—Prince George's

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thing seems to be working out peacefully.

The AFRO went to Highpoint Senior High School, Power Mill Rd., in Beltsville outside of Washington, to question some students on their reactions.

The predominately white school had 2,317 students before desegregation and now has 2,283 or 34 less.

According to the principal, before Jan. 29 there were 2,128 white students and 58 black pupils.

Now there are 2,108 white and 165 black students enrolled.

"I'm really glad it happened," Miss Valda Lomax told the AFRO, "because I've gone to predominately white schools since kindergarten."

She has been at Highpoint since before busing began.

"The black kids I've talked to who were transferred from Northwestern say they like it better here."

She said that Northwestern is about five miles away from Highpoint, and that its buildings didn't compare favorably to Highpoint's.

Miss Lomax is daughter of William Lomax, a U.S. Department of the Interior worker at the Patuxent Fish and Wildlife Research Center, and Mrs. Shirley Lomax, a housewife.

The family resides on Gross Lane in Beltsville.

"Busing is meant to achieve racial balance in the schools and I' mfor it, except that they broke these kids up in the middle of the year and they have to adjust all over again now to a new school."

She stated that she was one of several orientation people who'd gone to Northwestern to cunter certain rumrs that had circulated there among black students about what "Highpoint was really like."

"For instance," said Miss Lomax, "they thought we had bars on the windows here, that we locked the kids inside once they entered school, and that we had a dress code that forbade the wearing of jeans or patches on your jeans.

"None of that was true!"

These sessions occurred the first week after Christmas, she stated, and she added she and other students answered parents' questions at PTA meetings.

"I didn't want to be bused at all," Miss Judy Ferguson, 16, told the AFRO.

The tall 11th grader continued, "I didn't want to leave Northwestern because my friends were there and they didn't have the courses here that I wanted."

She lives at Chillum Manor Ct., Hyattsville, and is daughter of John Ferguson, an engineer at the Naval Ordinance Laboratory there, and housewife, Mrs. Doretha Ferguson.

On busing she asserted, "It's not for the kids' benefit, but for the politicains.'"

Jonathon Walls, 17, an 11th grader and former wrestling team member at Northwestern, agreed with the last statement.

"Its good for the elementary school kids but dodes no good for those already in high school," said the good-looking, athletic man with the bush.

A resident of Berkshire Dr., Hyattsville, he is son of Willie Walls, who works at Vietrol Laboratories, and Mrs. Doretha Walls, a library technician at the U S Department of Labor.

He stated that he would not try to get on Highpoint's wrestling team. "Because there're only three matches left now."

Their white counterparts also reacted strongly.

"At first I didn't like the idea," said Jim Strotman, 17, who had been bused from Northwestern to Highpoint, "but now that I'm here I find people are pretty friendly."

He lives at Somerset Pl., Hyattsville, and is son of Charles W. Strotman Jr., a petroleum engineer, and Mrs. Margaret Strotman, a secretary for the National Highway Users Federation.

A n 11th grader, Mr. Strotman said, "I think they should've waited until September because these are different courses at the two schools, and now I have a tougher math course than I did before!"

Ernest "Cliff" Courbron, an 18-year-old 12th grader, stated "I'm against forced busing."

He has been bused for years, he stated, but always to Highpoint, his first and only high school to date.

He lives on Lackpool Dr., Beltsville, with his parents, Ernest R. Courbron, a Shroyer Construction Co. worker, and Mrs. Marvanne Courbron, an income tax division employee with General Business Services Co.

"As for the new kids coming in," he stated, "I'm really neither negative or positive about it.

"I can understand their feelings about leaving their school."

He remarked that he wasn't opposed to integration, but "It should be at the elementary school level and not now."

In closing, Miss Lomax told this reporter, "I don't know what all the fuss is about.

"For years black kids were bused all over the place away from white schools, so why can't busing be used now to get a few kids in?"

Grand Jury's full statement on police and State's Attorney

We, the members of the Grand Jury of Baltimore City, acting as the conscience of the citizens of Baltimore City feel it our obligation to make a statement regarding the transfers of Lieutenants Coppinger and Tabeling from liaison duties with the State's Attorney's Office.

The State's Attorney's Office has been authorized federal funds to form a joint Narcotics Strike Force with the Police Department for investigation and attempting to eliminate organized narcotics traffic in Baltimore City.

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The Narcotics Strike Force has been very successful in the past in developing information of organized narcotics traffic in Baltimore City and their success is due largely to Lt. Tabeling and Lt. Coppinger's involvement.

Lt. Tabeling is a key man in this Narcotics Strike Force and his transfer is unquestionably a serious set-back in the effort to eliminate organized narcotics traffic.

His expertise, education and experience is unparalleled with anyone else in the Police Department.

He has been given special training in the federal narcotics school in Washington and other areas.

The city has spent in excess of $5,000 in the last year to educate and specialize him in narcotics.

His transfer from the Narcotics Strike Force is a great mismanagement of a key individual and had to be done without due consideration of impairing the Narcotics Strike Force's ability to function.

Lt. Coppinger is an experienced police officer and a leader of a six man investigation unit of the State's Attorney's Office.

The transfer of this key man has also greatly impaired the effectiveness of the State's Attorney's Office.

Lt. Coppinger has a law degree and the expertise in the utilization of wire taps, eavesdropping devices, and search and seizure warrants that is unequalled elsewhere in the Police Department.

The Narcotics Strike Force has served as model for other cities in the country in setting-up their strike forces. The Narcotics Strike Force is in the middle of important investigations and to remove these men from this unit at this time would greatly impair these investigations.

To educate and train anyone else in the Police Department to the level that these men have attained would cost the citizens of Baltimore City thousands of dollars, that have already been spent, for this purpose.

While we note that Commissioner Pomerleau has apparently yielded to the public clamor at least partially and that is, that he has reassigned Lt. Tabeling to the Strike Force, we further note that he has publicly stated that this will be for a limed period of time only.

We are told that Lt. Tabeling's transfer will only last so long as it takes to train Lt. Armstrong in his place.

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Without disparaging Lt. Armstrong in the slightest, we feel strongly that Commissioner Pomerleau should not limit the tenure of Lt. Tabling because as we have pointed out, he is unique in the fight against the organized narcotics situation in Baltimore City.

That is, while personnel is being switched back and forth, the major drug pushers of this city are laughing.

It is our opinion that the Police Department is not giving the cooperation to the State's Attorney's Office necessary in combating crime, especially narcotics.

The transfer of these men is not a crime in the literal sense, but it does seem to be a great injustice to the responsible citizens of Baltimore City and a relief to the organized drug pushers.

It is our hope that the citizens of Baltimore City will make their feelings known to the Governor of Maryland and have these men returned to the fine work they were accomplishing.

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ARRESTED — Vernon Townsend, 40-year-old Baltimore city patrolman of the 2300 block Ruscombe Lane, one of six policemen on federal indictments charging he and 5 other policemen, arrested last week two former detectives and 18 civilians received bribes up to $400 a month from alleged lottery operators.

Schaefer miffed by Pomerleau

Mayor William Donald Schaefer told the AFRO he knew about police indictions last week to reveal their probe of officers allegedly getting gambling payoffs but wished he had been invited to the Police Commissioner's press conference last Friday.

Governor Mandel as well as local FBI head Thomas Farrow sat beside Commissioner Donald Pomerleau. The mayor was conspicuously absent.

"The mayor," Schaefer remarked, "has as much right to make input into the Police Department as the governor, and if the governor was invited, I should have been invited too."

However, Mayor Schaefer made a point of characterizing Pomerleau as "a

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refer to a man called "the sergeant" as the person lottery operators were paying to avoid arrest.

An assistant state's attorney also presented during the trial "expense sheets" which listed four payments of money to "police" and one $100 payment to "Stanley, Sgt."

One defendent, however, testified that the reference to sergeant on the tape referred to a citizen from the neighborhood who went by the nickname of Sarge.

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Judge Robert Gerstung of Central District Court told the AFRO Thursday the Parole and Probation Department is already conducting an investigation into the backgrounds of the four men jailed for lottery infractions to see if they merit parole.

Five others found guilty on the same charges were fined up to $4000, but did not receive prison sentences. Four others were found innocent.

Judge Gerstung presided over the hearing in which 13 persons were accused of operating a major lottery in the 1600 block Pennsylvania Ave.

The key defendant in the case, Milton Boardley, 42 5400 block Price Ave. is listed as renting the building. Police allege he kept expense sheets with the word "police" on them. He was sentenced to four years in prison plus a $4,000 fine.

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Others sentenced to prison terms were: Joseph Johnson, 37, 3300 block Mondawmin Ave., sentenced to 6 months in prison and a fine of $1000. Clarence Hughes, 36, 3000 block Brighton St., sentenced to one year in prison and a fine of $2,000.

Charles Franklin, 26, 2300 block Seamon Ave., sentenced to one year and a fine of $2,500.

Those fined are: John Davis Ryce, 47, 500 block Pembridge Ave., fined $250.

Dewey Watkins, 37, 3900 block Annellen Rd., fined $500.

Daisy Mae Jackson, 29, 600 block Hanover St., fined $100.

Francis Charity, 58, 1500 block McCullon St., fined $300.

James M. Bailey, 43, 2500 block Hayward Ave., fined $500.

Police records show FBI agents also raided the lottery operation headquarters on Pennsylvania Ave. Jan. 25.

Evidence showed police apparently received payoffs to allow the operation to go on unmolested. The gambling, police state, involved an estimated play of $10,000 daily. None of the defendants was a police officer.

Court evidence revealed the word "police" appeared four times on "expense sheets" with amounts opposite ranging from $25 to $120.

Police said one of the sheets also showed the name "Stanley" Sgt.-$100" as well as a number of other names with amounts of money next to them.

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A tape recording played in court showed that the lottery operators were finding it difficult to pay someone called "sergeant" because of competition from a new gambling house across the street.

Vice Squad police told the court they obtained a court order to tap a telephone in the lottery headquarters from Oct. 11 through Oct. 16 last year.

Police raided the headquarters Oct. 20 and evidence showed 450 lottery slips, indicating 9,360 numbers and a play of $10,151.

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—Morgan stars

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including the Baltimore Colts — were attempting to sign him as a free agent.

Included in the field were the Washington Redskin Houston Oilers and New England Patriots. Cherry, with Banks as his advisor, was still considering the various bids as the AFRO went to press.

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In all, 14 players were selected from schools in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) and Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA).

MEAC champion North Carolina Central sent five prospects to the pro tables: Wide receiver Jason Caldwell (Rams), guard Bracey Bonham (Steelers), running back Jeff Inman (Rams), running back Jeff Horsley (Saints), and tight end Mahlon Williams (Jets).

In addition to Morgan and NCC, two other schools, A and T. State University produced defensive tackle William Wideman for the Giants, and South Carolina State offered defensive end Barney Chavious to the Broncos.

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CIAA institutions were tapped for five of their youngsters. James Jackson, a defensive end, was acquired by Miami, and running back Condie Pugh went to the Patriots from Norfolk State.

Virginia Union's defensive back Bob Jones went to the Bengals, Winston-Salem State's tight end, Bobby Garner, was tapped by the Saints, and the Cleveland Browns drafted Van Green, a defensive back from Shaw...LACY.

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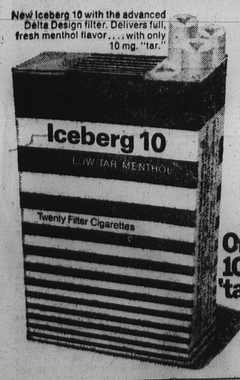

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—Mr. Groundhog

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cent chance of rain with temperatures in the high 50's

No matter what's with the weather, you'd better take along a rain coat, boots, umbrella and sunglasses just to make sure you'll be prepared if anything unexpected occurs.

As a friendly reminder because of the poor visibility to those who will be partying over the weekend. "If you're driving don't drink, and if you're drinking, don't drive."

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Many persons don't believe Mr. Groundhog is around to just predict the weather. Some say he leaves his quarters in search for something he needs.

One such Non-Groundhog Day believer is former AFRO Editor Rufus Wells. He wrote in an AFRO article the following suggestion:

"Mr. Groundhog is looking for something, but its not his shadow. He wants first, something to eat and secondly, someone (preferably a female groundhog) to love.

He finds the first item in the first green grass of Spring and usually locates a receptive mate not too far away. After a brief fling at love-making, he returns to the freedom of bachelorhood.

"Although he is scientifically discredited as a weather prophet, Mr. Groundhog has many good points. He is usually alert, has a keen sense of smell and, though he tries to avoid a fight, has plenty of courage when one is forced upon him.

"In fact, though he tips the scales at a mere ten pounds, he is more than a match for the average 35-pound dog."

-Nixon

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charged on the NBC-TV 'Today' show:

"The fact of the matter is, Mr. President, you loused up the budget. You sent down requests for over $250 billion. You signed the bills for over $250 billion."

Humphrey said that Nixon, after his re-election last November, then started cutting back.

Humphrey questioned particularly Nixon's authority to without specific action programs which Congress approved, the President vetoed and which Congress then re-approved by overriding the veto.

Sen. Edmund S. Muskie D-Maine, said Congress with Nixon on the issue.

"If necessary, we should be ready to write into our authorization and appropriation measures such clear directives for their execution that administration officials can only disobey at the risk of a head-on constitutional collision," Muskie testified Wednesday.

Nixon said in response to a question on the issue at his news conference:

"The constitutional right for the President of the United States to impound funds — and that is not to spend money when the spending of money would mean either increasing taxes for all the people — that right is absolutely clear.

"The problem we have here is basically that the Congress wants responsibility, they want to share responsibility.

"Believe me, it would be pleasant to have more sharing of responsibility by the Congress. But if you are going to have responsibility, you have to be responsible, and this Congress has not been responsible on money."

-Black Caucus

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the only kind of equality that ultimately has any real meaning—equality of results."

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Stokes said the President's reply to the document offered by the Caucus came two days after the deadline date which was set for the President's response.

"The document said nothing. It amounted to a recodification of his Administration's policies and goals. Stokes said. "The President's program has shown us that the President carries an extremely low and distorted estimate of the real needs of minority, poor and disadvantaged Americans.

Over 500 persons, some of whom said they had never been to the House chambers before, came Wednesday to support the Caucus presentation. Many of the visitors were invited by the caucus legislators. Others say they came after hearing of the intent from other sources.

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One guide who works in the House Chamber permanently and whose job it is to supervise the Visitors' gallery said the crowd was the largest he has ever seen in a long period.

The individual galleries which will accommodate around 100 persons were rotated every 15 minutes so that all guests would have the oppirtunity of sitting in on the session.

Many of the guests who managed to get the attention of their respective Congressman in the floor waved and signaled their support with their presence.

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Calif. Rep. Ronald Dellums and Texas Rep. Barbara Jordan were among the first Caucus members to appear on the House floor for the presentation.

The report covered 16 areas effecting minority life in this country. The overview and conclusion was made by Chairman Stokes.

Calif. Congresswoman Yvonne B. Burke, who is beginning her first term in the Congress, reported on poverty programming.

Welfare reform was discussed by Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, who was the first woman, black or white, to run for the President of the U.S.

Maryland's Rep. Parren J. Mitchell dealt with the housing situation.

Rep. Charles C. Diggs, installed Saturday as the chairman of the House panel of the District of Columbia and the only black in the House who is chairman of a committee, reported on Africa.

D.C. Delegate Walter E. Fauntroy discussed the District of Columbia.

Employment and economy was presented by Rep. Augustus F. Hawkins from California.

Congressman Ralph H. Metcalfe discussed the area of health.

Narcotics addiction and crime was presented by Rep. Charles Rangel.

Atlanta Congressman Andrew Young, who is in his first term, discussed the economy.

Rep. Ronald Dellums discussed the military and foreign affairs.

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Rep. William Clay presented the view on education.

Rep. John Conyers discussed the criminal and justice system.

Civil rights enforcement was discussed by Texas Rep. Barbara Jordan who also is in her first term.

Stokes also discussed revenue sharing.

The written statement submitted to the Congress contained 102 pages. A House quorum was present and listened amiably as the Caucus covered the areas.

In her report Congresswoman Burke said: It is a tragic coincidence that both Lyndon Johnson and one of his most forward and important creations are dying within weeks of each other. For just as our former President has passed away, so is the Nixon Administration killing the Office of Economic Opportunity."

Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm said: "No issue was more cleverly exploited during the first four years of the Nixon Administration than was the issue of welfare reform.

"While repeatedly stating its desire to help welfare recipients become more self-sufficient, the Administration's words have been only that—rhetoric without action." Mrs. Chisholm said.

Mitchell said that over the past four years under Nixon this country has witnessed a deterioration of our cities across the country.

"This deterioration continues despite that handful of local housing authority heads in each city who are doing their best to provide decent housing for all." Mitchell said.

The District of Columbia Rep. Walter Fauntroy said: "The District of Columbia is truly the last colony. People in the District have no vote in Congress. They have no right to elect local officials directly responsible to them.

"Self-rule for the District is not a Republican issue or strictly a Black issue." Fauntroy said it is an issue of Democracy.

Stokes closed the presentation. He said: "We have set forth our views as to the True State of the Union and the path we feel this nation must follow.

"We hope to help stimulate the revival of the Congress as an effective, innovative co-equal branch of Government. We must begin a massive new effort to meet the needs of this country. Stokes said on behalf of the Caucus.

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