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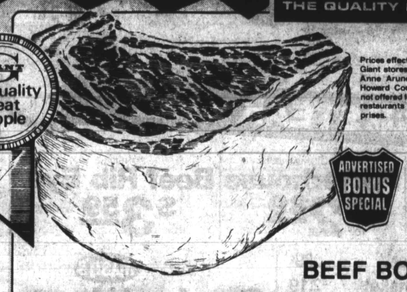

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LOOTING—Completely unjustifiable

The looting in Baltimore during this week's blizzard is completely unjustifiable.

We deplore this lawlessness.

There are no excuses we are willing to accept.

Comparisons with the human rebellions of 1968 following the savage assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. are odious.

There was no rage for a slain religious and political leader as rationale this time. There was no cause for freedom and justice being fought.

Those who looted in Baltimore this week were people engaged in criminal activity for its own sake. They pillaged and stole because police protection was at a minimum due to weather conditions.

Had the blizzard continued and authorities not taken counter - measures, we have every reason to believe that the looters would have moved on from crimes against property to crimes directly against fellow residents.

We abhor this outbreak of lawlessness.

It made no profound revolutionary statement. It did nothing to alleviate the heavy burdens of unemployment and economic deterioration that plague the black community. It increased the pain in our community. It sent no clear message except that our community contains a virulent minority which is ready to pillage, ready to steal anything from

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anybody once given the slightest opportunity. The looting affected black, white and oriental places of business without any lines being drawn.

As a result of this senseless criminality, our total community must suffer.

First, there are the 1,000 - odd defendants charged with either looting or curfew violations.

They will be charged on felony counts rather than for misdemeanors which means a lot of people will be given heavy penalties for that stolen TV set or case of beer. In addition to the defendants, many of their friends and families will suffer.

The city's mood as regards looters will mean no wrist - slapping penalties. We are talking about heavy time and all of it so unnecessary.

The destruction of neighborhood stores, which were heaviest hit, means that what meager retail services are available in most black neighborhoods are now just about wiped out.

The impact on our senior citizens who have neither the energy nor the resources to travel great distances for a loaf of bread or a vitally needed prescription will be heavy.

The impact on families, particularly low - income families, will also be severe.

None of these consequences were considered by those who looted, if indeed they considered anything beyond the immediate "thrill."

There will be further consequences in addition to stiff legal penalties for those stupid enough to have looted.

One direct result is already upon us. As looters face jail terms, those they looted, through insurance compensation and federal funds, will get money to rebuild their businesses.

Looters are losers!

But in losing they have managed to make the way much more difficult for the hundreds of thousands of Baltimoreans who respect law, justice and decency and who are concerned with their neighbors and respectful of life and property.

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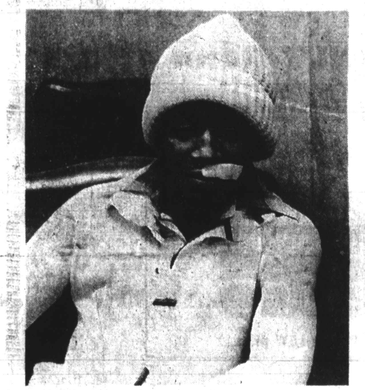
After the blizzard

This brother in wrong place at wrong time



William Stone

William Stone, 22, of the 500 block of Robert St. in West Baltimore, says he was a curfew violator who got a raw deal.

He is also quick to point out that he was not supposed to be on the streets when he got arrested Monday night.

The blizzard of '79 proved to set Stone back in more ways than one because on Monday, Feb. 19, the young Baltimorean was scheduled to board a plane for Columbia, South Carolina.

In South Carolina he was to go through 16 weeks of basic training at the National Guard.

But Stone could not board his plane as planned because it snowed all day

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The looted

Declaring that the city will continue to move forward and there would be a new slogan — "Baltimore is STILL the Best" — Mayor William Donald Schaefer has introduced an action plan that would help city businesses recover from the "Blizzard of '79" and the accompanying incidents of looting.

Schaefer, at a Thursday press conference explained that the recovery plan is aimed at getting merchants, who suffered an estimated $30 million in losses in looting and snowstorm, back into their neighborhood businesses by speeding settlements of insurance claims and cutting red tape on low interest loans from city and federal government.

"Baltimore needs these neighborhood businesses which provide essential retail services to their neighborhoods as well as jobs and tax base," he said.

"The anti - social behavior of a relatively small part of our population has adversely affected many businesses and a number of neighborhood business areas."

City, state and federal officials began working on the plan Tuesday not more than 24 hours after the storm dumped over 20 inches of snow on Baltimore.

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AFRO Staff Photo by Roman Hankewyz

SHOVELING OUT —Following the blizzard which hit Baltimore on Sunday evening came the digging out process. Here a young man tries to shovel his car out so he can make it to work.

The looters

The majority of the 493 citizens arrested for looting in the aftermath of this week's heavy snow blizzard have criminal records, according to State's Attorney William A. Swisher.

One of the looters is on parole for manslaughter. However, Swisher stated that some of the people arrested have jobs, own cars and one man is employed making $10 an hour.

At a press conference held in his office on Thursday morning, Swisher told reporters a special task force of 10 of his best experienced trial lawyers have been appointed prosecute the cases.

"Those cases in which there is sufficient proof available to warrant further proceedings will be taken to the grand jury for indictment instead of being tried in the district courts. The prosecution team will assure that the looting cases will be given the highest priority in court," said Swisher.

Deputy State's Attorney Mrs. Mary Ann Willin and Swisher will supervise the task force.

Swisher says prosecutors have been reviewing the cases and the prosecutors on the team will keep each case which is indicted for trial. The state's attorney and his prosecutors plan to seek indictments of commercial burglary, grand larceny and receiving stolen goods.

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Few blacks named in Hughes 'green bag'

Of 300 nominations on Gov. Harry R. Hughes "green bag" appointments list some eight black Marylanders were included.

"Green bag" appointments are just that — appointments enclosed in a green, velvet bag used by the governor to announce his estimated 300 appointments to scores of state boards and commissions.

When the green bag was handed to the Senate President James Clark last Friday, Dr. Jerusa C. Wilson, Hughes' minority coordinator during the campaign, was nominated to the Motion Picture Board of Censors; James C. Parrish, sometime driver for Sen. Verda Welcome, was tapped for a seat on the Baltimore Liquor Board replacing Herb Brown, who had only served in the position for a few months.

Other appointments included Leroy Dyett and Kenneth H. Law to the State Board of Funeral Directors; Dr. Brondus E. Sawyer to the Board of Building Saving and Loan Association Commissioners and Ms. Dorina Shelton as the student representatives to the University of Maryland's Board of Regents.

Sen. Clarence Mitchell III, D - 38th, criticized Hughes for reappointing a man from his district to the Real Estate Commission.

Mitchell said Roger J. Johnson was named as the minority representative on the board but never bothered to attend meetings of the Minority Real Estate Agents.

He said Johnson's reappointment was one "green bag" nominee he already plans to oppose when the executive nominations committee considers the Hughes' appointments.

Mitchell had Mrs. Fiozella Clark in mind for the appointment but she was appointed to a six year term on the Human Relations Commission.

Sources within the Senate stated that the majority of its members are unhappy with the appointments because the Hughes appointments secretary Louise Keelty did not consult the Senate on several of the nominees.

The list, though, fulfilled Hughes' legal responsibility to make the appointments by the 40th day after the legislature convenes.

Mrs. Keelty contends that with only a month to work on the multitude of appointments, the new Hughes staff was frustrated with its inability to screen the new applicants and reappointments more carefully.

"For the appointments that are new, the emphasis was on finding the most competent and qualified persons, taking in the governor's desire to appoint more minorities and women to boards and commissions," she said.

But she said, "I don't feel — and I know the Governor doesn't feel — we had as much time as we would have liked to have had."

Woman, 85, stabbed to death

"The house she lived in at 824 Fulton Ave., needed to be condemned. The front door never stayed locked and the hall did not have any lights.

"She (Mrs. Mattie Griggs) would never open her door for anyone unless she knew the person. I think she probably recognized the person."

Those were the words of Mrs. Delores Brown, who was speaking of her 85 - year - old aunt, Mrs. Mattie Griggs, who was found dead on the kitchen floor of her first floor Fulton Avenue apartment on Feb. 16.

Police report Mrs. Griggs had been stabbed in the chest, back and arms and her torn clothing was covered with blood. The elderly woman was found by her nephew, Michael E. Mack, 25, who told police he was returning home from visiting friends around 3 a.m. Feb. 16, when he found his dead aunt.

Her apartment door was open when her nephew arrived home and police believe the woman was killed during a burglary and there was no sign of forced entry.

She had only lived on Fulton Avenue five months and formerly lived in the 500 block of Carrollton Avenue.

The victim's niece told the AFRO, "Aunt Mattie had planned on moving as soon as the weather got warmer. The only thing that was missing from her apartment were her diamond rings and money."

Neighbors said they are still "frightened and upset" about the murder.

Mrs. Griggs was a life time active member of Macedonia Baptist Church at Fremont Avenue and Lanvale Street where last rites were held Feb. 22. In addition to her niece, she is survived by 10 great nieces and three great nephews. No arrest had been made at AFRO presstime.

Con man or master teacher?

By Gordon W. Crane
AFRO Staff Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — "I'm an experience. There is no hidden motive. I exist in this time and day because I am an experience."

Founders of the various religious cults have described themselves as many things — many of which are not necessarily complimentary.

None, however, can match the above description of himself, given by the Rev. Dr. Hakeem Rasheed, founder of the Church of Hakeem, based here in Oakland.

It rarely turns out that way, but most cult leaders will tell you that the purpose of their religious movement is to improve the life style of their followers while assuring eternal peace in the hereafter.

The Rev. Dr. Rasheed — who until 1976 answered to the name of Clifford James—takes a different tact.

According to the Detroit native, and former schoolteacher, the express purpose of the Church of Hakeem is "creating 10,000 new millionaires."

There is no evidence that the cult leader's philosophy has worked for any of his followers.

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Dr. Hakeem Rasheed

LEGISLATIVE SPOTLIGHT

Del. Harrison is 1st woman chairman

Del. Hattie Harrison

By Portia E. Badham
AFRO Staff Writer

This article is another in a series featuring each of Baltimore's black delegates and senators in the Maryland General Assembly.

It's always as important as it is unique to be the "first" to do something and Hattie N. Harrison knows exactly what that's all about.

Delegate Harrison, a member of the House of Delegates is not only the first woman but the first black to serve as chairman of the House Rules and Executive Nominating Committee.

"I'm in a learning situation," says the second - term legislator. "I really have to make sure that I do things the right way. I sort of see things in a different view now."

Mrs. Harrison, who represents the 45th district in East Baltimore, has introduced a bill that would require state funding for full - time kindergartens in Maryland schools.

The delegate stated that she is very concerned that "our people only spend a half day in school."

"I know this bill may carry a monstrous fiscal note, especially in a time of fiscal conservatism but you've got to start somewhere," explained Mrs. Harrison.

Other areas that Mrs. Harrison has focused on include unemployment for school cafeteria workers and

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