Echo House Center moves to 1615 W. Baltimore St.

Mrs. Maud S. Harvey, director of the Baltimore City Department of Social Services, has announced the Echo House Social Services Center of the Department has moved from 1510 Guilford Ave., to 1615 West Baltimore St.

The Echo House Social Services Center is open from 1:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The telephone number for information on services provided by the Center is 234-2511.

The Echo House Center has a staff of 54 and serves an area located within the the following boundaries:

From Franklin and Pulaski St., east on Franklin to Carey. South on Carey to the B and O Railroad. Southwest along the rail road to Monroe St. North on Monroe to Baltimore St. West on Baltimore St. to Pulaski. North on Pulaski to Franklin

The Echo House Center accepts applications for public assistance and handles the reporting of changes relating to public assistant grants to clients. Persons not receiving public assistance may apply for Food Stamps at the Center.

The Center also provides social services, some of which are available to persons not receiving public assistance. Social Services such as referral for family planning, protective services to adults and children, legal protection, consumer protection, foster care to children and single parent counseling are provided.

In addition, referrals can be made to such department services as Day Care, homemaker, services, adoptions and others.

In the area of client employment and training, the Center offers referrals to department programs such as WIN (Work Incentive Program) and Adult Basic Education.

A neighborhood coordinator assigned to the center works with community groups and other City Departments. The neighborhood coordinator for the Echo House Center is Miss Barbara Forest. Miss Forrest's telephone number is 234-2530.

District Manager for the Echo House Center is Mrs. Viola Purnell. Mrs. Purnell holds a Master's Degree in Social Work from Howard University and has been employed by the Department for 24 years. Mrs. Helen Stewart is income maintenance Supervisor-In-Charge and Mrs. Helen Libey is Family Service Specialist for the Center.

The Department of Social Services has 14 Social Service Centers located in Baltimore communities as part of its decentralization plan.

In addition to the Echo House Center, they are: Park Circle, 3000 Druid Park Dr.; Steuart Hill, 2133 West Pratt St.; Franklintown Road, 220 North Franklintown Road; Hampden, 3692 Falls Road, Govans-Waverly, 4607 York Road; Federal Hill, 915 Sterret St., Upton, 2521 North Charles St., (Temporary location); Cherry Hill, 2490 Giles Road; Liberty Garrison, 3301 Garrison Boulevard; Collington Square, 1719 East Oliver; Dunbar, 621 North Eden St.; Mount Royal, 2000 Mondawmin Mall; Clifton, 2532 North Charles St., (temporary location).

Racial interaction course at U. of Md.

A training program to develop "change-agents" who can help prevent rather than react to problems arising from stress due to racial tensions is being conducted at the University of Maryland with grant support from the National Institute of Mental Health of HEW's Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration.

The experimental training program is designed to teach individuals how to improve interactions among racial groups in work or school settings.

Approximately 100 volunteers will participate in the program, including top-level administrators, middle management staff, faculty, and students from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC).

This cross section will ensure that individuals from each level of the University hierarchy receive training as "change-agents."

The first phase of the project involves gathering information on existing attitudes and behaviors which pertain to racism, communication patterns, individual goals, and specific problems at UMBC.

A major aim of the project is to adapt findings and observations from experiments successful in reducing racial tensions into specific, teachable skills. These skills as well as techniques in group problem solving and goal setting will then be taught to the program's participants.

Dr. Daphne D. Harrison of the University's African-American Studies Program is heading the project.

Hilson replies to Young letter

Robert Hilson, director of Juvenile Services Administration, has sent a reply to Del. Larry Young's letter outlining his Legislative Youth Committee's interests in Juvenile Justice Reform.

In his three page response, dated May 14, Hilson indicates that all but two of the suggestions put forth by Young's group have already been implemented. Another is about to be implemented. Hilson does not agree on the final one.

Young questions and suggestions and Hilson's answers are as follow:

1. Is there a community member dealing with juvenile causes?—

Yes, the state has "created an Advisory Board to the Dept. of Juvenile Services." It is an 18-member board with three youth members between 16 and 25.

2. "Does Maryland law separate runaways and children who don't get along with their parents from youths charged with crimes?"—Yes; "Maryland law prohibits the commitment or detention of such offenders to training schools or similar institutions."

3. Is there a youth board to which "a youth arrested on charges not involving violence could be referred"? — No., but such a program, called a Community Arbitration Program, will be implemnted in "a couple of months."

4. Are "youth accused of murder and repeated violent crimes" detained before trial? — "Those youth who are 14 years of age or older and accused of murder are not within the jurisdiction of the juvenile courts but rather come under adult jurisdiction."

5. Are others "released, and placed under a probation officer's vision or kept in a "non-jail-like shelter." ?— Yes, "a program called "Community Detention" has been in operation for one year. There is also an "Intensive Probation Unit."

6. Why not put "youngsters who are truant from school and judged to be employable into job training programs rather than forcing them back into school?"

"I would question the wisdom and feasibility of pitting all truants into job training programs rather than forcing them to return to school. Certainly there are some youth who would benefit from such an approach but certainly not all."

Hilson commended Young and his youth group for their interest in Juvenile Justice Reform.

"I think that it is a very satisfying thing to have the interest shown by Young in trying to help our youth," he told the AFRO.

"I think Del. Young is to be commended for generating enthusiasm in his Youth Committee in trying to reform the Juvenile Justice System which has come under strong criticism in the past few months.

"We certainly need and appreciate help of the entire community."

Coppin College to hold 75th graduation

Coppin State College will hold its 75th commencement exercises Sunday, May 18 at 3 p.m. at the Baltimore Civic Center.

The Diamond Jubilee class includes 365 candidates for the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science, and 302 graduate students in the schools of Correctional Education, Rehabilitation Counseling, and Special Education.

Lieutenant Governor Blair Lee III will address the class at which time he will be awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

For a number of years, Coppin has held commencement exercises on campus. The Civic Center was chosen as the site this year due to the major construction currently underway at the school.

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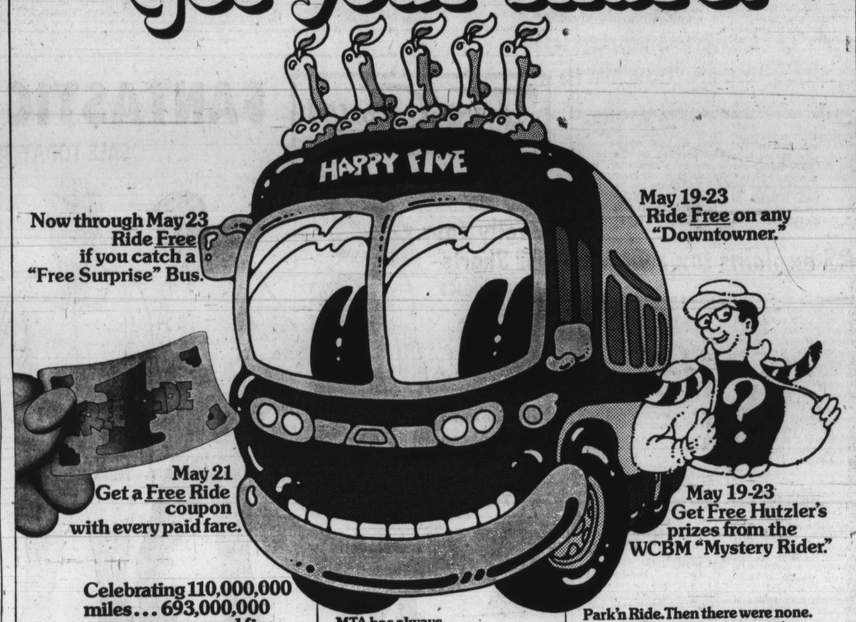

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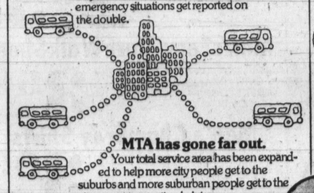

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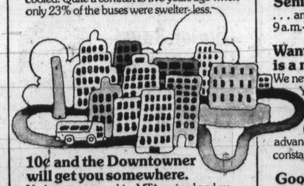

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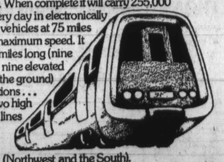
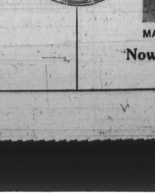
Goodbye, traffic reports MTA's Rapid Transit Project construction is under way. When complete it will carry 255,000 people every day in electronically controlled vehicles at 75 miles per hour maximum speed. It will be 28 miles long (nine in subway, nine elevated and 10 on the ground) ... 21 stations ... and two high speed lines



(Northwest and the South). What will the traffic helicopter do then?



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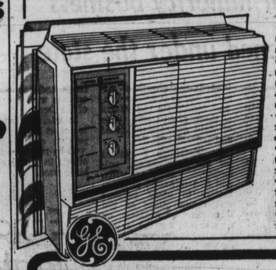

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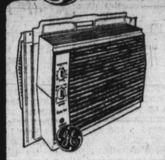

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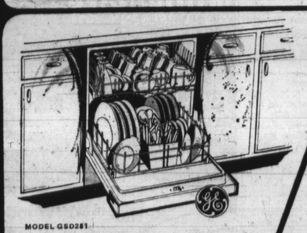

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