pre-session speculation that the chairmanship would be a contest between King and city Del. John Douglass (D., 2nd).

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When reached for comment, Del. Randolph in outlining objectives, remarked "My chief aim is that we (caucus) work as a unit."

On those matters most directly affecting black persons Randolph said the caucus must be "100 per cent together" though "you can not expect people to be alike on all matters. We have our divisions and we have to face it."

Del. Randolph stated he intends to call a public meeting of the caucus sometime next week to lay to rest any and all questions that have, surely, arisen in their long silence.

Others attending the 90-minute-session at the Jeffrey Building were: Delegates Troy Brailey (D., 4th), Walter Dean (D., 5th), Dr. Arris Allen, treasurer, (R., Anne Arundel), Joseph Chester (D., 2nd), Frank Conaway (D., 4th), Hildegardis Boswell, secretary, (D., 4th), James A. Scott (D., 2nd), Kenneth Webster (D., 5th), and Senators Clarence Mitchell (D., 4th), Clarence Blount (D., 5th), Verda Welcome, vice-chairman, (D., 4th), and Robert L. Dalton (D., 2nd).

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In another development, the fireworks expected to erupt on the House floor, Thursday, following the Monday night appearance of City Council President Walter Orlinsky with instructions from the mayor, failed to materialize as the House voted to sustain six of seven Mandel vetoes.

Orlinsky had informed city delegates of a "conditional" compromise agreement that had been reached with the state's chief executive on two of seven veto messages heldover from the 1972 session.

Of particular importance to the city administration were vetoes of H.B. 16, which would provide medical care the state's needy and H.B. 1077 calling for increased state funded school construction.

Orlinsky directed city legislators to base decisions on whether or not the Governor made known details of his compromise measures in his annual 'State of the State' message Wednesday.

Following yesterday's vote which saw the Governor supported in his economy drive, one city delegate was heard to say "It was a vote of conviction. I guess we just voted our convictions."

—Warden

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duce the jail's 1,450 inmate population, and Mr. Turner asserted "a concerted effort on everyone's part" resulted in two "constructive" developments.

The first is to speed state Law Enforcement Assistance Authority (LEAA) funds to install data processing equipment so jail officials can keep track of each inmate's movement through the trial process.

The second is to bring to the jail immediately a branch of the Pre-trial Release Program.

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President Turner also created a three-man panel to recommend how the jail's food service can best be improved.

He named city Purchasing Bureau Head Stanley Zemansky, jail Budget Analyst Orville Hughes and himself to the committee.

Among the alternates proposed during the meeting were 1) install a new kitchen and have jail employees make and serve food; 2) install a new kitchen and have a caterer buy, make and serve food; and 3) have a caterer bring prepared food to the jail and serve it.

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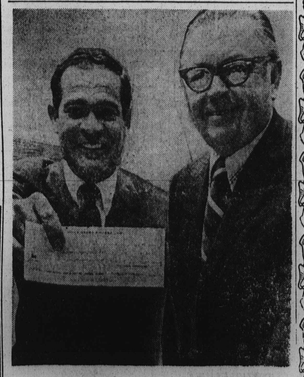

$700 CHECK—Henry G. Parks, Jr., chairman of the local business drive to assist students attending college of the United Negro College Fund, shows a $700 check presented by Carl T. Norton, personnel manager of the John Deere Industrial Equipment Company. The area campaign goal is $85,000.

Man, 35, sought in youth's death

Homicide police are searching for a 35 year-old man who fatally shot a 17 year-old youth in the 1000 block N. Aisquith St. last Sunday night.

Police records reveal Daniel Jones, 1200 block N. Washington St., was pronounced dead of chest wounds shortly on arrival at the Johns Hopkins Hospital at 11 p.m.

Being sought, according to police records, is a 170-pound, dark complexioned and medium built man who was wearing a black leather jacket, black pants and black shoes.

Witnesses told police the suspect approached the victim and his two friends while they were walking in the 100 block N. Aisquith St. and "mumbled something" to the victim.

They told police they saw the suspect removing something from his belt and slipped it into his right coat pocket. Police said the suspect continued to walk with the three friends until suddenly he pulled out a caliber revolver and fired two blank shots at the victim.

The two friends told police they led young Jones to the corner of the street where a woman helped them convey the victim to the hospital.

Funeral services for young Jones were held this afternoon (Friday) at the chapel of the Marshall Jones Funeral Home. Burial was in the Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones; four sisters and three brothers.

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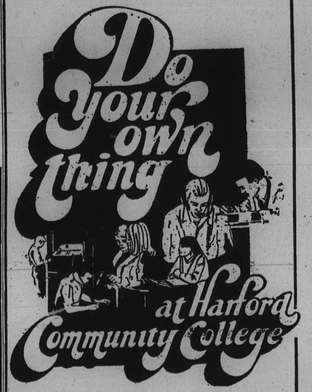

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