How you can appeal decisions on blind, aged, disabled funds

Proposed regulations governing the representation of claimants appealing decisions about the payment of benefits under the new Supplemental Security Income program for the aged, blind and disabled have been announced by HEW secretary, Casper W. Weinberger.

The new program, part of the Social Security Amendments of 1972, replaces the joint state-federal programs of public assistance for the aged, blind and disabled in January, 1974.

Secretary Weinberger pointed out that while it is not necessary for a claimant to obtain the services of a representative in any phase of his claim for supplemental security income he may, of course, have one if he wishes.

The proposed regulations formalize arrangements for representation in instance where the claimant specifically desires the services of an attorney or other representative in pursuing an application for or appealing a decision by HEW about the payment of SSI benefits.

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In general, the proposed regulations are the same as the rules applying to representation of claimants under the social security cash benefits program and Medicare.

The proposal, however, omits authorization for the direct payment of fees to attorneys out of past due benefits and does not contain a limitation on the amount of fees a court may authorize an attorney to charge.

These two elements are provided by statute in the social security cash benefits program and Medicare, but are not included in the SSI legislation (P.L. 92-603).

The fee that may be charged in the supplemental security income program is determined by HEW on the basis of criteria outlined in the proposed regulations.

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In evaluating a request for approval of a fee, the purpose of the Supplemental Security Income program to provide a measure of economic security for the individual will be considered, along with these factors:

The services performed; the complexity of the case; the level of skill and competence required in rendition of the services; the amount of time spent on the case; the results achieved; the level of administrative review to which the claim was carried within the agency and the level of review at which the representative entered the proceedings and the amount of the fee requested.

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THE STATE OF THINGS

Don't Look Now

By Don and Val Hymes

The echoes from the last session have hardly died down in the marble halls of the State House, and already the next marathon is just a couple of weeks away.

The date is Jan. 9, and the headlines of the past few months have made the outlook pretty predictable.

If anything, it won't be dull, although most of us will be up to here by then with the energy crisis and campaign reforms.

Those will be the major issues, no doubt, with unlimited spinoff possibilities, but there are also the bread-and-butter issues that refuse to go away.

Among the prefiled measures are dozens that could be considered the fruits of the seeds sowed by the Agnew case and Watergate.

The governor is already working on a major reform package that involves the awarding of contracts to contributors and also puts a $100 limit on cash contributions.

Then there are scores of energy-related bills already drawn. Some harmonize with those now before the Congress. Some spell out the extraordinary powers given to the governor during the special session.

And others return with a better-than-usual chance of passage because of the crisis — like auto inspections and utility rate revisions, and more favored treatment than ever for bicycle buffs.

We'll no doubt have our share of sexy issues, too. Such topics as abortion, divorce reform and capital punishment will be back for another bout with tradition.

The deadline for prefiling bills was Dec. 1. The final count was 241, and that doesn't include the nearly 100 bills usually introduced by the Legislative Council and the 20 major bills and 121 departmental measures due from the governor's office.

PAPER EXPLOSION

The legislature's new bill-drafting system, which uses a computer for editing, will eat up a million sheets of paper even before the session starts, because many of the prefiled bills are distributed to organizations and civic groups. But that's only the pump-primer.

The fall session last year took 14 million sheets.

The new Speaker of the House will make his full-dress debut Jan. 9, assuming he's re-elected as expected. John Hanson Briscoe has already dismissed thoughts of any purge of committee chairmen, and he seems to stand for better relations with the media.

That won't be easy. There is more than one movement in Annapolis to remind the press that its status is never secure, if not in jeopardy.

The new speaker is a lawyer, but no stranger to the news business, which has occupied more than one member of his family. He has already said that one of his major goals is to open up more of the work of the General Assembly to the public.

Election campaign reforms are high on Briscoe's list and always have been, so the multitude of bills in this category are guaranteed scrutiny at the very least.

On the Senate side, President William S. James is expected again to guide through the gauntlet more landmark election reform bills too. But land use control is what Senator James has been laboring over throughout the summer along with a hard-working group of lawmakers and county officials.

Bread-and-butter issues include a package of 10 bills aimed by several legislators at the mortgage money crunch, which has been eclipsed by the energy crisis and the political scandals. Five of these are emergency measures, including an immediate — and total — lifting of the interest rate ceiling.

WELFARE BOOST

The welfare recipients are in for a two-step 13-percent cost-of-living increase, while the elderly are due to receive 25 per cent of the lottery revenue. There will be youth bills, medicaid measures, blockbusting, scholarships, corrections, flood insurance, pornography and consumer protection. The issue of assessments — now a veteran of the legislative wars and one dangerously close to home in an election year — still hangs over the heads of the leaders. The homeowners groups, which won their battle to have assessing done annually, now are mobilizing to do away with the property tax altogether.

And speaking of stubborn issues, besides this year's effort to give 18-year-olds the right to drink is another to repeal the Equal Rights Amendment so proudly adopted by the General Assembly last year.

The University of Maryland, with its mini-scandal about charges of unethical contract awards and the Peach Bowl junket, will draw attention again to its autonomy question.

With these eighty issues filling the agenda, the legislature will no doubt welcome such colorful items as the bill to regulate acupuncture, one to require financial disclosure by the media just like the lobbyists, and a plan to require the governor's staff (of expense account fame) to file lobbyist statements, too.

When the governor's budget gets to the legislature Jan. 16, it will include the welfare and elderly items, but no — repeat no — increases in taxes despite the big shortfalls expected in gasoline tax revenues.

So gear up, Maryland.

The upcoming session shows all signs of resembling — if you'll pardon the expression — an old-time Polish wedding, complete with something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue.

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Scheduled to appear from noon to 1 p.m. weekdays through Dec. 24 are choral groups from: Western High School, Canton School No. 230, Rodman Elementary, Walbrook Senior High, Southern High, Douglass High, Forest Park, Lake Clifton Senior High and the Maryland State Choir.

Santa will be in residence at his Center Plaza workshop Mondays through Saturdays until the night before Christmas. Visitors are invited to greet Santa weekdays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Ovrlooking Santa's workshop is a giant Christmas tree surrounded by 35 smaller spruces decorated by the neighborhoods of Baltimore. The large spruce is trimmed with ornaments donated by the Becker Corporation.

The neighborhood trees were trimmed as part of the Citizens Planning and Housing Association's annual Christmas tree decorating contest.

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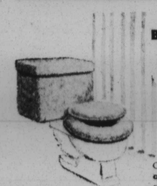

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CCB project to help improve pupil grades

A new Educational Service Project at the Community College of Baltimore is helping students succeed in their college work.

The $50,000 program is funded by the federal government.

It seeks to assist students achieve good grades in their academic subjects and to improve their study skills. The staff, coordinated by Mrs. Sue Carnell, an experienced instructor, works with students to increase their communication abilities, particularly English writing and mathematics.

The project enables students to read more efficiently, so they may comprehend their subjects better and more quickly. Help is given in science as well as in business and other subjects.

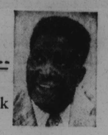
"We have found that 50 per cent of the students in this project have been out of school for about ten years, hence they need counseling to adjust to their new role as college students," said Mrs. Carnell.

"A number of students are married and have jobs. Staff members on this project try to advise these large groups of CCB students, showing them how they might use their time more efficiently," she explained.

The Special Educational Services Project supplements the work done in the Developmental Studies Program, headed by Mrs. Christine J. Moore.

SPECIAL HELP — These students in the Educational Services Project at the Community College of Baltimore are getting special help so their grades can go up. Under the guidance of the instructor, Mrs. Jacqueline Harold, fourth from left, they listen to tape recordings about taking tests. Students are, left to right, Miss Anne Silbermann, Miss Joan Bias, seated, Miss Doris Brown and Leon Couse.

By the way...



by Joe Black

Back in the twenties, there was a beautiful lady they called the Empress of the blues. Her name was Bessie Smith. And she was famous for a song called "Nobody Knows You When You're Down and Out."

That was a long time back. And yet, today, you can still hear it echoing in many Black communities, and from Black organizations.

You can hear the rip off against Blacks who have achieved some measure of success. Downing the achievers who, if you believe it, have turned their backs on their Black brothers and sisters.

Well, I wonder just how many of those wailers can dig into their pockets, and produce an NAACP card, an Urban League card, or a receipt for a contribution to PUSH, SCLC, or any reputable Black institution.

Of course, when you're not up there, it's easy —sometimes natural—to sit back and blame the achiever for a lot of things. Not the least of which is not being more involved.

However, lots of achievers are involved. But, what's more important is this. Rather than allow an attitude like this to keep Black communities divided, I suggest we all do a little more to help ease the problems that exist in our communities. Repeat, all of us.

Some can help more than others, of course.

But please keep in mind, when we all help, we all help each other.

Joe Black
Vice President
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Aberdeen Army post launches 57th year

Aberdeen Proving Ground, the home of Army Ordnance development, research, engineering and testing, begins its 57th year of operations on today, Friday.

It has been characterized as being one of the world's foremost military installations engaged in testing military ammunition, guns and mobile equipment.

Established as a permanent post by Presidential Proclamation in 1917 — three months before the United States entered World War I — the Proving Ground has remained one of the Army's most active and diversified military installations for well over half a century.

The social and economic ties of the Proving Ground with the community are as extensive as they are significant. As a permanent U. S. Army installation, APG exerts a stabilizing, professionally oriented influence on the local economic, cultural and community life.

Today, the population of APG stands at about 14,500 individuals, including approximately 8,250 civilians and 6,250 military members.

Military and civilian payrolls total more than $160 million annually and provide a prime impact on the economy of the area. Army procurement in the area is an additional factor of considerable economic impact.

An 11-cent airmail postal card to be issued for use when proposed new postal rates go into effect on Jan. 5, will be issued on Jan. 4, at State College, Pennsylvania, the U.S. Postal Service announced.

Morgan choir gets ovation

By Charles E. Roberts Jr.

The Morgan State College Choir and members of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, under director Nathan Carter gave a brilliant Christmas concert at the Carl Murphy Auditorium on campus.

The three-part program consisted of excellently sung Biblical passages of the Christmas story, two Christmas spirituals and a number of traditional holiday carols.

Outstanding solo performances were given by Michael Tillman and Miss April Curtis.

It was readily apparent that Miss Curtis stole the show with the enthusiastic and sustained applause she received after singing the spiritual "Behold the Star."

When the concert ended, Carter, the choir and the orchestra received three rounds of vigorous and spirited applause which ended in a well-deserved standing ovation.

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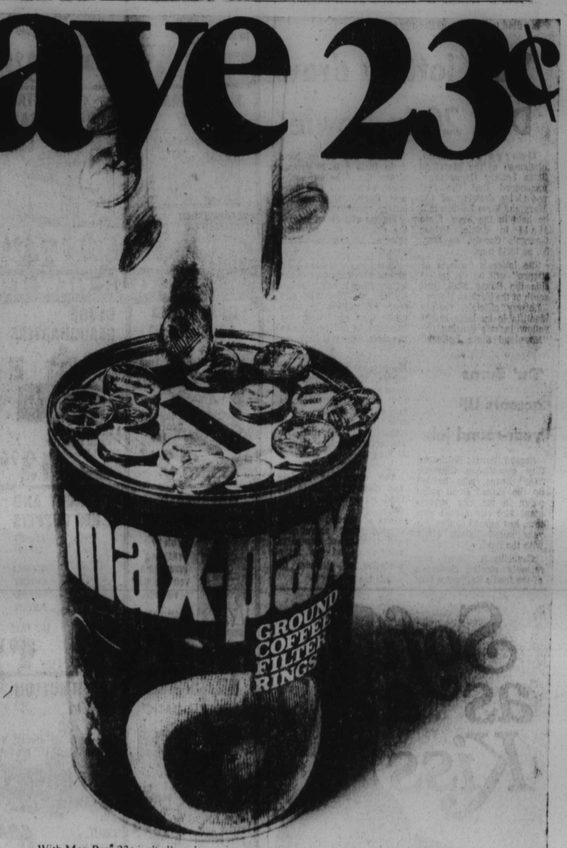

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