Citizens Urge Closing Of All 4 Juvenile Schools

First in series tells how facilities differ

For the first time in history, a group of concerned black citizens from Baltimore who are in the child care field have done an in-depth 50-page report on Maryland's four training schools for juveniles.

They have described the institutions as only dumping grounds for the children where "supervised idleness" is the order of the day, and where the juvenile populations are merely "warehoused," not rehabilitated.

In addition, the 10-member panel has called for the NAACP's Legal Frieda Coleman, also of FCS; and Mrs. Henri Ann Daniels, Baltimore Department of Social Services.

Plus Raymond Harcum, Community Learning Center, Rudel Martin, Baltimore Welfare Rights Organization; Mrs. Madeline Murphy, social worker and AFRO columnist; Norman Reeves, principal, Ralph Young Junior High School; pediatrician.

In addition, the Task and Dr. Oakley Saunders, Force was accompanied by two staff members of the Legal Defense Fund, Mrs. Ann Wagner and Mrs. Phyllis McClure.

According to the survey, the Task Force was formed last November and visited the four institutions: Maryland Training School for Boys, Loch Raven Dam, and Montrose School for Girls, Reisterstown, both of Baltimore County.

Also, Boys Village, Cheltenham, Prince George's County; and Victor Cullen, Frederick County.

STUDY EXCERPTS — Following is an excerpt from the study.

"The four training schools are located in rural areas of the state isolated from the neighborhoods from which many of the children come.

"Three of the institutions are for boys and one is for girls.

"Boys Village and Maryland Training School are for boys who have been adjudicated delinquents.

"Victor Cullen serves boys who are children in need of care (CINS.)

"Montrose, the training school for girls, serves both CINS and delinquents.

"The training schools also are used for detention of children awaiting their hearing (trial) before the juvenile court.

"Except for Maryland Training School, the detained children who have not been judged guilty of any offense are mixed in with the children who have been committed by the juvenile courts.

"Children confined in these training schools range in age from nine to 18.

"A majority of them are black youngsters from Baltimore.

"They typically come from poor and broken homes; they are academically retarded and behind grade level; and they have had previous contact with the Department of Juvenile Services.

CHILD VARIATION — "Within each institution, there is a wide variation of children.

"A few are repeated juvenile offenders.

"Some are children with organic brain damage, severe psychological and emotional problems, or mental handicaps.

"Other children at the training school simply need supervision, guidance, and a stable family situation in which to mature, and no foster home or purchase of care institution has accepted them.

"Children confined under the CINS statute at Victor Cullen and Montrose have committed no crime, yet they are institutionalized and treated no differently than children who have been found guilty of a crime.

"Still others are being detained for their trial or being detained because their parents have not been located.

"There have been instances in which a child has been missing from home for two weeks before he has found in a training school.

REASONS

"The reason for such a wide variation of children in the training schools is that juvenile judges have wide discretion in committing and detaining children, and there is no uniform evaluation and diagnostic process to screen children prior to commitment.

"Some children come to the training schools after detention at Maryland Children's Center where they are diagnosed.

"Other children come with no complete diagnosis.

"Children may have a social investigation done by the probation or intake staff, but this report may not have diagnosed adequately the particular kind of care which the child requires.

"Without uniform screening, the training school knows little about the children it receives, yet it is expected to meet a variety of needs.

RESEARCH REPORT — "According to a recent research report on the Maryland Training School for Boys, 46 per cent of the sample of youngsters admitted had no record of any previous psychological, psychiatric, or neurological examination.

"In some cases, precommitment examinations were not recent, and in other cases the results of previous examinations were not available in the training school.

"The report concluded that 'in a considerable proportion of the cases the boy was sent to the training school without professional evaluation of the psychological factors operative . . . at the time of admission in order to plan appropriate treatment for the boy.'

"The screening that is done by the Department of Juvenile Services does not permit the court to determine whether a child has severe psychological, emotional or mental problems which require treatment and institutionalization, or whether the child simply needs supervision and guidance without the necessity for institutionalization.

"Even if the court had have a comprehensive diagnosis, there is a very limited number of non-institutional programs in which children can be placed in the state.

"The training schools get children who are repeated offenders, children who have no stable home, children who cannot be placed in foster homes or purchase of care facilities, or children whom judges commit to pacify community pressures to remove them from society.

"The training schools become institutions for children for whom our society has no place."

On this page is basic information about each of the four training schools.

(NEXT WEEK: — The report's reasons for recommending closing of all four schools.)

Boys Village

Located at Cheltenham, Prince George's County.

Superintendent is Robert J. Sauls, and it's for delinquent boys between ages 10-15, including those detained for court hearings.

The total population is 274, with 60 per cent black children; 204 of these are on the grounds, 56 are detained and 148 are committed.

Seventy per cent of the children are from Baltimore, and the facility is 2.5 per cent overcrowded.

Ninety per cent of the 186 staff members are black, and the budget is $2,319,452 per year, or $11,597 per capita.

Victor Cullen

Located at Sabillisville, Frederick County, the superintendent is James M. Dean.

The facility is for male children in need of supervision (CINS) between 9-17.

The total population is 184, with 176 on the grounds, and a racial composition of 40 per cent black.

Fifty-two per cent come from Baltimore, and the overcrowding percentage is 32.3.

Ther are 161 staff members, 94 per cent white.

The total budget is $1,682,894, and the per capita amount spent per resident is $10,600.

Montrose School for Girls

Located in Reisterstown, Baltimore County, the superintendent of Montrose is Leonard F. Gmeiner.

The school is for delinquent girls, both detained and committed.

Most girls are between 13 and 18.

Total population is 275, with 205 on the grounds, 24 detained, 181 committed, 185 CINS, and 20 delinquents.

The racial composition is 51 per cent black, and the percentage from Baltimore is 66; the overcrowding percentag is 10.6.

There are 188 staff members, of whom 54 per cent are black.

The annual budget is $2,174,474, with a per capita expense of $10,872.

Maryland Training School for Boys

Located at Loch Raven Dam, Baltimore County.

Superintendent is Robert J. Harrington, and it's for delinquent boys, both detained and committed, between 16-18.

The total population is 320, of whom 78 per cent are black and 70-75 per cent are from Baltimore.

On the grounds are 172 youngsters;; 52 are detained and 120 ar committed.

The overcrowding per centage is 27.9.

Of the 250 staff members, 52 per cent are black, and the total budget is $2,838,023, with a capita share of $12,900.

RED CROSS MONTH—Mayor William Donald Schaefer, seated, presents the official proclamation designating March as Red Cross Month in the city to Baltimore Regional Red Cross chapter chairman, Frederick L. Wehr, right. Looking on from the left Mrs. Kathleen B. Newsome, Ralph is Bain, Miss Jeanette Myers, John T. Menzies Jr. and Mrs. Johns T. Hoffman

Parents sue so kids can join groups

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Parents of students at Randolph County high school have asked a federal court to order school officials to allow their children to participate in school activities which they had been barred from, because of their race.

The "petition for emergency relief" does not indicate how the students have bee denied participation but the three parents bringing suit claim that blacks have little or no representation on the student government and school paper.

They cited that blacks make up about 33 per cent of the student body and should therefore be represented at least in proportion to their numbers.

The suit is also seeking the reinstatement of three students who were suspended for violating the school dress code.

A hearing has been set for March 20.

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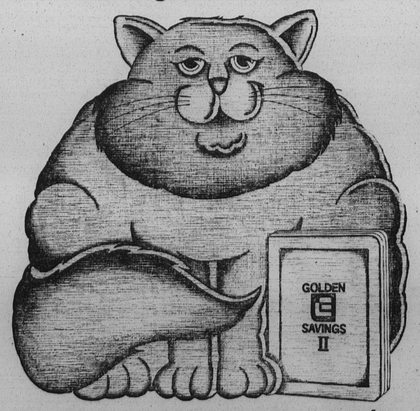

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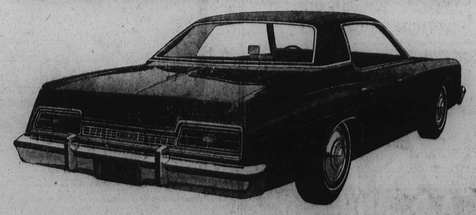

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1,325 YEARS OF SERVCE—In a special ceremony recently, 49 retiring employees of the Baltimore Post Office, representing a total of 1,325 years of service, were honored by district manager-postmaster Warren Bloomberg. Pictured here are 22 of these post office vets. Standing from left: Lindsay D. Foye, Carroll J. O'Donohue, Harry P. Heck, David Snyder, Paul R. Trzeciak, Thelma K. Canle, Robert F. Anders, James H. Williams, Lawrence F. Chilcoat, Harry Rabovsky, James E. Dyson, William H. Washington, Vernon K. Shank and Charles W. Hayes. Seated from left: William E. Gardner, Henry E. Resch, Howard A. Wimbley, Napoleon B. Head Jr., James R. Springs, Jerome P. Hall, Luis Mashbaum and Raymond B. Gardner.

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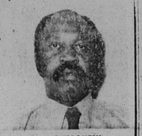

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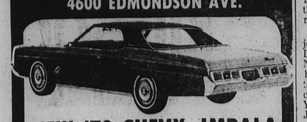

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HOMEWARD BOUND—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jukes are congratulated by Stanley Cooper, right, on the recent chase of their new home. The Jukes are one of many couples who purchasd a home with the help of a federally certified counseling agency as provided for in the National Housing Act of 1968. Section 237. Cooper is a housing counselor for the Baltimore Urban League, a certified HUD counseling agency. The counseling is for persons who have credit problems, seasonal employment or insufficient income.

Realty firm complies, U.S. drops bias suit

WASHINGTON — The Department of Justice has agreed to dissolve a consent order entered in January, 1971, against Life Realty Company, which rents about 10,000 apartments in New York City, because the company has lived up to the terms of the agreement.

Atty. Gen. Richard G. Kleindienst said the judgment was filed in U. S. District Court in Brooklyn, N. Y.

The original consent decree prohibiting discrimination was entered on Jan. 28, 1971, in settlement of a suit brought by the Justice Department on Aug. 6, 1970, alleging racially discriminatory housing practices by Life Realty and related defendants in connection with the operation of apartment developments in Brooklyn.

The decree provided that the defendants might move to dissolve it after two years, and that it would be dissolved if there had been compliance with its terms.

In agreeing to the dissolution of the decree, the Justice Department said that, according to defendants reports to the court, rental to blacks and Puerto Ricans at Life Realty aBuildings had approximately equalled rental to white persons.

About half of the 605 blacks and Puerto Ricans who had rented from Life Realty since the decree was entered, moved into previously white-occupied and predominately white-occupied buildings from which non-whites had allegedly been steered away before the suit was brought, the judgment said.

The Justice Department also said that the decree as implemented had contributed to the achievement of equal opportunity in housing and the injunction was no longer needed to assure compliance with the Fair Housing Act.

NAACP fills three staff positions

NEW YORK — NAACP Executive Director Roy Wilkins has announced three appointments to the national staff of the association. Two of these are actually promotions, and the third is a regional directorship.

Jerry M. Guess, who joined the NAACP staff on Dec. 18, 1967, as New York-New England field director, has been elevated to director of Region II, which includes New England, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.

The latter three states have a new Tri-State director whose area is supervised by Guess.

George A. Langhorne has been named to fill this vacancy which was created by the resignation of Phillip Savage. Langhorne holds a B.A. degree in English from Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va., a Master of Divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and is presently a candidat. for a Ph.D. in religion at that university.

Mrs. Ina Boon was employed as field director for life membership on April 1, 1968. She has been promoted to regional director, and will supervise the activities of the branches and state conferences in Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North and South Dakota and Wyoming, comprising Region IV.

Navy gets 5 at Southern

BATON ROUGE— Five Southern University students were sworn in as regular midshipmen in the Naval ROTC Unit Friday and will receive full scholarships from the Navy which includes $100 per month, tuition, books, and uniforms for the duration of their college careers.

Selected were Phillip B. Griffin and Rufus Addison of New Orleans; Rodney B. Ware, Lake Charles; Lea Vern Sims Jr., Greensburg; Leroy Austin, Pioneer, and Eddie Bickham, DeRidder.

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Va. State choir coming to town

The Virginia State College Choir will perform March 23, 81:5 p.m., at the Mt. Zion Methodist Church, Wabash and Liberty Heights in a fund raising effort it has been announced.

The Baltimore chapter of Virginia State College alumni are sponsoring the concert and proceeds are to be given to the college.

Verdell Adair, president of the lodal chapter, said donations of $2.50 for adults and $1 for students would requested.

This is the second consecutive year the alumni chapter has brought.

Class of '61 plans reunion

GREENWOOD, S.C. — The Class of 1961 of Brewer High School is planning a reunion during July 6-8. All classmates are urged to attend.

Further information on the event can be obtained from Alfonzo Williams, the president, at 605 Milwee Ave., Greenwood, S.C. telephone number is 803-223-0660

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Utah queen raps pageant, drops title

SALT LAKE CITY Utah (UPI) — A 19-year-old coed named "Miss Black Utah" HAS RENOUNCED HER TITLE, SAYING THE Miss Black America Pageant exploited women.

Miss Denise Capel, 19, a pre-medical student at the University of Utah, wrote an open letter to the pageant to express the disillusionment which led her to give up her title.

Although the concepts of the contest were "beautiful," she said in the letter "in your greed for power, publicity and profit, you have gone astray from your original goals—to praise the black woman, not to exploit her. I came back to Utah confused and disillusioned.

"Is Los Angeles (where the national pageant is held) destined to become another Atlantic city" she asked.

Another factor in her decision to renounce her title Miss Capel said, was that the University of Utah withdrew a small "token" scholarship it had given her after she won the Utah pageant under its sponsorship.

She said the university revoked the scholarship because "MY FATHER MAKES TOO MUCH MONEY."

But, she said, the white Miss Utah who competed in Atlantic City last fall is now continuing her education at the university with money "untampered by university hands."

She also cited a general lack of support from the community as an additional reason for her decision.

New magazine for travelers

WASHINGTON — (NBNS) — Black travelers, who are spending $800 million annually, are the target of a new black magazine "Soul Journey" launched here recently.

Spearheading the venture are Ronald M. Powell, 34-year-old editor and publisher, and Bill Cunningham, research editor.

With the increasing interest by black travelers to visit foreign countries, especially Africa, there has been a renewed quest to garner the black traveler by major airlines and travel bureaus.

There are some 130 black travel agencies in the country, but no one magazine is aimed primarily at the black travel market, Powell noted.

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