Baltimore Afro American

Beall endorses CIA oversight measure

Sen. J. Glenn Beall Jr. has joined with other senate leaders in sponsoring a bill which would establish a Joint Committee on Intelligence Oversight.

The legislation, originally proposed in the last session of Congress, would set up a joint committee of both Congressional houses to check on the activities and operations of Federal intelligence agencies.

The Committee's jurisdiction would include the Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as well as the intelligence and surveillance operations of other Federal agencies.

Sen. Beall points out that the CIA's alleged involvement in recent events in Chile, and allegations of domestic spying by the agency "underline the importance of full accountability by the intelligence sector of the government." Beall adds that the Congress must strengthen and regularize its intelligence oversight capability.

The proposed Joint Committee would be composed of 14 members, evenly divided between the House and the Senate, appointed by House and Senate leadership.

It would have primary authorization and legislative jurisdiction over the activities and operations of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Secret Service, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, and all intelligence and surveillance operations of any other department or agency of the Federal Government.

Sen. Beall says that the Committee would have full subpoena powers and that the Committee would have the power to take any and all precautions necessary to maintain the confidentiality of sensitive and classified information.

"In exercising its oversight functions," says Beall, "Congress and the American people must keep in mind that it is absolutely essential that the United States maintain a top-notch foreign intelligence operation as well as viable and effective domestic security agencies."

UMBC sets community service expo

A free open house program to help those looking for practical work experience or training in new career fields will be held Jan. 29-30 on the University of Maryland's College Park Campus.

More than 900 area organizations will be on hand at the University's Community Service Expo to discuss volunteer and internship opportunities.

Guests will be able to sign up on the spot for volunteer positions in fields ranging from administration and public relations to child care.

"In view of current unemployment problems, many people may find this an excellent opportunity to pursue training in new areas," says Dr. Judy Sorum, director of the campus' Office of Community Service.

Past Community Service Expos have resulted in thousands of volunteer placements, according to Dr. Sorum.

The Expo will run from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the Student Union Building on the College Park Campus. Visitors are requested to park at Prince George's Plaza and take the J-4, J-8 or R-3 bus direct to the Student Union.

American Friends aid Zambians in squatter settlement project

The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) and UNICEF have begun a unique project designed to assist the government of Zambia in its program to upgrade the squatter settlements.

Squatters unauthorized dwellers on land that does not belong to them and for which they pay no rent, now make up almost 40 per cent of the population of Lusaka.

Zambia's urban population has been growing at the rate of 11 per cent per year, compared to the overall population growth rate of 2.9 per cent.

This is thought to be the highest rate of urbanization in Africa, and possibly in the world," said David Benson, AFSC's Community Involvement Team Leader for the program.

"An outstanding aspect of the project will be the involvement of local people in the planning and execution of their own community improvements, using the techniques of community development," he said.

The improvements will include roads, water lines, sanitary facilities, markets, primary schools, health centers, demonstration houses, and new housing for those families who must move to make way for the changes.

AFSC will train Zambian social development and technical staff, and assist in the development of an approach to squatter upgrading. UNICEF will provide the Zambian staff with classroom training in community development to complement their field experience.

"Zambia is one of the first of the developing countries to adopt a policy of upgrading squatter areas, and to allocate funds for this purpose," said Pamela Benson, Program Associate.

"This policy is based on an awareness of the human and financial resources in these unplanned settlements, and on the realization that it is financially impossible to demolish all squatter compounds and resettle the residents."

Since 1964 the AFSC has been involved in urban community development activities in Zambia. It was as a result of AFSC's work on a recently completed project in Kafue, Zambia where 228 squatter families cooperatively built their own homes, that the Zambian government requested an AFSC consultant who last year assisted in the planning of the present upgrading program for Lusaka. In addition, AFSC provided a special consultant to UNICEF to develop the program especially as it related to children.

HAPPINESS — Nothing is more precious than a child playing in the snow. In this picture, 2-year-old Zina Welch gives AFRO camera the eye as she plays with one of her toys on the bridge behind her apartment on Regune Ct. in Baltimore County. She is the daughter of Ms. Venus Welch, a Baltimore city teacher. (AFRO staff photo by Benjamin Murphy Phillips IV)

Mrs. Washington named Fund's nominating committee chairman

Mrs. Vivian G. Luther Washington a long time civic leader in the Baltimore community, heading the United Fund's 19 member nominating committee for the selection of Central Maryland volunteers to serve as board members and officers

Mrs. Washington is a graduate of Howard University, and has done graduate work at Catholic University and Loyola College.

Explaining that her greatest joy is derived from helping young people, she said she is particularly proud of the 35 years of devoted service to the Baltimore School System.

Mrs. Washington is founder and first Principal of the school for teenaged mothers, p.s. No. 1

She is also the current chairman of the Governor's Commission on Children and Youth and is a board member of the National Alliance Concerned with School-Aged Parents.

The nominating committee is responsible for recommending community directors to the 65 member board of the Fund. There are 45 such directors with three-year rotating terms so that usually the committee has to nominate 15 new members annually.

Mrs. Washington indicates that she hopes to assure the continuance of United Way policy in the area of seeking out a cross section of community representatives for service on the United Fund board. She explained that the nominating committee itself is a broad community based unit that should be particularly cognizant of the need to involve all kinds of people in the United Way.

Select cities postmark test program

Twenty mail processing centers in eight states will be changing their postmarks on outgoing mail in a test to begin by mid-March to determine public reaction to printing town names on central area mail cancellations.

Under the area mail processing (AMP) system, mail from first class post offices is sent to AMP centers for cancellation and handling. Those centers now imprint a postmark bearing the U.S.P.S. indicia plus the name of the state and the center's ZIP Code.

In the test, postmarks will use the actual name of the community where the mail is processed plus the state and ZIP Code.

The experimental postmark will be applied only to mail from first class area post offices processed at the 20 area mail processing centers involved in the test.

Those centers are located at Buffalo, N.Y.; Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Oakland and San Francisco, Calif.; Phoenix, Ariz.; Rock Island, Ill.; Columbus, Oh.; Atlanta, Ga.; and 12 cities in Oklahoma — Ardmore, Clinton, Durant, Enid, Lawton, McAlester, Muskogee, Oklahoma City, Ponca City, Tulsa, Vinita and Woodward.

The test is scheduled to run 60-90 days.

PAC members meet Sat. Jan. 25

A breakfast meeting of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) for Title I schools has been set for Saturday, Jan. 25 at 8 a.m. at the Sheraton Inn, Broadway and Orleans St.

Title I schools, which have been designated by the School Administration as lacking in adequate facilities, receive additional federal funding each school year.

The PAC members, comprised of parents representing the 76 will discuss provisions to be included in the proposal for school year 1976-77.

Del. John Douglass (D. 45th) will be featured as the guest speaker.

He will present information on juvenile crime to be contained in an upcoming bill he plans to introduce during the 1975 General Assembly.

Special guests include Superintendent Dr. Roland N. Patterson, Dr. Paul L. Vance, deputy superintendent for executive matters and other members of Dr. Patterson's staff.

Furnace owners urged to check heating systems

An urgent call for oil furnace owners to have their heating systems checked has been issued by Elkins W. Dahle Jr., director of the Bureau of Industrial Hygiene.

"All heating units should be in good repair, in view of the unsettled petroleum situation in the Middle East, as well as recent pronouncements by the President concerning the need for fuel conservation," Dr. Dahle noted in his letter to the mayor.

He states: "Residents who have oil furnaces have an advantage over residents whose furnaces burn other fuels, since the Baltimore City Health Department's oil furnace check up is free."

The 1973-74 heating season was the Oil Burner Inspection Program's second full year of operation. Now that the midway point has been reached for the 1974-75 heating season, records show that almost exactly as many calls for inspections were made in this season as in the last.

Of the 212 oil furnaces tested so far, 6 were found to have too high a draft, and 28, too low. Too high a draft causes fuel to burn too rapidly while too low a draft causes fuel to burn too slowly. In either case, the fuel is not efficiently used.

Jessie Jackson's civil rights views opposed

Agreeing with Rev. Jesse Jackson that black citizens must have "silver rights," Del. Troy Brailey vehemently opposes the minister's idea that civil rights movements be abandoned because blacks have achieved all their civil rights.

Mr. Brailey's statement came after Rev. Jackson spoke at the Masonic Temple on Martin Luther King's birthday anniversary. Mr. Brailey was state chairman and organizer of the 1963 March on Washington.

"The civil rights movements must continue," the state delegate insists adding.

"One of the most disturbing, distressing and saddening spectacles I have ever witnessed on television was the faces, ugly with hate, of white adults shouting curses and attacking black students who are trying to enter a public high school in South Boston."

He further states: "White religious leaders in Charleston, W. Va., have joined hands with the Ohio Ku Klux Klan to try to win a racially motivated school text book fight."

He said whites are still obsessed and inflamed when a black family moves into their neighborhood on the grounds that presence of blacks will cause decline in the value of property.

Retired federal employees meet

The next regular meeting of Baltimore Chapter 600, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, will be held on Friday, Feb. 7, at the Waverly Methodist Church Hall, 33rd and Frisby Sts., at 1:30 p.m.

Guest speaker is Elizabeth Hanson, coordinator for Meals-On-Wheels. All retired Federal employees are cordially invited to attend.

Raymond A. C. Young is president, and Morris Eisenberg is chairman of the speakers committee.

SHOP STEWARD — Members of Local 33, Welding Dept. 36, Bethlehem Steel's Sparrows Point Shipyard elected Verlon E. Mills their third-shift Shop Steward. Other officers elected were committeewoman Catherine (Kitty) Moore, Committeeman Charles Rudolph, 2nd Shop Steward; Harry Prince, secretary, alternate shop steward; A. J. (Butts) Schafer, treasurer.

Dr. Tayback blasts Ford's economic treatment plan

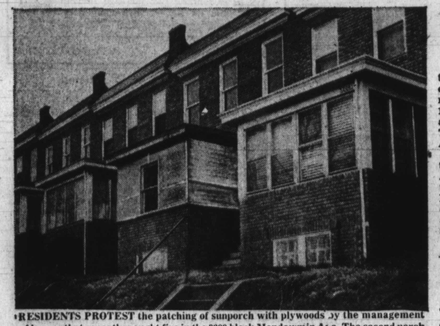
President Ford's proposed treatment for the nation's economic ills constitutes 'bad medicine' for more than 170,000 older Marylanders, according to Dr. Matthew Tayback, state director on Aging.

In a statement made before the Maryland Commission on Aging, Dr. Tayback advised that more than half of Maryland's 340,000 senior citizens living on fixed or annual incomes of less than $5,000 would suffer.

Dr. Tayback said senior citizens, according to the policy, would not benefit from the 1974 income tax rebate; would be denied a meaningful cost of living adjustment on Social Security or Supplemental Security Income and would experience inflation in cost of fuel and other staple products because of the barrel head tax on crude oil.

The President's proposed program then, Dr. Tayback concluded, "takes from the poor to comfort the rich."

An elderly couple with a $5,000 annual income, $3,600 of which is Social Security, he explains would not receive a 1974 income tax rebate. They would be eligible for $160 gain, based on $80 per person allowable for those who do not get a tax rebate.



RESIDENTS PROTEST the patching of sunporch with plywoods by the management of houses that recently caught fire in the 3200 block Mondawmin Ave. The second porch from right is typical of what the residents' organization, The Block Club, is protesting against.

Tenants 'unhappy' with repairs

Residents of the 3200 block Mondawmin Ave. have expressed their displeasure with the manner Home Exchange Realty Co. restored a property after a recent fire.

According to the residents the front of a damaged house at 3206 Mondawmin Ave. was repaired with plywood. "This," they said in their letter to the AFRO, did not conform to the original bay windows that were present.

"This absentee landlord is shortcutting repairs to this property in order to rent as soon as possible without regard to how it looks."

The residents requested in their letter that proper authorities inspect the property.

A secretary for Allen Becker, owner of Home Exchange Co. told the AFRO that the owner was out of town and could not be reached. No one was available for comment.

However, she stated, "We have received a copy of the letter and the information is not true."

However, later last Wednesday Allen Becker, owner of Home Exchange Realty Co. told the AFRO, I don't think we've broken any laws by the repairs made."

He added, "Since we are responsible for these houses, the enclosing of the front area protects against vandalism and also provides an additional room.

Mr. Becker owns houses on Lucille Ave. modeled in the same fashion as those on Mondawmin Ave. which he says have been repaired in the same manner by request of the residents.

Mr. Becker further commented that he had nothing to hide and that he would meet with the residents at any time.

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Legislator asks probe of new car cash rebate

Questions how much the auto buyer really profits

Del. Troy Brailey (D-40th Baltimore) this week is introducing legislation in the General Assembly calling for full disclosure by automobile dealers on their new-car rebate promotion gimmick.

Del. Brailey told the AFRO that some auto dealers are giving persons who purchase a new car a $400 or more rebate. However he states that the dealer gets most of the rebate back in interest.

He also states that the rebate is a separate deal. The customer is mailed the rebate at a later date.

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Brailey disclosed that if a person buys a new car and has a $4000 balance after the down payment he is charged interest on the entire amount when he should only be charged interest on for example $3,600 (the balance after the $400 rebate).

Del. Brailey said that most people have a car financed for a period of 36 months. The payment on $3,600 for 36 months would be $100 per month.

However, the payments for the same period of time on $4,000 would amount to $111 per month. Therefore, the customer actually only gets a rebate of $4.

If the car dealer would give the customer the $400 rebate before they make the deal, it would be a different matter and they would only have a balance of $3,600 on which to pay interest.

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It is suspected that this is why the deal is made to make the rebate AFTER the full-amount contract is signed.

Del. Brailey says a highlight of the investigation could also reveal, if indeed the customer gets the rebate and how long it takes to receive it.

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First phase of Rev. Swann murder case set for Criminal Court next Tuesday

Suspect, 22, expected to plead not guilty

Garland Avon Spence, 22, charged with the gangland style Nov. 11, 1974 murder of the Rev. Dr. Melvin Chester Swann, 59, has been confined to City Jail since November, 1974.

Spence, a resident of the 900 block Kevin Rd., is scheduled to appear in Criminal Court Part Three, Tuesday, Feb. 4, for arraignment, to plead guilty or not guilty to first degree murder and to give the name of the lawyer who will defend him.

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Police reports taken at the time of the crime state that the assailant or assailants who executed the minister pumped four .38 caliber bullets into his head and neck.

Reports show the 59-year-old pastor's feet were bound with a leather belt and his hands tied behind him with two neckties.

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The incident which startled Baltimore and the entire East Coast occurred in his spacious, tri-level home in the 1300 block Limit Ave.

The Rev. Dr. Swann was found dead Nov. 12 in a pool of blood, his feet just inside the doorway of the ground floor powder room and his head in the hallway.

Pastor of East Baltimore's Waters AME Church nine years, he was a prominent, religious, civic, community and educational leader.

Spence was unemployed at the time of the murder. The warrant for his arrest was based on information detectives had received from Phillip Smith, a retired homicide investigator of 20 years and a church member.

Spence was found by Detectives Howard Corbin and Furrie Cousins at the home of his mother on Kevin Rd.

Det. Corbin reports the suspect was pulled from under the bed prior to arrest.

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Mrs. Sarah Harley, 45, who works at Waters AME Day Care Center, was one of the first persons to suspect something was wrong.

Mrs. Harley revealed she went to the Rev. Dr. Swann's home to investigate about 11 a.m. Nov. 12 and placed the newspaper in the doors.

She said she kept phoning the house again and again until about 10 p.m. when she returned to the

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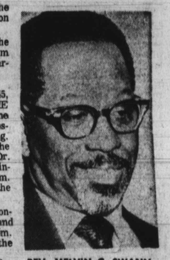

REV. MELVIN C. SWANN

Groundhogless Feb. 2 Day

SUBSTITUTING A LLAMA named "Calico" for Mr. Groundhog, AFRO reporter Miss Portia Badham is told the traditional furry animal has gone friending in the woods and Calico will do the Feb. 2 Groundhog Day forecasting. "Oh?" says Miss Badham.

CALICO: Spring's around the corner, shadow or no shadow. She'll hang in there and even if it snows winter won't last long.

PORTIA: Do tell me more. CALICO: Don't throw away your snuggies but start looking around for your new Easter bonnet. Ash Wednesday is Feb. 12; Palm Sunday, March 23; Easter, March 30.
(AFRO staff photos by Benjamin Murphy Phillips IV)

Red Cross aids widow, the needy

The Red Cross through Mrs. Jo Rogers Sloan, director of Social Work, responded quickly to the pathetic situation of a 64-year-old widow.

Mrs. Susie Ray, unit block N. Exeter St. suffered injuries Wednesday night when the roof and walls of her kitchen fell hitting her and killing her dog.

She is confined to the Greater Baltimore Medical Center but in need of clothes, food and a home. Her husband died recently.

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Mrs. Sloan told the AFRO a representative plans to accommodate Mrs. Ray as soon as she gets out of the hospital.

A neighbor told the AFRO her home was without heat, had only one light, no hot water.

The landlord told the AFRO he has a cordial relationship with his tenant who is allowed to stay in the house "to keep the property". He said, "I know she is on welfare and I have given her more than I have taken."

Notify the Red Cross, Mrs. Sloan, in any case of disaster or the needy in distress: 467-9905. "We're anxious to serve," she states.

U.S. government called in on Cong. Mitchell case

The unprecedented before dawn Sunday invasion of Congressman Parren J. Mitchell's 3-story apartment house in Baltimore to arrest a tenant on a traffic violation has resulted in a Federal Government probe.

The investigation Cong. Mitchell instituted by letter this week aims the probe at the Baltimore Police Department's spy tactics which he is ready to prove through witnesses.

Here is Congressman Mitchell's full statement on the procedures he has taken against Commissioner Pomerleau.

A highlight is the fact that the U.S. House of Representatives has been informed and the Senate and Department of Justice have been asked to act.

CONGRESSMAN MITCHELL'S STATEMENT

"As you know, I have been in the vanguard of those attempting to prevent domestic espionage activities in our our city. I shall continue to fight on as many fronts as I can against the illegal and unwarranted domestic espionage conducted by the Intersectional Services Division of the Baltimore City Police Department.

"In continuing this fight, I have initiated these actions:

SENATE PROBE

"I have formally requested the U.S. Senate Select Committee To Study Governmental Intelligence Gathering Activities to investigate the Baltimore Police Department.

"My formal request pointed out that the Police Commissioner of Baltimore has admitted that surveillance reports on Baltimore political figures are often forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. (A copy of the letter to Senator Church, chairman of the committee, is printed inside this edition)

"My formal request to Senator Frank Church and the 10 members of the Select Committee was made on the basis that, as a member of Congress, sworn to uphold the Constitution, I am compelled to seek direct recourse for the protection of civil liberties. The Senate Select Committee is the vehicle to provide such recourse.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

"In addition, I have requested the Department of Justice to act under 18 U.S.C Sec. 241 and 242 against the Baltimore Police Department.

"Sec. 241 makes illegal any conspiracy to "injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate any citizen in the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to them by the Constitution of the United States or because of his having so exercised the same."

"Sec. 242 prohibits essentially the same acts, if they are undertaken 'under color of law,' which clearly encompasses any such activity by a Police Department.

NEW INFORMATION

"I wrote the Department of Justice in December, 1974. This more recent request was made because a reliable witness is prepared to testify that he was used by the Police Department to infiltrate my own campaign headquarters in 1970.

"This new information, in my opinion, clearly makes out the basis for a criminal investigation of the Baltimore Police Department. (A copy of the correspondence to the Justice

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History week set Feb. 9-16

Gov. Mandel has proclaimed Feb. 9-16 as Black History Week in recognition of contributions Afro-Americans have made to culture and history of Maryland and the nation.

This is the 49th anniversary of the celebration launched in 1926 by Dr Carter G. Woodson, founder of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History.

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The theme is "Fulfilling America's Promise."

The AFRO's special Black History Edition will be included in the edition published Tuesday Feb. 11.

New teen columns in this edition

Beginning this edition of the AFRO are two new columns by and about teens.

Teen Talk is written by Gary Jay Givens, 17, a student at Walbrook High School.

Teen Sports is by Gregory H. Logan, also 17 and a Walbrook student.

Teens are urged to let these new columnists know what they think of their efforts and to submit news to them, care of Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, P.O. Box 1357, Baltimore, Md. 21203.

Opera star returns home to sing at her church

MS. JUNETTA JONES
all Europe was enchanted

Ms. Junetta Jones, former Metropolitan opera soprano, will appear in concert Sunday, Feb. 2, 4 p.m. at the St. John AME Church, 840 N. Carrollton Ave. She is accompanied by Haywood Mickens.

Ms. Jones brings to the community a wealth of professional experience acquired through her performance with the Metropolitan Opera Company, Opera houses in Germany and Switzerland and in concerts in Boston, New York, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Delaware, and Baltimore.

Miss Jones exhibited an unusual potential in singing while still in the public schools of her native Baltimore.

As a child she sang with the St. John Youth Choir.

Pursuing a serious study of vocal music, she earned a bachelor of music degree and the Artist Diploma from the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore and a master of music degree from the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston.

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Prior to graduation from the New England Conservatory, she had already been awarded a contract with the Met by vtrtue of winning the fiercely competitive Metropolitan Opera Auditions.

While there she sang roles in the operas, Don Carlos, Rigoletta, Ariadne Auf Nexos, The Magic Flute, and the Marriage of Figaro.

To gain further experience she went to Europe.

There she delighted audiences and won acclaim singing leading roles in Madame Butterfly, The Tales of Hoffman, Don Giovanni, Cosi Fan Tutti, and the Pearl Fishers. These performances were in Dusseldorf, Wuppertal, Munster, Trier, and Regensburg, Germany and Lucerne, Switzerland.

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On the program with Ms. Jones, the sponsoring organization, is also presenting a "Freedom Theme" in song, verse and pantomime with the Rev. Benjamin S. Foust, pastor, and students of a Peabody dance group.

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SOUTHWEST OUTREACH CENTER

Where you can help immediately

By Robert Matthews

An urgent call goes out to AFRO readers to give a helping hand as soon as possible.

The Southwest Outreach Center, at 31 N. Fulton Ave. is desperately in need of funds to carry on its mission of providing emergency assistance to needy residents of Baltimore.

Last Friday the center had hundreds standing in line because they were on the verge of being thrown out into the cold by their landlords.

Some of them had no money for food, and are not expected to receive food stamps for at least a month.

They had nowhere else to turn for help and so they were lined up at the center.

Can You Help? Send any amount you can afford to The Southwest Outreach Center, 31 N. Fulton Ave. Baltimore.

The Outreach Center makes small grants, to hold people until Welfare, the Red Cross, and other agencies can help them.

Welfare usually takes about 60 to 90 days, and for some of these people the situation is too critical to wait that long.

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But how do you tell a hungry, school age child that they will have to wait a couple of weeks before they can eat some meat?

In times of economic depression the upper and middle classes feel the pinch, but it is the poor, who painfully suffer. This is the worst of economic times in 40 years.

With thousands of poor people out of work, it is the little children that suffer, little children who cannot feed themselves and are in

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