For All We Know

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

WITH JOBS as the grave concern today and food and shelter the only items the greatest number of voters think about, here is what is on the minds of some members of the General Assembly:

- Getting the Indians away from black citizens and establishing two separate commissions.
- Exempting sanitary napkins and tampons from retail sales tax.
- Establishing the date of observance of Veterans' Day. (It has always been Nov. 11)
- Requiring employable persons on welfare to do public work.
- Permitting voluntary recitation of the Lord's Prayer at appropriate time in public school.
- Forbidding use of calculators by public school students.
- Making poultry products inspection laws applicable to rabbits.
- Providing a pilot program of clinics for spaying or neutering cats and dogs.
- Enforcing penalty for smoking on elevators.
- Permitting licensing of slot machines.

TO THIS ABOVE, our comment is, "Oh, My Lord!"

LETS SIT BACK and wait and watch to see if the Gravediggers go after Circuit Court Clerk John D. Hubble in the same manner they did Common Pleas Clerk Paul Chester.

LETS BET on whether Gov. Mandel will run for a U.S. Senate seat. Remember, the new Mrs. Mandel had her eye on joining the Washington social set when she was first married?

WE THINK the Mandels will end up on Capital Hill. Nothing's wrong with looking on higher branches for better berries, Isn't that right.

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS in Annapolis Wednesday approved $762,554 for 76 new workers to help process unemployment claims.

KIDS whose parents are involved in divorce may have lawyers to get them their own rights.

A TV SPORTSCASTER said he's glad Milton Allen has become a judge and he said with a snigele, "Now how do you like that, States Attorney Swisher? Call a cab."

JUDGE MILTON B. ALLEN's middle name is BURKE. Nice.

He likes his eyeglasses on top his head to hold down some of all that law he knows.

HIS FORMER ASSOCIATES in the old Allen law firm are now all on top of the world. They are Judges Robert B. Watts, Harry Cole, William Murphy, Sr., and former Judge George L. Russell, Benjamin Brown, now City Solicitor and W. Emerson Brown, now a master in chancery. How about that?

SUNDAY at 11 a.m. at New Shiloh Baptist Church, the Rev. Dr. Harold A. Carter, pastor will be presented with the first copy of his book, "The Prayer Tradition of Black People". Judson Press, Valley Forge, Pa., called this note in long distance to the AFRO and states Milton E. Owens will present the book.

GYSIES may be exempt from paying $1.00 to operate a business and sheriffs may no longer get $10 for arresting them in Maryland . . . that is if the Senate passes a repeal of the law which has thus limited the gypsies' Civil Rights.

A CITY POLICE OFFICER resigned this week on account of his leaving a lady waiting at the church door, so to speak, just a couple of hours before the wedding was due.

The preacher had on a tux, the bridesmaids and ushers were beautiful, fantastic; the wedding cake and catered reception was ready.

Then came the phone call. He couldn't make it, the bridegroom that is. His wife and family detained him. Now he has to pay all those wedding expenses.

THE TOTAL ECONOMY of the state and the city is all bent out of shape now that the Numbers Game is blacked out. Suffering most will be used car dealers and those in the new fine car field. Forecast for an entire overhaul are the Caddy and Mercedes folks' plans.

THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) writes, "The U.S. will celebrate the birthday of Freedom by arresting nearly $ half million citizens for the "crime" that hurts nobody: possession of marijuana." Some 450,000 persons were arrested on that charge in 1975.

COMING April 1 is the Bicentennial Salute to black churches with a banquet at LeFontaine. Coordinators are Mary Carter Smith, Fr. Henry Offer and Bill Johnson. Call 727-7684 for tickets.

STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT figures show 35 per cent of the women who went to Health Clinics for birth control treatment and counseling in 1975 were between the ages of 11 and 19.

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF Postal and Federal Employees celebrating the 63rd birthday of the group has a calendar that beats all. Complete with photos, the small, full color item fits in your wallet and details every day: stages of the moon, flowers, birthstones, seasons, holidays, etc. A real gem!

OUR HEARTS go out to the survivors of Elbert Ponder, 45, slain in the Lewisburg, Pa. Pen Jan. 15. Therefore, we helped the daughter overcome some problems.

A SMART-TALKING Guard called her long distance, told her to find a way to get her father's body to Baltimore. We took hold at that point and called upon the federal government to assume responsibility since the incident occurred on government property.

The result was satisfactory. However, the last rites came during a Baltimore snow storm. The delay in burial brought more suffering to the bereaved family. Cracking our hearts open was the information the family gave that there was no money left for flowers.

(SEE The Last Goodbye" photo along with this column)

LAST GOODBYE — Mrs. Evelyn Wilkins, daughter (kissing her father) and Mrs. Dorothy Ponder, widow, are shown at the funeral home just before the long journey to the cemetery.
Photo by Roman Hankewycz

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New P. G. County judge named

By Gail Hamer
AFRO Staff Writer

Sylvania Woods, a former lawyer at Mayor Walter Washington's law firm was recently appointed District Court Judge in Prince George's County by Maryland Gov. Marvin Mandel.

The 43-year old judge's 10-year appointment gives him jurisdiction over the county's 6th district which includes Upper Malboro, Oxon Hills, and Hyattsville.

Judge Woods was formerly vice chairman of the Democratic Central Committee of Prince George's County and Region vice chairman of the State Central committee.

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The central committee makes recommendations to the governor on the appointment of public officials including judgeships, appointments to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC), and appointments to Parking Planning.

Judge Woods practiced law for 12 years in Prince Georges County and before that he practiced law while at Mayor Washington's law firm, Washington, Garbin and Harrison.

He received his juris doctorate from American University and worked on a masters in Business Administration at Atlanta University. He received a B.S. from Morris Brown College in Atlanta.

Judge Woods was appointed Jan. 20 by Gov. Mandel and was sworn in Jan. 28.

He was born in Fort Gaines, Ga. and he, his old son and eight year old wife Geneva, their 22-year daughter now reside in Glen Arden.

State unemployment drops in December

Unemployment in Maryland dropped by 3,500 to 134,500 in December, a figure which is more than 24,000 higher than a year ago, according to the monthly employment report released by the State Department of Human Resources.

The statewide rate of unemployment was 7.3 per cent in December, compared to 7.4 per cent in November and 6.1 per cent in December of 1974.

Total employment dropped by 5,400 to 1,715,600 but was still 5,000 higher than a year ago. The civilian labor force declined by approximately 9,000 in December to an estimated 1,850,000 which is an increase of almost 29,000 over last year.

The number of jobless in the Baltimore Metropolitan Area dipped by 5,200 to 75,200 in December, (a total almost 15,600 over the year). The rate of unemployment in the Baltimore area in December was 8.1 per cent, compared to 8.6 per cent in November and 6.6 per cent in December of 1974.

Total employment in the Baltimore area was down by 1,200 to 853,500 and the civilian labor force was reduced by 6,400 to a total of 928,700. Compared to a year ago, employment was up by 2,000 and the area labor force gained almost 17,000 workers.

During December, the Unemployment Insurance Division received, statewide, a weekly average of 9,173 initial claims under the regular unemployment insurance program and an average of 43,918 continued claims for a total weekly average claim load on 53,091. In December of 1974, initial claims averaged 11,857 per week and continued claims averaged 47,327 for a total weekly average claim load of 59,184.

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Concorde rule hailed, blasted by officials

A BIG DECISION—Transportation Secretary William Coleman Jr. told a new conference Wednesday he has authorized the British-French Concorde supersonic jet to operate a 16-month trial basis at both New York and Washington despite arguments against the operations of this SST.
(UPI photo)

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The decision permitting the controversial Anglo-French Concorde a 16-month trial at Dulles Airport in northern Virginia was alternately hailed and blasted by Virginia and Maryland officials Wdnesday — signaling the onset of lengthy legislative and courtroom confrontations.

Transportation Secretary William Coleman's ruling allowing two daily landings and takeoffs from John F. Kennedy Airport in New York and one from John F. prompted immediate legislative moves to nullify his decision, local governments girded for court battles based on claims of a threatened environment.

Coleman's ruling, his first major decision since taking office, was endorsed by President Ford as being "wisely and judiciously weighed."

Within minutes of the secretary's decision, Rep. Herbert E. Harris, D-Va., filed a bill to prohibit the SST landings until an environmental study is approved by Congress.

Sen. J. Glenn Beall, R-Md., said he would introduce an amendment this week to the Airport and Airway Development Act requiring all civil supersonic aircraft to meet present federal noise and pollution standards.

The counties directly affected by the decision were Loudoun and Fairfax in northern Virginia. Both jurisdictions were unanimously opposed to the notion of SST test flights at Dulles, which lies on the border of both counties, about 35 miles west of Washington.

Both counties have drafted a suit to block the test flights on grounds that there has not been compliance with existing noise control laws.

But Gov. Mills E. Godwin Jr., State Transportation Secretary Wayne Whitham and Rep. G. William Whitehurst, R-Va., saw the decision as consistent with the policy of Virginia.

The three men were strong supporters of the jetliner, and Godwin said Coleman's decision was the "right" one because it will allow time to gauge the environmental impact.

Cruising at 60,000 feet, miles above subsonic jetliners, the Concorde flies at 1,360 miles per hour — just over twice the speed of sound. By comparison, the bullet from a .22 rifle goes 884 M.P.H.

On landings the plane's bell-curve delta wing and the droop of its break-like nose cone, swung down for better runway visibility, give the appearance of a prehistoric flying reptile.

Rangel criticizes Moynihan's role

WASHINGTON — In commenting on the resignation of former U.S. Ambassador Daniel P. Moynihan's role in the United Nations, Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., compared the ambassador's UN performance to that of a "barroom brawler."

A critic of Moynihan's UN role, Rangel said the resignation "explains away the confrontation politics Ambassador Movnihan demonstrated in the United Nations. It was political in nature and like a barroom brawler."

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Moynihan, who has served in cabinet - level posts under the last four American presidents, said he was leaving the UN post to return to teaching at Harvard University.

In New York, reliable sources Moynihan, an Irish-American ex-dockworker from Hell's Kitchen, was resigning in order to run for the Democratic nomination for the New York senatorial seat now held by conservative Republican James Buckley.

But he indicated he had given little consideration to seeking the democratic nomination against Buckley.

"I am sure I will be back in government in one way or another some time," he told reporters in a corridor interview outside the Security Council chamber.

"It would be proper now for him to announce his true intentions and enter the arena where he can be questioned about his connections with President Nixon and benign neglect," said Rangel, referring to the reported Senate effort.

"United Nations diplomats should try to relieve tension so this is good for the UN and it makes an exciting (Senate) race," Rangel said.

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Moynihan denied that the resignation came as a result of rumored differences he had with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger over his "rough and tough" stands at the UN.

Group to meet on phones

The organization for Use of the Telephone will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 17 at the Torrson Library, 320 York Road.

Current legislation dealing with problems of the hearing-impaired will be discussed. The public is invited. Refreshments are served at 7 p.m. followed by the business session.

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The Electric Fuel Adjustment is that portion of the bill through which changes in the cost of fuels used to generate electricity are passed along to the customer.

Following the Arab oil embargo, and consequent rapid rise in oil prices, the monthly fuel adjustment climbed to an all-time high in February 1975 of 1.35 cents per kilowatt-hour.

However, with the operation of the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, which began early in 1975, the fuel adjustment has declined significantly, as shown by the current .75 cents per kilowatt-hour. Since it began operation, Calvert Cliffs has produced nearly 4 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity for BG&E customers.

By producing this large amount of electricity, Calvert Cliffs has saved the equivalent of 296 million gallons of expensive imported oil, which would have been burned to generate a like number of kilowatt-hours. The plant is now saving customers more than $6,000,000 per month in lower fuel costs.

For the average residential customer who uses 580 kilowatt-hours a month, the February electric bill will total $36.45, which is $1.87 less than in February 1975 because of the reduced fuel adjustment.

Divorces filed

Evelyn Wingate vs. Silas Wingate Jr.; Leslee Hawkins vs. Richard Hawkins; Bertha Rowan vs. Charles Ronald Rowan Sr.; Karen C. Gore vs. Phillip T. Gore Jr.; Charles Alfred Roberts Sr. vs. Bessie Viola Roberts; Rose Josephine DeMonte vs. Frank Joseph Demonte.

Divorces granted

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