—Reagan?

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the fees will be eventually paid.

Meanwhile, the new president began his first day as president by firing many of the appointees of the Carter administration.

James Brady, the new White House Press Secretary said that the new president fired the government's 15 inspectors general and withdrew 28 to 30 pending nominations forwarded to him by the outgoing Carter administration.

And while President Reagan did housecleaning, director-designate of the OMB told reporters that the new economic plan will be ready in about three weeks.

The plan will, apparently include plans on how to activate Reagan's plans for tax cuts and a 2 percent reduction in federal spending.

Stockman said that the new administration does not intend to "tinker with the budget", but to change the entire federal spending code.

That means that over 70 percent of the fiscal budget for 1982 outlined by President Carter as "uncontrollable" will in fact be affected, including social security benefits and food stamp allocations.

In addition, Stockman's statements also included reference to plans to eliminate marginal entitlement programs, including guaranteed student loans and social security benefits.

"We mean to show the American public that we mean business," Stockman said.

The new budgetary plans are expected to most noticeably affect the nation's poor and disadvantaged, including blacks, women and other minorities. While economic experts say that the country is in no danger whatsoever of losing the food stamp program altogether, they do say that policies under President Reagan will probably affect the amount of stamps a family is able to receive monthly, and might involve posing stricter requirements for eligibility.

That, sources says, would be unfortunate, as many people who now receive the stamps are too poor to be able to buy food on the salaries they now make, but make too much money to qualify for welfare.

The availability of food stamps,sources say, is the only way individuals and families in this income bracket can afford to eat.

There has been no official word from the new administration on which cuts will be affected first, and in what ways, but there is no doubt that the cuts will take place.

And, in keeping with his campaign promises, President Reagan will almost certainly propose huge increases in the military and defense budget as the cuts in food stamps and others social progams are made.

—Inaugural sour notes

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The AFRO was flooded with calls the following day, from angry citizens to politicians who labelled the act "disgusting," and demanding to know why such an act had been allowed to be.

Delegate Troy Brailey called the act a "setback" to the gains made by black performers over time.

And in an angry letter to the new president, Delegate Frank Conaway expressed "surprise and disgust" for the performance.

Conaway, in his letter to President Reagan, said that Vereen's opening remarks were "not only an insult but also salt to the wounds of black citizens.

Demanding an apology from the president, Conaway called Vereen's introductory remarks "stupid" in which he called segregation a bland innocuous historical event.

Conaway then asked the president if "this kind of blatant or blunder foolishness" is the type of sensitivity the public is to expect from the new administration.

In a clearly warning tone, Conaway stated that if so, the new president could "forget forever about the black vote of the land."

Upon receiving the calls of protest about Vereen's act, the AFRO made repeated attempts to reach spokespersons from the Reagan Inauguration Committee and Vereen himself.

Inauguration committee members, however, were unwilling to discuss the performance, and the agent for Mr. Vereen was unavailable for comment.

One woman, who preferred to remain unnamed, said that the performance was "out of place."

"I am a white woman," she said, "and I was embarrased for my race when I saw that act. I don't think the new president showed much sensitivity...and neither do I think Ben Vereen showed much common sense or pride in his performance."

—Crime on rise

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these distressing statistics, it is apparent the premature release of individuals through the parole and probation processes constitute a serious and continuing threat to the security of the citizens of the city.

In another area of concern arrest statistics show that juveniles accounted for 40.5 percent of all index crime for which arrests were made. In 1980, 15,623 juveniles were taken into police custody. These individuals have experienced 36,099 prior police contacts.

Of these 15,363 juvenile offenders, 8,308 were arrested for the commission of index crimes that include 24 arrested for murder; 71 for rape; 454 were arrested for aggravated assault; 725 for auto theft; 1,302 for robbery; 2,327 for burglary and 3,405 for larceny.

Pomerleau says if protection of its people is a prime responsibility of government then government must begin functioning more effectively in this arena.

"In my opinion it would serve no useful purpose to expend more funds for police, prosecutors and courts for we are only recycling people, more prison beds are needed beyond those currently on line. And, more personnel are needed in the Department of Parole and Probation as current caseloads are unmanageable.

"This should be recognized now with the consequence of cumbering funds, locating sites and a the letting of contracts following. The decision process should not be at all difficult," said Pomerleau.

—Tears of joy

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may have been responsible for his extended stay. He was caught burning a large quantity of classified documents and tapes by the Iranian militants, who then seized him as a suspected CIA operative.

Although all other blacks and women were released within 13 days of being captured, Jones and two women were forced to remain for the duration of the experience.

Jones was born in Memphis, but grew up in the motor city. He joined the Air Force after high school, and left that force in 1962. He has held embassy posts in Egypt, Germany, Zaire, Isreal and France prior to being assigned to the Tehran embassy in September 1979 as a communications technician.

He has four daughters, all of whom live with his wife in Detroit.

Johnson's presence in Tehran has been a source of puzzlement for American officials, since all the other blacks and women were released by the Ayatollah Khomeini early on in the hostage crisis.

Speculative reports have suggested that Jones was or is a member of the CIA and that the Iranians held him for that reason, but no state officials have ever validated the claim.

Michigan Chronicle reporters said that Mrs. Jones refused to answer any questions about her husband's possible involvement with the CIA.

"She was a little strained," said Agnes Stewart, reporter for the Michigan Chronicle.

Mrs. Jones has been besieged with phone calls since the break in the hostage situation began late last week. She answered questions about her husband's personality, saying that he has a temper and is outspoken," and said his temper could have had a bearing on his being held in Iran.

Early news reports yesterday showed Jones being examined by Algerian doctors in preparation for the release. The pictures of Jones were some of the first this country has seen. During the Christmas season, when several of the hostages were seen sending best wishes to their families, Jones was conspicuously absent.

Mrs. Jones said that the pictures of her husband made him look 10 or 15 pounds lighter, but she said that in his letters home he had said he had been exercising and that that could have accounted for the weight loss.

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Postal workers head backs anti-klan confab

Robert L. White, national president of the National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees (NAPFE) has endorsed the Second National Conference of the National Anti-Klan Network to be held in Washington on January 30 and 31.

White, the highest ranking official of the 67-year-old independent union, said that recent increase in Klan activity throughout the country reinforces his "deep conviction that the Klan is a threat to everything that is good and wholesome in the United States."

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William Allen quits as court clerk

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

The city's first black Supreme Bench head clerk has filed a letter of resignation, effective April 1, with chambers Judge Robert Karwacki of the bench, citing poor health as the reason.

However, insiders as the courthouse say that Allen was pressured to resign due to mismanagemnt in office.

Allen, who was elected as a dark horse candidate in 1978, reportedly has worked with the bench under which he agreed to leave his office rather than face a possible full-sclae inquiry into his office.

Allen has refused to talk with reporters co.ncerning the reason for his resignation, but instead has issued a "record of achievement" during his term to the AFRO.

The clerk was instrumental in bringing more blacks into the court system for, in almost every case where a white employee resigned or retired, Allen found a black to replace him.

He hired 25 new blacks during his incumbency, a fact which many political observers say may have influenced the pressure brought gainst him which finally led to his decision to leave his post.

For the past 15 months, an Ad Hoc Committee on the Supreme Bench, headed by Judge Milton B. Allen, has been investigating allegations of mismanagement in Allen's office. According to Judge Allen, the complaints ranged from shoddy office procedure to poor payroll and time card review.

"We had been helping him along, and we thought all of the problems had been solved," said Judge Allen. But the judge said that a week ago, Allen bought him a sealed envelope, which the judge delivered to Judge Karwacki. Inside the envelope was Allen's resignation.

When asked if he felt that poor health was the reason for Allen's resignation, Judge Allen admitted that the clerk looked "bad."

"He had lost a lot of weight," said Judge Allen.

The judge refused to comment on charges from courthouse officials and judges that the clerk was "in over his head," or could not handle the job which involved monitoring and supervising over one hundred employees scattered through six departments. Allen did point out that the only experience Allen had previously was as a clerk in a single office of the criminal court system, where he had no supervisory capacities.

Allen's rise to his position is an interesting study in the vagaries of the political process.

Back in 1978, there were three blacks running for court clerkships in various branches of the city court system.

Two, Saundra Banks and Elmer Harris, were elected to fill the Baltimore City Court Clerk and Court of Common Pleas slots, and Allen won the Supreme Bench position.

Baltimore's black political community, in one of those back-room deals common in city politics, had thrown their support behind Robert Bouse , the popular incumbent whom Allen was running against in exchange for white support of Banks and Harris.

"We were surprised as anyone when Allen won," said one state delegate.

Allen capitalized on voter confusion, as many citizens thought that they were voting for Judge Milton Allen and not the current Supreme Bench clerk.

Once elected, Allen continued to remain an outsider. Several black employees and judges in the city court system say that Allen "refused to listen...we'd try to help him, but he just didn't seem to be interested."

But, in the wake of his letter of resignation, black politicans are already petitioning the bench to appoint a black to fill the position.

Black caucus head Frank Conaway, D-45, has fired off anemphatic letter to Chief Supreme Bench Judge J. Harold Grady demanding that Allen's replacement be from the "same constituency that elected him, (Allen)."

"I'm worried that they'll bring Bouse back to fill the job," Conaway stated, "but I think that, since the black community elected Allen, a competent person from the black community should be named to fill it."

Lottery games ignore hostage release

Although scores of Maryland lottery players took the jubilation of the release of the 52 American hostages on their 444th day of captivity as a sure sign of impending victory, they had no such luck.

The winning number for Tuesday was not 444, or even 666, the number which won on the day President Reagan won the presidency, but 029.

Lottery spoksperson Tom Skarzynski said that number 444 sold out at about 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, shortly after an Algerian jet took off from Tehran airport with the Americans aboard.

The lottery halted play on number 666 at about 4:00 p.m., Skarzynski said, while Ronald Reagan and friends were still attending inaugural day galas.

Either number would have commanded about $7 million in payouts, Skarzynski said, and would have left the state lottery about $6 million in the hole.

The winning number paid out $204,030...which means the big winner in Tuesday's games was the state.

Eight arrested in loan case

FBI agents this week arrested seven persons and served a prison detainer on an eighth charged with participating for the past two yearsin a Baltimore-based loan shark operation.

Downtown rehab project set

A Los Angeles developer has been given the go-ahead this week for a $250 million project in the heart of downtown Baltimore.

Mayor William Donald Schaefer gave David Murdock authority to build two million square feet of office and retail space on five acres near the Lexington Market.

Murdock, whose companies control a $300 million real estate empire stretching from coast to coast, said the project would take six years to complete. The plan is the single largest development in the city's history, Schaefer said.

It will include a 30-story office complex, rehabilitation of two empty department stores, an atrium between one of the stores, and the office building, and an 800-car parking garage.

The plan will be financed privately, Schaefer said.

Construction will begin in the spring under the direction of Murdock's David H. Murdock Development Co., one of the officers in the company is former White House Chief of Staff, H.R. Haldeman.

Schaefer said Haldeman will likely work on the Baltimore project as Murdock's representative, but company officials would not speculate on Haldeman's role.

BANQUET

Beta Zeta Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., will celebrate the Sorority's 61st anniversary at a founder's day banquet and recognition of 1981 "The U.N. International Year of the Disabled:" at Howard University in the Blackburn Center, Saturday, Jan. 31 at 7:30 p.m.

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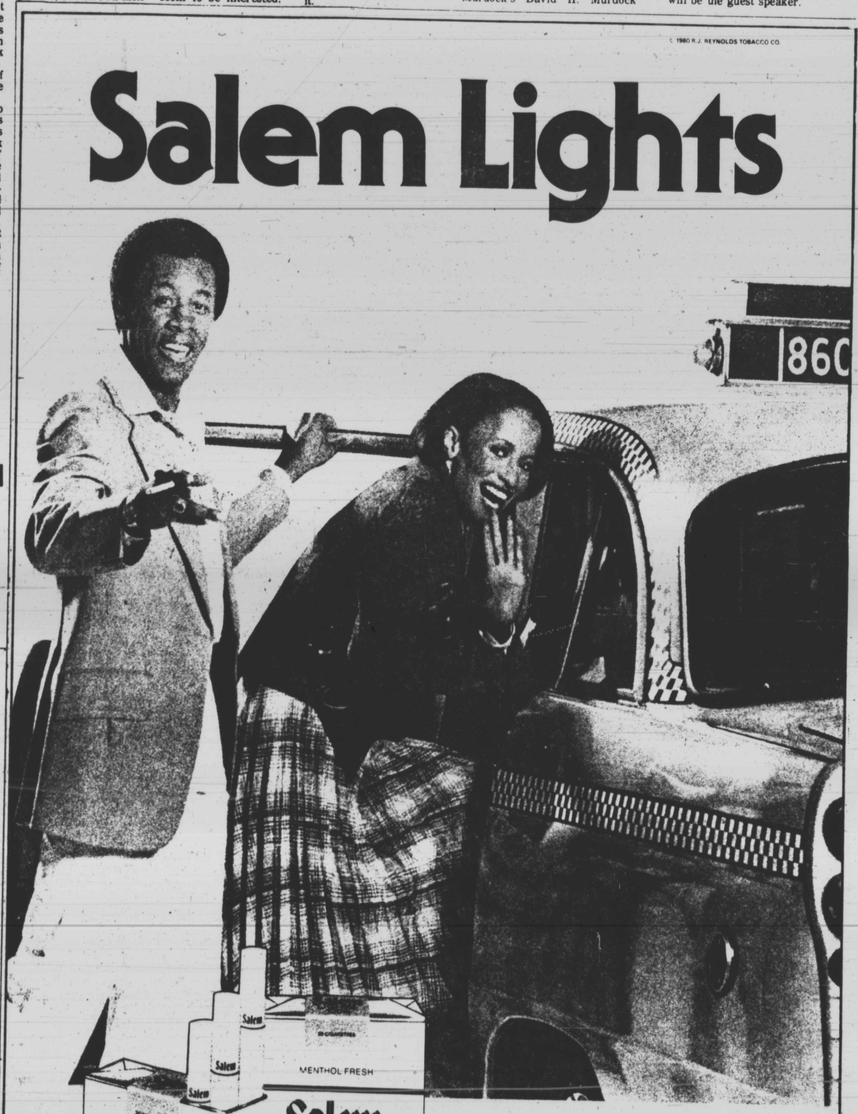

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