$2,500 REWARD — Bank Robbery In Progress, shown in these photos, took place at the Northwood Shopping Center Equitable Trust Co. July 18. No. 1 is shoveling in the cashier's cash, No. 2, holding pistol, is the square-chinned main gunman who the FBI claims has robbed two other banks the last two weeks: July 10 — Provident Savings, 518 E. Belvedere, with a woman companion and First National, Loch Raven Blvd., July 29. Anyone having information on the SQUARE-CHINNED person with sun glasses (No. 2), please call FBI — 265-8080 or Baltimore Police Robbery Squad, 396-2636. Police say No. 2 was killed by an officer Thursday night and No. 1 and No. 3 plus a woman suspect are now under arrest. (See BULLETIN on Page one).

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Dr. Davis hits lack of administrative support

In announcing her retirement from the Baltimore public school system last week, Dr. Elaine C. Davis observed: "It is surprising that so much time is spent by officials, politicians, Board members and staff in resisting its (reorganization) full implementation."

She also observed: "It would be unbelievable, except for my personal observation, that extensive planning takes place at all levels to slow down the administration of the schools.

"It is astounding," Dr. Davis continued, "that those who should be setting policy and holding the superintendent accountable for executing it appear to be overly concerned about involvement in the minutia of administrative detail...thus leaving little time or energy for the determination of policy."

The departing educational assistant to the superintendent concluded by saying that "it is amazing that there is only sporadic support for the Board's executive officer, the superintendent."

Dr. Davis ends her 32-year association with the city school system to become associate professor and associate director of the division of education for the evening college and summer sessions for the Johns Hopkins University, effective Sept. 1.

Price of kids' school lunch reduced to 10 cents

A liberalized policy for free and reduced price lunches and free milk for school children was announced today by the Maryland State Department of Education

Entitlement to free and reduced cost lunches is determined by family size and income.

A child from a family of four, for example, will be entitled to a free lunch and free milk if family income is below $5,640. He or she pays the reduced cost (10 cents) for lunch if income is between $5,640 and $7,900.

Other children who are eligible include those from families with unusual expenses for medical bills, shelter, special education expenses, or casualty losses.

Foter children are also eligible in certain cases.

Application forms with a letter to parents will be sent to all families with children in school at the beginning of the school year.

Information provided on the forms will be treated confidentially. No child will be discriminated against on account of race, sex, origin, or ability to pay.

A copy of the new school policy will be on file and accessbile to parents, in each school.

Parents who are dissatisfied with the ruling on their children may appeal the decision according to procedures outlined in the policy statement.

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so you can VOTE in the PRIMARY ELECTIONS SEPT.10,1974-AUG.12,1974 LAST DAY TO REGISTER At SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS Fayette and Gay Sts OR REGISTER BY MAIL

WHO MUST REGISTER—New residents of the state, 18-year-olds, persons never registered to vote and those who have not voted in the last two elections. Seventeen-year-olds who will be 18 by November 2 will be eligible to vote in the Primary election September 10.

WHERE TO REGISTER—At the Supervisors of Elections, Fayette and Gay Sts., or you may register by mail. Postage-free envelops are available at the AFRO office, 628 N. Eutaw St., major department stores, pubic libraries, schools and Community Action Agencies.

NEXT ELECTION—The Primary is September 10, 1974.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS—If you are going to be out of town or otherwise unable to vote, absentee voting is a two-step process. Step 1: the citizen must request an application for absentee voting. Applications may be obtained by phone, mail or in person from Miss Betty Blaney at the Supervisors of Elections. 396-5574. Complete the application and send it to the Supervisors of Elections NO LATER THAN SEVEN DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION (Sept. 3 for Primary; Oct. 29 for general election.) The ballot will be depatched as promptly as possible after receipt of the completed applications. Step 2: execute the ballot and return it to the Supervisors of Elections, following instructions enclosed with the ballot. It must be received NO LATER THAN THE CLOSING OF THE POLLS, 8 p.m., ON ELECTION DAY. A SEPARATE REQUEST must be made for absentee voting for each election.

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N. Central Community Center selects new out-patient head

The Board of Trustees of the North Central Community Mental Health Center announces appointment of Mrs. Phyllis Diggs as center director. Mrs. Diggs holds a master's degree in Psychology from Catholic University in Washington and a master's in Public Health from Johns Hopkins University.

She brings to her new position over 13 years experience in psychological services. Her former position was coordinator of Social and Psychological Services for Baltimore City Public Schools

Mrs. Diggs is married and has one child, a daughter, having been involved in psychological services for children in the school system, Mrs. Diggs is keenly aware of the need for a mental health program for children.

She will direct efforts toward implementing such a program at North Central.

The North Central Community Mental Health and Alcoholism Center Inc. is a private, non-profit corporation, funded by the Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide community mental health services.

The out-patient service located at 5700 Park and Charles Sts. provides services to all persons living within the area, bounded on the east by Harford Road and Herring Run, on the south by North Ave., on the west by the Jones Falls Expressway to Falls Road, and on the north by the City-County Line.

The Center has a professional staff of doctors, nurses, social workers, psychologists and mental health counselors. The clinic is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with an Alcoholism Clinic which meets on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The goal of North Central, as a community mental health center, is to reduce or eliminate the need for inpatient psychiatric hospitalization and enable people with problems to remain in their own homes and communities while they are receiving help.

MRS. PHYLLIS DIGGS
center director

City schools faced with loss of $22.6 million

Baltimore City's Public School System has forfeited $600,000 and is threatened with the possible loss of another $22 million in federal aid if it does not submit an acceptable school desegregation plan to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare by Aug. 15.

Last month a U.S. District Court Judge gave the Department of Education until Aug. 1 to have its school desegregation plan approved by HEW.

If the plan did not gain approval by that date, the court ordered that $600,000 being held in escrow for the city school system should be made available to other school districts.

In Washington last week, HEW officials rejected Baltimore's school desegregation plan and as early as Wednesday (of this week) School Superintendent Roland N. Patterson indicated that his staff would not have a revised plan ready for review by the Aug. 1 deadline.

"Since our return from that meeting (July 25) he said, "the staff has been hard at work on the recommended modifications to the desegregation plan so

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Matron wed 3 times, no divorce

A 32-year-old matron who is five feet, five inches tall and weighs 220 pounds, has been found guilty in Criminal Court of committing bigamy.

Judge Mary Arabian placed Mrs. Ella M. Freeman on probation for two years.

According to Assistant State's Attorney Walter Balint, Mrs. Freeman married Lloyd C. Freeman on October 16, 1960.

Sources told the AFRO the mother of Mrs. Freeman said her daughter only stayed with her first husband 60 days because he never had a job.

Court records state Mrs. Freeman filed for a divorce from Mr. Freeman on May 22 1965 but later dropped divorce proceedings when she was told her husband had died.

Without checking for a death certificate or filing for a divorce, Mrs. Freeman illegally married George Guffey on December 12, 1965. However, their marriage was annulled.

For the third time on April 4, 1969, Mrs. Freeman repeated her wedding vows and was illegally married to James Crowe, the court was told.

According to court records, Mrs. Freeman was only indicted for one act of bigamy. However, she has been illegally married twice.

Police report Mr. Freeman learned his wife had remarried when he filed for a divorce.

ON IMPEACHMENT

Speculation found among AFRO readers

By Bryan D. Holt and Roman Hankewycz

Articles of impeachment have been approved by the House Judiciary Committee and the impeachment process of President Nixon is closer to the end.

In the latest on the street interviews, the AFRO found the readers' views to be largely unchanged, but did find much speculation.

Alan Yarus, 24, 500 block S. Broadway, salesman, "I think favorably on their decision. I think that the entire House will vote for impeachment, but I won't speculate on how the Senate will go."

Miss Beverly Smith, 15, 900 block Argyle, student, "They should impeach him, but it might not get that far. They'll probably find some way for him to get out."

William Wilson, 42, 1000 block Pleasant Valley, postal employee, "I really don't think it'll go too far, but I have to say that the Judiciary Committee is doing one heliuva job."

Mrs. F. Scott, 22, 700 block Park, receptionist, "It was an inevitable decision they made. He's not going to make it."

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Harry Smith, 43, 4100 block Barrington, entrepreneur, "I think that it may go all the way based on the go all the way based on the evidence they have now. People are shocked that something like this could go on in their own country and he should be impeached. The man has lied since day one. I say that and I'm a staunch Republican!"

Mrs. Mary Williams, 76, 2600 block Quantico, crocheter, "I can't really tell you how far it will go or even where it's going. But if a man is wrong, he's wrong; doesn't matter who he is or where he sits. I believe Nixon is wrong."

Toussaint Bosworth, 24, 3100 block Cathedral, record dealer, "They shouldn't take him to the House of Representatives, they need to take him to the House of Death. I think that all this business is too much of a delay, he should be out now.

Mrs. Cecelia Santos, E. Baltimore, housewife, "I think he should be impeached. He had to know something about a thing as big as Watergate."

Andre Harris, 19, 700 block George, unemployed, "Nixon should be impeached, but I'm not sure it'll really get that far."

Stephen Player, 16, 2500 block Round Rd., student, "They just need to leave the man alone. I know they're not going to impeach him, though he should be."

Citizens foil School Board plot to fire Dr. Patterson

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AMEN

Nixon resigns: so let it be, so let it be, Amen

By Helen Thomas

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Nixon, acknowledging Watergate had destroyed him politically, announced Thursday night he will resign to "put the interest of America first" and turn the government over to Gerald R. Ford Jr. at noon today Friday. The nation's citizens for the most part uttered a resounding "Amen."

Black citizens are unable to mourn Nixon's exit.

Nixon's resignation came 2,026 days after he took office as president. Those days were for the most part stormy days for America's black citizens who saw Nixon personally devise and plan to end many programs designed to aid minorities and the poor.

"I have never been a quitter," Nixon said from behind a bare desk in the Oval Office. "To leave office before my term is completely abhorrent to every instinct in my body . . . but as President I must put the interest of America first."

Nixon's calm, sober renunciation of his office in a brief televised address to the nation was greeted by cheering, horn-honking pandemonium on Pennsylvania Avenue outside the White House gates, and a collective sigh of relief among members of Congress.

First To Resign

Less than two years after he won re-election by one of the greatest landslides in American history, Nixon thus became the first President to resign his office.

Ford, his Vice President for the past eight months, will take the oath as 38th President of the United States in the same office at noon Friday, while Nixon and his family will be flying back home to San Clemente, Calif.

As Nixon uttered his historic words, House leaders announced that impeachment proceedings—almost certain to have resulted in his eventual conviction and forcible removal from office—would be dropped.

But at the same time, Watergate Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski said no deals were requested or offered as part of the President's resignation, indicating that Nixon still faces a possible criminal indictment or civil suits in connection with the Watergate scandal that drove him from office.

Dark Night Ends

At the Capitol, legislators of both parties expressed solid support for Ford, the 61-year-old former House Republican leader, and a tinge of sadness at Nixon's departure. "The long, dark night is over," said Sen. Frank Church, D.-Idaho.

Among the millions of Europeans who stayed up late to watch Nixon's speech on live television, there were expressions of relief but also dismay and admiration for the outgoing President's foreign policy triumphs.

The Soviet News Agency Tass reported Nixon's decision quickly but without comment.

While Ford watched on television in his suburban

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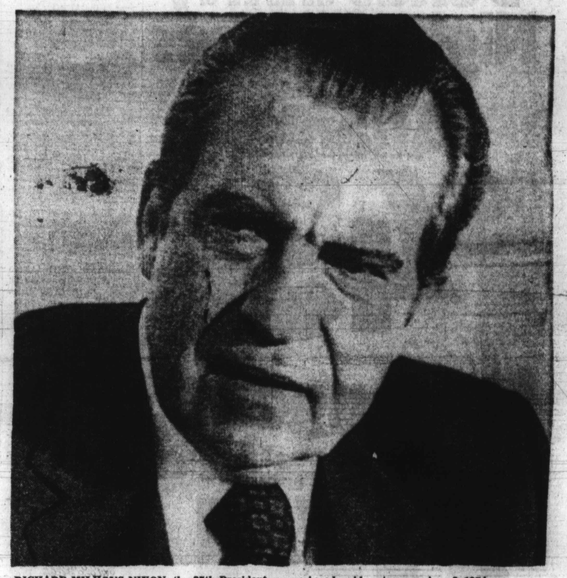

RICHARD MILHOUS NIXON, the 37th President of the United States, was elected Nov. 5, 1968. He resigned amid controversy Aug. 9, 1974.

CITIZENS FOIL OUSTER TRY

Board for Patterson scalp

By Bill Rhoden

"I'll be in my office tomorrow," said a determined Roland N. Patterson after more than 600 black and white supporters succeeded in blocking an attempt by the school board's five white members to have him ousted as superintendent of public instruction.

DR. ROLAND N. PATTERSON
backed up by throngs of citzens

His remarks climaxed a heated four-hour long show of support by private citizens, prominent politicians and clergymen who attended Thursday's school board meeting to investigate rumor that a move was afoot to dump the city's first black school superintendent.

Those rumors were verified less than 40 minutes after the meeting was called to order by Board president Dr. John Walton, said to be an initiator of the 'dump Patterson' plot.

END SUSPENSE

Declaring that it was time to "end the suspense," Commissioner Robert Schaefer prefaced his ouster motion by telling the audience that "Dr. Patterson" has been an innovator and has displayed a high interest in school children."

Schaefer added, "In spite of these it does seem clear that there have been serious problems in effective communications between the superintendent, the school board and certain segments of the community."

WRONG COMMUNITY?

But the section of the community which attended last night's meeting was apparently not the section to which Schaefer alluded because they promptly booed him and requested that he ditch his motion.

Schaefer continued, however, and commented on alleged "staff unrest, fiscal and numerical" in-

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Ford, Kissinger meef

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Vice President Gerald R. Ford met with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, conferred with his staff, and worked on an informal statement Thursday before heading home to watch President Nixon's resignation which would vault him into the U.S. Presidency.

The 61-year-old former House Republican leader was scheduled to be sworn in as the 38th U.S. President at noon Friday in the Rose Garden or the Oval Office of the White House, depending on the weather.

Chief Justice Warren Burger was flying back

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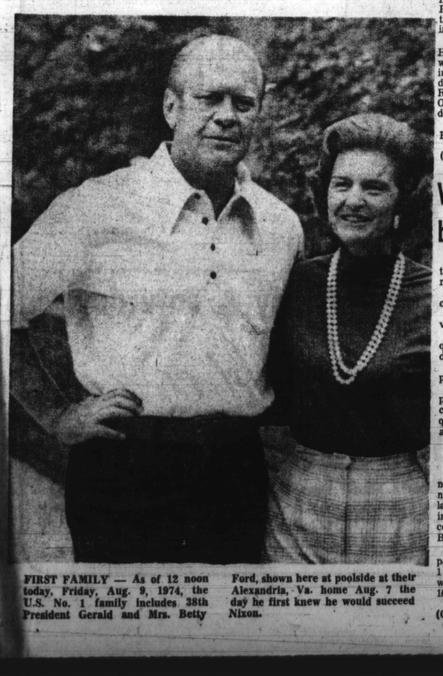

FIRST FAMILY — As of 12 noon today, Friday, Aug. 9, 1974, the U.S. No. 1 family includes 38th President Gerald and Mrs. Betty Ford, shown here at poolside at their Alexandria, Va. home Aug. 7 the day he first knew he would succeed Nixon.

Watergate box score

(UPI)—A box score on the progress of Watergate-related prosecutions:

—50 men have been charged with crimes.

—35 men have been convicted or pleaded guilty.

—4 men have been acquitted or had charges dropped.

—11 men have charges pending.

—12 corporations have pleaded guilty to illegal campaign gifts, 1 was acquitted and 1 other is awaiting trial.

130 MILLION ON TV

President Nixon's resignation speech Thursday night may have had the largest television audience in American history, according to the National Broadcasting Co.

The NBC Research Department estimated that 130 million Americans watched some part of the 16-minute broadcast on the

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He discovered Watergate break-in

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Frank Wills, the security guard who discovered the Watergate break-in, said Thursday that no one—no matter his station in life—is exempt from being honest and forthright.

Mr. Wills was the security guard at the Watergate complex on the night of June 17, 1972, when he discovered a door with the lock taped. He called police who a short time later arrested five men inside the offices of the Democratic National Committee.

Asked for his reaction to repercussions from the Watergate break-in that have developed this week, Wills told UPI through an intermediary:

"No position is too high—if you are wrong, you are wrong, especially if you are elected by a majority of the U.S. citizens and especially when they elect you to be sincere, honest and forthright."

Mr. Wills has held several other jobs as a security guard since Watergate, but currently is unemployed. He has been earning some money through speaking engagements and interviews.

FRANK WILLS — His discovery led to the now famed Watergate trials and Nixon's resignation, the first cop-out of any president in the history of the world's greatest nation.

ILL-FATED?

Nixon was born under Capricorn

By Dennis Schatzman

THE SIGN OF THE GOAT

Had Richard Milhous Nixon (b. Jan. 9, 1913) consulted his astrologer instead of Erlichman, Haldeman, Mitchell and Dean, he would have seen what the stars had in store for him.

The message to all Capricorns (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) from the August edition of American Astrology reads, "The fact that you are in trouble, should certain supposedly secret matters be exposed to the public view, is brought out by Mars in the 9th square Neptune (6th, 7th)."

To those born beween Jan. 1 and 10, it explains, "Your grip on power, and on yourself, is as strong as the alliances that help you to maintain it."

In its weekly action guide for Aug. 1-9 it warns the Capricorn, "Failure on either side, could bring forth disclosures that would be embarrassing, to say the least (1st-7th). Be careful that you don't become great for someone's rumor mill, especially when people ask you to divulge those things which are strictly personal."

CHAOS FORESEEN

However, as to Nixon's demise, for Aug. 7 (Wednesday) it correctly predicted,

"CHAOS—Everything appears to be muddied up early in the morning. It

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Win $1,000 in '74 AFRO Lucky License Contest

Here is a brand new $1,000 contest in which all AFRO readers 16 years and older may share. Beginning the week of Aug. 9, the AFRO will kick off the Lucky License Contest.

All you have to do to become a contestant is to put a READ THE AFRO sticker on your automobile bumper and the AFRO's roving reporter may list your license number as a winner.

Each edition of the AFRO will have five license numbers which will

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