GREETINGS — State Senate President Steny Hoyer (R), a candidate for governor greets Mrs. Evelyn Douglass with a kiss at a fundraising cocktail party for Del. John Douglass (L) held at the Mondawmin Mall in May 7.

Right-turn-on-red goes into effect July 1

The chief of the Maryland Highway Administration's Bureau of Traffic Projects says the state's Department of Transportation is taking a "conservative approach" in implementing the state's new right-turn-on-red law that takes effect July 1.

Robert Shinham said officials have been studying intersections and planning a publicity campaign that includes hundreds of bright red and green signs to inform motorists of the new law.

However, he said certain state signs reading "no turn on red" and displaying an orange-colored disc have been ordered for dangerous intersections in areas in Baltimore and other large cities in the state.

Maryland will become the 48th state to adopt the law, which first began in California in 1947, he said.

Shinham said a study by the Federal Highway Administration found there has been "no real change" in accidents involving pedestrians because of the right-turn laws.

The study, completed in 1976, found that there was a "freer traffic flow and less congestion at the intersections that were checked," Shinham said.

Although motorists will be able to legally make a right turn turn at a red light after making a full stop, they must also yield the right f way to pedestrians and oncoming traffic, he said.

Bruce Williams, of the Transportation Department Public Affairs Division, said there intersections with poor visibility, unusual street configurations or frequently used by school children and large numbers of pedestrians will receive "no turn" signs.

"We get a lot of complaints, even now, from pedestrians at certain locations," Burns said.

PTA to honor Dr. Crew

The Baltimore City Council of PTA's will honor Dr. John L. Crew, city school superintendent, at its first Annual Appreciation Banquet and Ball Saturday, May 13.

The dinner and ball will be held from 6 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Baltimore Hilton Hotel, 101 W. Fayette St.

The Council's keynote speaker will be Mrs. Thelma Cox, Regional II superintendent, and musical selections will be provided by the Walbrook High Mixed Choir.

The PTA and Dr. Crew will also receive greetings from Acting Gov. Blair Lee III; David Hornbeck, state school superintendent; Mrs. Kitty Shoup, president of the Maryland Congress of PTA's; Mark Joseph, president of the school board and Mayor William Donald Schaefer.

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Relocated from post at City Jail

School teacher quits job to help inmates

Barbara Mills, a former librarian in the City Jail school (P.S. 740), handed in her resignation this week after the Board of School Commissioners failed to reinstate her to the city jail position.

Ms. Mills was transferred to a position in the Baltimore City Public Schools in November 1977 and in her notice dated May 8, sent to school superintendent John Crew, she said she would rather spend her time helping inmates.

"Last week I decided I had enough," Ms. Mills said when reached by telephone this week. "What I'm doing for them (Prison Alternatives Council) is voluntary but eventually I'll get another job."

Ms. Mills was one of three staff members removed from their positions after they publicly complained about the incompetency of William Spencer to hold the position of head teacher at the jail school.

Though Spencer was later removed from the acting head teacher position, the three staff members were not reinstated to their posts, and despite prolonged grievance proceedings to the Board of School Commissioners no decision was ever reached.

"The primary reason for my persistence in seeking reinstatement has been my conviction that jails are the most critical institutions as far as the problems of educating the youth of our city are concerned," Ms. Mills says in her letter.

In the notice of termination she says she would have submitted the letter earlier but she thought she would eventually be reinstated to the position.

Since she was not reinstated, she said there were too many conflicts. She was working with an inmate group she helped to organize called the Prison Alternatives Council (PAC).

"This conflict and the time I feel compelled to give to the urgent need for developing community based alternatives to the prison system is placing me in a position of substantial stress and I believe if they continue will increasingly prevent me from doing justice to my students, my community, to myself and my family," the letter says.

Superintendent Crew could not be reached for comment and did not return several calls made to his office.

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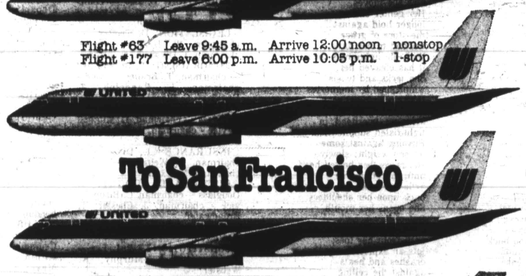

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Court docket

Shoplifting — Deborah A. Pennix, guilty, 12 months imprisonment, concurrent.

Receiving Stolen Goods — Clesson H. Goodwin, guilty, 1 year imprisonment, suspended 18 months probation.

Unauthorized Use — Vernon O. Garrison, guilty, 18 months imprisonment, suspended, 5 year probation.

Narcotics Violation — Gerald C. Sullivan, guilty, 30 days imprisonment, suspended.

Assault — Clarence Hurst, guilty, 2 years imprisonment, suspended, 3 years probation and fine of $250; Same, guilty, 1 year imprisonment, suspended, 2 years probation and fine of $100.

Resisting Arrest — Jean M. Taylor, guilty, 30 days imprisonment, suspended, 6 months probation and fine of $50.

False Pretenses — Paul Cainness, guilty, 90 days imprisonment, suspended, 18 months probation and fine of $100.

Assault — Donald Gregory, plea of guilty, 90 days imprisonment, suspended, 2 years probation and fine of $100; James Winfield, Jr., guilty, 30 days imprisonment.

Assault With Intent To Murder — Alonzo Osborn, guilty, 15 years imprisonment.

Robbery With A Deadly Weapon — Tyrone White, guilty, 10 years imprisonment.

Malicious Destruction — Larry M. Fields, guilty, 1 year imprisonment, suspended, 1 year probation, restitution, and fine $150.

Hand Gun Violation — Carl W. Hartley; Dwayne F. Conley, verdict stayed section 641, 1 year probation, as to each.

Larceny — Dartogonon L. Norton, guilty, 1 year imprisonment; Henry Holt, guilty, 3 years imprisonment, suspended, 3 years imprisonment, suspended, 3 years probation.

Lottery — Calvin Elam, guilty, fine $50.

Traffic Violation — Nathaniel R. Hedd, verdict stayed section 641, 1 year probation.

Narcotics Violation — Woodrow McCutcheon, 2 cases, guilty, 4 years imprisonment, concurrent with each other and consecutive with present sentence.

Storehouse Breaking — Carl G. Weaver, guilty, sub curia pending presentence report.

Assault With Intent To Murder — James Hale, 2 cases, guilty, 3 years imprisonment, as to each.

Larceny — Wayne Grier, guilty, 10 days imprisonment.

Resisting Arrest — Theodore Gantz, guilty, 6 months imprisonment, suspended 6 months probation.

Lottery — Arthur Day, guilty, 6 months imprisonment, suspended 6 months probation and fine $350.

Traffic Violation — Jerome F. Cohn, verdict stayed, section 641, 6 months probation.

Assault — Caroline E. Brown, verdict stayed, section 641, 2 years probation.

Robbery — James O. Johnson, guilty, 3 years imprisonment.

Divorces filed

William Blaine Graham vs. Barbara Lynn Graham.

Flora H. Morgan vs. Harold G. Morgan.

Linda J. Faukner vs. Alphonso Faulkner.

Freddie Morgan vs. Elizabeth Morgan.

Miko Gukanovich vs. Geraldine Gukanovich.

Dorothy Griffith vs. Leo Griffith.

Deborah Ann S. Peyton vs. William E. Peyton.

Norlean Frazier vs. Joseph Frazier, Jr.

Divorces granted

Jacqueline Patricia Brown from Ronald Lawrence Brown.

Estelle Elizabeth Hayes from Leslie Leroy Haynes, Jr.

Patricia Mouse from Willie Benjamin House.

Lucille V. Wells from James H. Wells.

Avril L. Smartt from Rudolph Smartt, a-k-a John Agard.

Michele Carrington, a-k-a Bernice Carrington from Ernest Leon Carrington.

Beverly Ward from Marcellus Ward.

Patricia Ann Maggio from Francis Joseph Maggio.

Mary Elizabeth Johnson from Calvin E. Johnson.

BY JOE BLACK

By the Way

Certain Black Americans have made incredible economic gains during the past two decades. We have Black athletes signing contracts in the millions of dollars; Blacks in the business world earning salaries of $30,000 and above, and top Black entrepreneurs generating gross sales in excess of 30 million dollars. All in all, Black Americans in 1975 had a gross national income of 73 billion dollars.

And yet, today we still have more than 34 percent of Black families living in impoverished circumstances: an unemployment rate twice that of White Americans; and when we speak of Blacks between the ages of 16-24, the unemployment rate soars to a frightening 30 or 40 percent. We have arrived at the time when we must pause and ask: how can Black America have so much wealth, when so many of its citizens are suffering? Is it the result of racism; a poor arrangement of priorities; or are we failing to use the minds that God gave to us?

It's time for us to stop hiding behind the word racism. We are Black! We are proud! We have the ability to overcome the roadblocks that impede our socio-economic growth, but we must do more than cry: "Let my people go." It is my belief that if we really put faith in, and practice "I am my brothers' brother," then Black Americans will move onward and upward.

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