OPEN HOUSE—The Maryland Commission on Human Relations held an open house to explain its operations to the public. Sharing a point in the first panel during the activities marking the open house are Commission's Executive Director Elbert L. A. Guillory and Public Relations Director Dennis Schatzman while in the second panel Commission staffer, Mrs. Virginia Prettyman welcomes Mrs. Marguerite Campbell (left), special assistant to the mayor and Prince George's County Commissioner Fletcher to the event held at the Metro Plaza of the Mondawmin Mall. The open house proved to be a moment of non-relaxation for staffers in the last panel as Mrs. Cathy Clinton, William Thomas, Mrs. Mary Gregory, Miss Gwen Quick and Mrs. Hazel Pryear, worked harder to serve visitors.

Human relations commission investigates discrimination

By Robert M. Matthews

The State Commission on Human Relations held an open house on Friday at its new offices located in Metro Plaza.

Established in 1927, the commission enforces Article 49B of the Annotated code of Maryland, which prohibits discrimination in the areas of public accommodations, employment, and housing, on the basis of Race, Color, Sex, Religion, Marital Status, National Origin, Age, and Mental or Physical Handicaps.

Speakers at the open house included Cong. Parren Mitchell, Roscoe Nix of the Support Section Chief of Community Relations Service, of the Department of Justice; Elaine Newman, executive director Commission on the Status of Women, and Rev. Vernon Dobson. and Attorney Frank S. Astroth.

The State Commission on Human Relations consists of 12 commissioners appointed by the Governor, and investigates complaints of alleged employment, housing and public accomodations discrimination.

These steps are generally utilized in the basic discrimination complaint process.

A commission representative hears the complaint and determines whether or not it is within the Commission's jurisdiction to investigate.

The wording of the complaint is drafted and prepared in legal from for the complainant to review, approve and sign.

The Investigator will interview the person responsible for the alleged discrimination and other witnesses in addition to reviewing pertinent records and documents.

The investigation may either find no probable cause and dismiss the complaint or proble cause and proceed to correct the discriminatory act and its effects.

If the investigator reveals that the charges are valid, the Commission will attempt to remedy the problem through conciliation and negotion with the person responsible for the alleged discrimination, (respondent).

At this point the respondent must: cease and desist from the specific crimintatory act, implement whatever programs or actions the commissions deems necessary to end the discriminatory act, and restore to the charging party losses that occured during the discriminatory act, or policies.

Whenever there is a failure to reach a voluntary settlement, the Commission may convene a public hearing. Testimony under oath is heard, witnesses are called, evidence submitted, a decision rendered, and a legally enforceable order issued.

The complainant and the respondent have the right to appeal this order to the Courts.

The investigators most important tool is the facts. He must be fully aware of the details. Answer all questions honestly. Make sure that names, dates, places, addresses, and other facts are as accurate as possible.

Commissioners are; Jacob J. Edelman, Chairman; James A. Maidson, Vice Chairman; Alvin L. Blank, Lane Berk, Ernest A. Lyte (Rev.), Paul W. Barnett, Stephen J. Britz, Samtpson Green, William E. Rose, Eloise C. Hall, Zella Proffer Saylor.

The Commission is located in Suite 300, Metro Plaza at Mondawmin, the telephone number is 383-3690.

Committee says DSS has poor phone service

A citizens' ad hoc committee has charged that the city's welfare department has discourteous social workers, lengthy delays in processing applications and poor planning in many departments.

The committee, comprised of private citizens and persons in the helping professions, listed its findings in a 17-page preliminary report.

In a letter to Mayor Schaefer, the group stated, "Our committee was formed by representatives from social agencies and community groups who perceived a deterioration of the services by the Department of Social Services and a demoralization of its staff.

The group added that it had first hand experiences on the unprofessional conduct of DSS employees.

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Most important in the study was the telephone survey which monitored over 500 calls to document the unprofessional treatment of clients and client-representatives.

For each call, the following was logged, worker called, district, time of call, phone busy or not, phone answered or not, number of rings before answered, minutes kept on hold and remarks regarding the courteay of employees.

Overall, the survey points out that most persons were kept waiting on the phone for workers who did not bother to answer their calls, and many did not return their calls nor were other workers willing to take messages for a person away from his desk.

The report by the committee prompted DSS to conduct its own telephone survey to study the group's recommendations.

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Mrs. Audrey Williams, who headed the task force, told the AFRO, "We have arrived at a new system that we hope will begin on August 1.

"Every worker will have a defined number of hours that he will devote to answering the phone. These workers will also have back-up persons who will handle phones when workers are with their clients."

However, Mrs. Williams pointed out that over 100,000 letters must be sent out informing welfare clients what hours their case workers are available on the phone.

In the interim, the present staff and new workers are being trained by the telephone company how to answer phones and how to take information over the phone for someone away from his desk.

Del. Murphy's registration drive

Del. Arthur G. Murphy, Sr. (D. 41st) announces in conjunction with Vanguard Political Organization, Inc., a voter registration drive is being conducted at his district office, 2914 Edmondson Ave., near Poplar Grove St. for the convenience of those in that area.

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The deadline for registering is Aug. 11.

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P. J. gets Fed bank for Inner Harbor

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell announced Thursday that the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond has entered into an agreement with the city of Baltimore to purchase land as a site for the new branch bank to be located in the Inner Harbor.

Working for the past two years to bring the bank to Baltimore, Congressman Mitchell said that the $1.7 million project, "means jobs for the city, not only in construction but in permanent personnel to be employed in the new branch building."

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Congressman Mitchell, in thanking all city and Congressional representatives who worked together on the effort, singled out Housing Commissioner Robert Embry for his, "unflagging efforts and splendid cooperation."

Mr. Embry told the AFRO, "This is a tremendous step forward, not only in getting the building approved, but the fact that it is going to be built in the city.

"The city owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to Congressman Mitchell for his help in making this project a success".

Congressman Mitchell said that his position on the Congressional Banking, Currency, and Housing Committee helped facilitate the action on the project.

Gateway pre-school courtyard fair

The annual Courtyard Fair for Gateway Pre-school children with hearing, speech and language disabilities will be held on June 18, at 10 a.m.

The fair is being planned by the Hearing and Speech Agency, a United Fund Agency, and will include a variety of games, booths, and prizes for all of the children at Gateway.

The fair will take place at the Hearing and Speech Agency's new building at 2220 Saint Paul St.

The activities serve to teach the children the language associated with this special event. Each class at Gateway helps to prepare a booth. The children make tickets and then learn to use them in order to participate in the games.

The courtyard Fair is the culminating activity for the school year. For many of these children it will be the first time they will have experienced such an event.

STUDENT CITED — Annibal Brisueno, a junior majoring in personnel versity of Baltimore receives the nel and labor relations at the Uni- President's Fellowship award from H. Mebane Turner, president. The fellowship award is presented to a student who has made outstanding contributions to student life. Mr. Brisueno has eight children, two of whom attend the University of Baltimore. His oldest daughter, Wanda, will be a senior majoring in marketing next year. Ralph is a social science major. Mr. Brisueno retired from the Marine Corps with 22 years of active duty in September 1973 and began his college career in the Spring of 1974.

2 Bay College students cited

At the Joint Aetion in Community Service Region III awards luncheon, two Bay College of Maryland students received special recognition. In addition, Bay College was commended for its expectional service in support of the JACS progarrm.

Bobby Williamson was named Region III Corpsman of the Year. He is a former trainee of the Pine Knot, and began his studies at Bay College in Sept. 1974.

Bobby a talented basketball player, also serves Joint Action in Community Services as a volunteer. This summer he will work with his "Basketball League," an idea he has developed to encourage other terminated job Corpsmen to participate in this sport.

Dianne Sue Donhavan, a well-respected member of the student body of Bay College since Sept. 1973, was also honored for her outstanding dedication to the JACS program. She received the Volunteer of the Year Award from William H. Mellody, regional director of Joint Action in Community Service.

Dianne also was awarded the City of Baltimore Mayor's Citation for her contribution to the civic welfare of Baltimore City. This award was signed by Mayor William Donald Schaefer, and presented to Dianne by Quentin Lawson, the Mayor's Educational Liaison.

In addition, Bay College of Maryland was presented with the JACS Service Award for 1974, in appreciation of Academic Assistance to the JACS program and support service to the young men of Job Corps.

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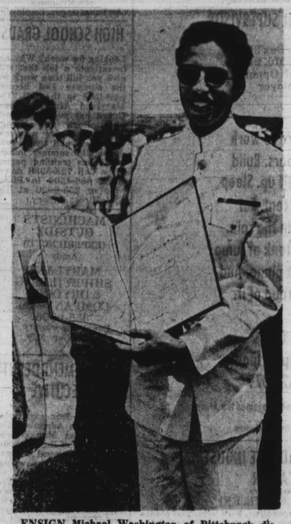
NEW MARINE — Second Lt. William Merrell of Lockport, Ill., has two gold bars pinned on his uniform by his mother, Mrs. Vernell Merrell (L) and Miss Thelma Kelly at Navy Academy graduation.

Austin may seek seat Hart to quit



ENSIGN Michael Washington of Pittsburgh, displays his diploma and commission after graduation from Navy Academy in Annapolis, Md.
(AFRO photos by Matthews)

WASHINGTON — A black man is among possible contenders for the seat to be vacated by U.S. Sen. Philip A. Hart, D-Mich., who played a major role in foregoing civil rights laws during the 1960s.

Hart announced last week he will retire next year.

Richard Austin, secretary of state and the first black to hold state office in Michigan, is listed among possible contenders for the opening.

If Austin were to win nomination and subsequent elections, he would become only the second black U.S. senator and the only Democrat.

Sen. Edward Brooke, R-Mass., is presently the only black U.S. senator.

Others viewed as Democratic contenders for the seat include Cong. William D. Ford, James G. O'Hara, Donald W. Riegel Jr. and Frank J. Kelly, state's attorney general who was narrowly defeated by Michigan's other senator, Robert P. Griffin, assistant Senate GOP leader.

Possible GOP contenders include former lieutenant governor James Brickley and Congressmen Marvin L. Esch and Philip E. Ruppe.

Selassie has surgery on postrate

ADDIS ABABA (UPI) — Deposed Emperor Haile Selassie has undergone successful surgery to correct an enlarged prostate gland, Ethiopia's provisional military government announced.

A statement carried by the Ethiopian News Agency said the operation was performed by Selassie's long-time personal physician, Dr. Asrat Woldeyes. The former emperor's condition was described as "good."

"The operation on former Emperor Haile Selassie was performed after the considered recommendation of a team of Ethiopian and foreign doctors," the statement said. The sources said that Selassie should have little trouble recovering from the operation despite his age.

Death of high court judges seen as boon

HARRISBURG, Pa. — A Pennsylvania legislator apparently feels, if two Supreme Court justices including the only black jurist died, it might be possible to get laws allowing state aid to private schools approved through the courts.

"What I'm saying," said Rep. Martin Mullen from Philadelphia, "is that if some of these guys die — like Marshall and Douglas — maybe we'll have different justices that will give us different interpretations."

Mullen referred to Justices Thurgood Marshall and William O. Douglas, consistent opponents of nonpublic school aid.

Both men are in poor health.

Both also helped comprise a recent 6-3 high court decision that knocked down all but two of Pennsylvania's nonpublic school aid programs.

In that ruling the court held that programs giving $26 million in aid for educational materials and services — such as guidance counseling and speech and hearing therapy — were unconstitutional.

It let stand a $6 million program under which textbooks are lent to the schools.

A program to provide busing for parochial school students has yet to be tested in the courts.

Mullen now says he will introduce a bill to allow payment to parents of children in nonpublic schools as much as $150 a year in the form of scholarship grants.

The grants would cost an estimate $60 million a year.

This new plan has some of the earmarkings of the Parent Reimbursement Plan, another Mullen plan that was killed by the courts two years ago.

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Mullen apparently sees hope for the survival of a new law if there are new Supreme Court justices by the time his bill is tested before that body.

The legislator also said he plans to oppose Gov. Milton J. Shapp's proposal to take $175 million held in the defunct Parent Reimbursement Fund for use in balancing the budget.

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"The governor doesn't have any right to take that money when there is action pending in the court," said Mullen. "I don't care what Shapp says or what (House speaker Herbert) Fineman says. We're going to fight this on the floor."

House leaders take Mullen's threat seriously.

Court upholds VA cuts at S.C. school

RICHMOND (UPI) — The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld a lower court ruling that barred students at a university in South Carolina from receiving veterans benefits because the school refused to admit ummarried blacks.

The court ruled that an administrative law judge and a South Carolina U.S. District Court were correct in barring students at Bob Jones University in Greenville, S.C. from receiving Veteran Administration Educational Benefits.

Attorneys for the school defended the universlity's policy since its opening in 1929 of admitting married blacks only.

"Among the university's deep religious beliefs is that the Bible forbids intermarriage of the races," they said.

An administrative judge cut the university's funds that the school failed to off in 1972 on the grounds comply with Title IV of the Civil Rights Act which prohibits racial discrimination among institutions receiving federal aid.

Greenville District Court Judge Robert W. Hemphill upheld the ruling last July, saying that VA benefits would implicate the government in discriminatory policies.

The administrative law judge had ruled that freedom of religion was not violated by the denial and that the grants were indirectly to the university.

Training group honors 3 at dinner

WASHINGTON — Ernest G. Green, executive director of the Recruitment and Training Program (RTP), was guest speaker Saturday at the group's banquet, dinner honoring three outstanding persons who had been placed through its program.

The dinner, one of the highlights of RTP's seventh Annual National Conference at the Shoreham-Americana Hotel, paid tribute to Miriam Williams, a Cleveland sheet metal worker; Cecelia Costa, a Boston machinist and Margaret Lowry, a Pascagoula, Miss. industrial machinist.

Don Slaiman, deputy director for field organization, presented the awards and singer-musician Gil Scott-Heron provided the evening's entertainment.

Robert Georgine, president of the AFL-CIO Building and Construction Trades Department, also addressed the organization which was founded to spearhead the movement to place blacks and Hispanics in the trades and unions.

Secretary of Transportation William Coleman launched the opening session of the conference which ended Sunday, saying he would work to make his agency responsive to the needs of inner city citizens.

Theodore Kheel, labor mediator, addressed the meet on "Resolving the Conflict Between Affirmative Action and Seniority System."

Kheel defended the seniority system and gave an historical overview of how it came to be. He noted that the system was established to protect workers with reference to promotions and layoffs.

He said that the "last hired, first fired" rule with regard to layoffs was regrettable and offered suggestions of ways to maintain workers, especially minorities and women.

His recommendations included a reduced work week, the elimination of overtime and extension of unemployment insurance benefits. He also called for a guaranteed annual wage.

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Dr. Saul Levitan, co-author with Robert Taggart of the book "Still a Dream: The Changing Status of Blacks Since 1960," talked of the plight of the nation's largest minority group.

In essence, Dr. Levitan said that blacks were in a worse situation now than in the last decade.

He cited the spiralling black teen unemployment rate and declared that there are fewer black businessmen now than 10 years ago.

He said in 1967, blacks made $61 for every $100 whites made, but in 1973, that figure was reduced to $59 for every $100 made by whites.

RTP, founded in 1964, plans further diversification in the seeking of nontraditional jobs for women in white and blue collar fields and in the development of job opportunities in the rural South.

Green was recently elected president of the U.S. Youth Council, a coalition of youth organizations promoting the exchange of information between different countries.

In the future, RTP will be looking to expand into Third World countries and setting up an exchange program to allow its trainees to visit other nations.

Court backs Higginbotham in employment bias case

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Supreme Court has rejected efforts by a Philadelphia area union charged with race discrimination to prohibit a black federal judge from deciding the case.

The justices refused to grant an appeal by Local 542 of the International Union of Operating Engineers asking for oral arguments to decide if Judge A. Leon Higginbotham Jr. should be disqualified from the case.

The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia had previously handed down a brief order rejecting the unions request that Higginbotham be forced to disqualify himself.

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The union is being sued by the state and 12 blacks for alleged discrimination. The suit has been pending for three years.

Shortly before pretrial conferences were scheduled last fall, Higginbotham addressed a luncheon of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History. In his speech, he suggested the Supreme Court would not be an "instrument for significant change and improvement in the quality of race relations in America" for the forseeable future.

The union contended this revealed Higginbotham would be prejudiced in the rights case. Higginbotham said the fact he is black and that he recognized America had a history of racial discrimination would not prejudice him in the union discrimination suit.

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In other action, the court refused to interfere in a Virginia case from the 4th U.S. District Court of Appeals that ruled a juvenile is unconstitutionally tried twice for the same crime when he is first committed to an institution by a juvenile court and then tried as an adult.

The State of Virginia was asking that the Supreme Court reverse the lower court's decision to overturn the adult conviction of a minor but not the juvenile detention ruling.

The Appeals Court ruling closely followed a Supreme Court decision in a California case in which the court held juveniles have the same right to be protected from double jeopardy as adults.

Under Virginia law, changed in 1973, a local prosecutor could seek an indictment and try a juvenile after his commitment by a juvenile court.

In 1972, 17-year-old, a juvenile institution James Lewis was given an indeterminate sentence in a juvenile institution for grand larceny and burglary. A Charlottesville, Va. prosecutor won an indictment against Lewis and tried him as an adult sentencing him to six years in the state penitentiary.

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Tighter law for valium, librium

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The federal government says it will place two of the nation's most widely sold prescription tranquilizers -valium and librium - under stricter controls July 2.

Valium is the largest selling drug on the commercial market, comprising 4 per cent of all new prescriptions and refills.

It also means that manufacturers, distributors, pharmacies and physicians must keep more careful records for the government on these drugs and must safeguard them from being diverted into illegal markets.

There are heavy criminal penalties for violators: for a first offense a prison sentence to up to three years and a line of up to $10,000 or both; double for a second offense.

Perry plans to polish EEOC image

By John W. Lewis Jr.
NNPA Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The new black chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission intends to restore the "credibility" of his beleaguered agency. It won't be an easy task.

Lowell W. Perry, an attorney and former top executive at Chrysler Corporation, inherited from his predecessor a troubled $3 million anti-job discrimination unit that has been incessantly criticized by private industry and unions as well as traditional civil rights agencies.

The 2,400-employee agency also has a history of internal clashes between the chairman and other commissioners, which reached its nadir under the recent, brief chairmanship of John Powell who was forced to resign by the Ford Administration.

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"I know the commission has a real image problem, internally and externally," said the former All-American football player at the University of Michigan.

He said he intended to substantially improve EEOC's credibility among unions, employers and employment agencies by cutting back the massive 100,000 backlog — a constant source of criticism not only from them, but also from the U.S. Congress.

"We are creating vehicle to process these charges," said Perry, who expects to go within the next month before the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee with a detailed outline of his timetable and goals.

The interview, which was conducted in Perry's fifth floor office overlooking the Potomac River and the John F. Kennedy Center, touched on a number controversial EEOC issues, including seniority-minority layoff guidelines and the relative powers of the EEOC chairman and other commissioners.

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Perry said he "subscribes to the concept" of safeguard remedies for the disproportionate layoffs of minorities because past job discrimination has kept them from building the same amount of seniority as their white counterparts.

He stopped short, however, of an outright endorsement of the proposed EEOC guidelines voted on by the commissioners prior to his assuming the chairmanship.

The guidelines indicate preventive measures that institutions must take to avoid the disproportionate layoff of minorities, including a cutback in overtime assignments and a short work week which have been opposed by the Civil Service Commission and the Justice and Labor Departments.

He said that his past employment in industry would not prevent him from taking an "unbiased view" of the seniority-minority layoff conflict.

"I wouldn't have taken the job otherwise," said Perry who at Chrysler handled a budget of $80 million for the 4,000-employee Eldon Avenue Axle plant.

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"I don't mind sharing with my fellow commissioners," said Perry, when questioned about his philosophy of the powers of the chairman — an issue which has often resulted in bitter conflicts between previous chairmen and the commissioners.

He said that there was a "cloudy area" between administrative duties, which are the concern of the commissioners.

He said that in the awarding of "contracts representing substantial amounts" he would "certainly consult with the commissioners."

Perry, who has an affable personality that apparently has already won many friends at the agency, has known President Ford, he said, "for a number of years." "Former football players get to know each other," he said with a smile.

He said that he and the President, not only played at different time for the University of Michigan football team, but also were members of the same senior honor society at the school, "Michiganua."

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Perry has hired two former associates as assistants. Burnette Kelly, a former practicing attorney, who will be a special assistant, and William Smith, a business systems specialist.

He has selected an EEOC employee, Marie Jackson, as his executive assistant, and will soon announce the appointment of someone to fill the crucial post of executive director.

EEOC was created in 1964 to end job discrimination in the private sector which employs 75 per cent of the nation's work force.

Va. migrants in health plan

ACCOMACK, Va. (UPI) At least some migrant farm workers on Virginia's Eastern Shore this summer will benefit from medical insurance paid for by a federally-funded pilot program.

Sister Celia, administrator of the East Coast Migrant Health Project, said that 2,000 migrants are enrolled in the program and that about 125 are expected work in on the Eastern Shore.

The program will make Blue Cross and Blue Shield insurance more accessible to the migrants.

Each year between 4,000 and 4,500 migrants perform farm work in Virginia's two Eastern Shore counties, Accomack and Northampton.

World Bank revamps rural farm aid policy

By Charles E. Flinner
WASHINGTON (UPI)

The World Bank has admitted obliquely that some of its lending has not been making enough of a dent in world poverty so it is adopting a "new style" program.

Montague Yudelman, the manager of the bank's new strategy as director of its Agriculture and Rural Development Department, confesses that "many are skeptical.

Yudelman, an American, joined the bank in 1972 from Paris where he had been acting president of the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development Center.

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Outlays of millions of dollars by the bank and other development institutions have not reached 85 per cent of the 750 million poor in the developing world living in absolute poverty. This 85 per cent has a per capita income of less than $50 annually.

While national governments want to raise the standards for their citizens, the poorest areas are often overlooked.

So the bank, with the blessing of its governing body representing both donor and recipient countries, is turning to "new style" projects, particularly in the rural, agricultural sector.

The projects are "designed to benefit directly large numbers of rural poor," Yudelman said.

The bank has taken a new approach to farming even though it may be more costly to provide services to a large number of small farmers than to a smaller number of larger farmers.

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Yudelman sees major obstacles to the strategy.

The problem of management is "damn difficult," he said. There isn't enough management manpower. "Who's training tropical agriculture managers," he asked. Another obstacle is leadership is the recipient nation.

"You can't do this kind of thing unless you've got someone in authority who wants to develop," he said.

Yudelman cited Mexican President Luis Echeverria as a national leader who does seek rural progress.

Yudelman said Echeverria had "committed himself to trying to raise the productivity and income of large numbers of rural people. His national policy dovetails with the kind of thing we're trying to do."

Other new style projects have been started in Ethiopia, Malawi and Tanzania.

"We have taken Nigerians to visit the Malawi project" Yudelman said. That project was designed to reach 100,000 small farmers. Mostly they ate what they raised but now they are able to market more of it because of bank aided improvements. This progress is important as food production growth comes up short compared to population growth.

"In some developing countries, present policies and institutional structures are so far from favorable to rural development that a policy shift could only follow a major political change," Yudelman said.

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There are places that are receptive to the bank strategy.

Projected bank lending for agriculture and rural development during the period 1975-79 is about $7 billion, which may reach 100 million persons, of whom 60 million would be in the group targeted for new style lending.

Unfortunately, the numbers of rural poor in this same period are expected to increase by 70 million.

Muslim journalist sought in murder

PHILADELPHIA — Those who know Sterling X. Hobbs believe he could have become one of the best-known Black Muslim journalists, but now he is being hunted by the FBI and police for the June 5 holdup-murder of a liquor store clerk in Claymont, Del.

Hobbs, 21, of Allegheny Ave. near 13th St., Philadelphia, according to Delaware State police, was with four other men when Philip Whiteman, 50, was shot to death during a $100 robbery at the Ridge Road Liquor Store. Four suspects were apprehended.

Whiteman was a Claymont High School teacher who worked part-time at the store, apparently was shot when he failed to heed the suspect's warnings.

Whiteman had a hearing problem.

Hobbs became well known in the Philadelphia area recently when he wrote an article on the University of Islam, a Black Muslim school in Philadelphia, for the Philadelphia Inquirer's "Today Magazine," a supplement in the Sunday editions.

In the April 27 article, Hobbs spoke against the Philadelphia media for focusing too much attention "on the alleged criminal misdeeds of a few members of the Black Muslim religion."

The media has occasionally linked local Black Muslims with the Black Mafia, an alleged drug-pushing, extortionist crime syndicate.

Hobbs, who attended Temple University, reportedly was in New York City the other day to be a Black Muslim minister.

The other suspects apprehended were Wilbur X. Johnson, 32, a teacher in the Philadelphia University of Islam; Clarence Hooks, 30; Robert Golson, 23, and Gregory Pyne, 24, all from Chester, Pa.

Delaware police said all but Pyne are Black Muslims.

No public school for trustee's kid

HOUSTON — A Houston school board trustee has chosen to enroll his daughter in a private school rather than a Houston public school.

Trustee David Lopez, whose daughter attended a Montessori preschool for four years, noted his "primary responsibility is as a parent, not as a school board member."

Lopez, an attorney, does not feel the city's public schools can meet the special needs of his six-year-old daughter.

Said the trustee: "Mostly HISD ZHouston Independent School District schools are good schools, but none look right for my daughter."

Frequently critical of the school district's integration progress, Lopez will send his daughter to Kinkaid School, located in the Memorial area where he resides.

Although his term ends this year, Lopez has said he will not seek to retain his school board post.

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