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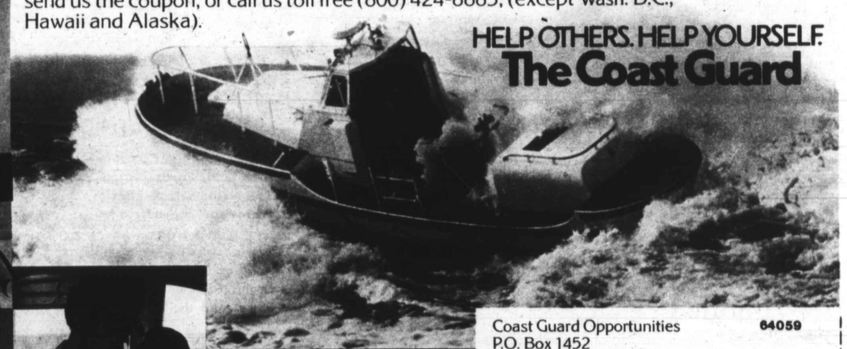

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NATIONAL ROUNDUP

By Larry A. Still and Art Carter

THE BIG QUESTION in Washington as the leaves begin to fall is "What is going to happen to the survivors of the mid-summer Carter administration shakeup?" . . . There is talk, too, that some of the current White House staffers may be on the way out when the whole deal is settled . . . Thus the big-time jobholders in the administration are keeping their fingers crossed.

The city administration in Washington, too, is under tension, particularly the City Council which is faced with the ticklish question of what to do about legalized gambling. The council skipped the issue when it came up earlier this year by shifting it to a possible referendum, but the proponents of legalized gambling failed to get sufficient signatures to get the issue on the ballot for the upcoming November election. Thus, the issue is right back in the council's lap unless — and until — a certified petition for a referendum is presented. Meanwhile, District voters are wondering why the council does not bring the issue up and vote it up or down.

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NOTES OFF THE CUFF: *Herb Tobias*, former athletic coach at Howard University, has returned to the United States for the first time in seven years after helping to develop track programs in Kenya and Somalia. Tobias will be moving to Liberia to take up a new post, along with his wife, Barbara, who will serve as U.S. counselor in Monrovia . . . We recommend that the U.S. Labor Department consider a national service program similar to those adopted in several African republics to deal with the increasing problem of unemployment among teen-age youths. The national service program could provide job training and education for upward mobility through programs sponsored by churches, colleges and other non-profit institutions.

The nation's national fraternities took a new turn in awarding honorary awards this year; the Kappa Alpha Psi and Omega Psi Phi exchanging honorary awards. The Kappas presented their highest humanitarian award to *Dr. Benjamin E. Mays*, the famed educator from Atlanta, Ga., an Omega man, at their Chicago conclave, and the Omegas honored *Walter E. Fauntroy*, the D.C. delegate to Congress and a minister, a Kappa man, at their Denver conclave.

Speaking of honors, *Josh Gibson*, the Washington Homestead Grays' great catcher and home run hitter; boxer *Holly Mims*, pro golfer *Lee Elder* and three former Washington Redskins — *Larry Brown*, *Charley Taylor* and *Bobby Mitchell* — are among a host of former sports stars scheduled to be inducted into the Washington Hall of Fame at the Starplex Stadium (Robert Kennedy Stadium) in November. They were among candidates unanimously chosen by the selection committee . . . *John Watkins*, who has handled public relations for the Washington Urban League for a decade, is moving. He will do a similar job for the District of Columbia Human Rights Commission . . . *Judge William S. (Turk) Thompson* has been reappointed to the U.S. Superior Court for a new 15-year term.

Two African journalists were among visitors to the nation's capital recently. *Conrad Sidego*, a South African editor from Capetown, and *Cjade Bone*, radio commentator from the Cameroon, spent from two weeks to 30 days in this country, visiting newspapers and university schools of communication including the Washington AFRO-AMERICAN and Howard University in Washington . . . *Parris Brown*, pioneer woman golfer, was honored at a reception at Washington's Foxtrappe recently . . . *Cab Calloway*, Baltimore-born entertainer popularly called the "hi-de-ho" man, marked his 72nd birthday in August.

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NATIONAL NOTES: *Dr. Albert L. Walker* has been named assistant commissioner of the division of urban and teacher education for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in St. Louis, Mo. Walker, 33, was an associate professor of the department of education and psychology at Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo. . . . *Elias C. Cooper*, vice president of CWA Local 11513 in Carson, Calif., has been named assistant director of the Caribbean Area for the American Institute for Free Labor Development (AIFLD) . . . American friends were shocked to learn of the sudden death of *Sinclair Bean* in Bermuda. Bean, a frequent visitor to the United States, was a security officer in Bermuda and one-time captain of the famed Bermuda cricket team which toured the States.

Liberian President *William R. Tolbert Jr.*, who was chairman of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) which met in Monrovia, made a big hit with his supporters by having Egyptian President *Anwar Sadat* as one of the conference's speakers. The two took a milk toast to the success of the OAU summit, and OAU passed a resolution calling for "greater Afro-Arab economic cooperation." The resolution urged wealthy Arab countries to define a practical and clear policy on the transfer of their financial resources in the form of Arab investment in Africa.

Reginald F. Lewis, an attorney, has been named to the board of directors of the Off-Track Betting Corporation in New York City by *Mayor Edward I. Koch*. Lewis, 36, is a 1968 graduate of Harvard Law School and a resident of Manhattan. Last year he was awarded the Black Enterprise Achievement Award for Professions . . . Trans Africa's benefit concert in Washington recently highlighted Harry Belafonte and his International Company. The affair was held at Washington's Constitution Hall.

Dr. Bernard S. Proctor, vice president for academic affairs at Cheyney State College, was the recipient of a "distinguished alumni" award from Ohio State University (OSU) recently. Proctor, who received a masters and Ph.D. degrees from OSU has been on the Cheyney faculty since 1967. He was an executive officer in the 99th Fighter Squadron during World War II and served in Italy.

Gary Coleman, star of the hit television comedy series "Diff'rent Strokes," has been named the honorary Gift of Life chairman of the National Kidney Foundation. Gary, who underwent a kidney transplant when he was five years old, will help promote the foundation's programs through TV and radio public service spots and personal appearances . . . *Gerri Major*, whose career as a publicist, journalist and writer-editor for a number of national publications spans 60 years, recently marked her 85th birthday. *Lois Alexander*, New York designer, headed the committee which helped her celebrate the occasion at a New York penthouse suite.

Black Culture Quiz

Who created the literary character Jesse B. Semple?

Langston Hughes was a popular and prolific author produced by the Harlem Renaissance. Hughes, who wrote poetry, novels and dramas, had such an affection for the "little people" that he was commonly referred to as "Poet Laureate of the Negro People" and "Poet Laureate of Harlem." He was most celebrated for his series of "Semple" sketches which began in the Chicago Defender in the early 1940's, later published in book form. These presented a type of "Harlem Everyman," Jesse B. Semple ("just be simple"), who gave humorous but biting observations on subjects of interest to black people.

Who wrote the "St. Louis Blues?"

William Christopher Handy, often referred to as the "Father of the Blues," published his most famous composition in 1914 under the auspices of the newly-formed Pace and Handy Music Company. Born in Florence, Alabama, in 1873, W. C. Handy learned to play and arrange music in the public schools and singing in a minstrel quartet.

Who was the first black football All-American?

Harvard University star William H. Lewis was voted All-American in 1892.

Why should the Baltimore Museum Show of 1939 be considered a landmark in the history of black art?

The Baltimore Show, the first exhibition of black artists to be held in the South, presented the works of Richmond Barthe, Hale Woodruff and Archibald Motley among others.