—S. Africa

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from South Africa.

"Grocer's Pride is a premium label. They pack it in Israel. They buy, based on price, not politics," he said, adding additional questions to Grocer's Pride, which is regionally marketed in Pennsylvania and headquartered in San Jose, CA.

Cal Growers Corporation is the broker who represents all California canners, according to officials. Mark Ferrucci, a salesman for the company, called from California.

"I am aware that the quality and prices for some South African citrus goods are better in some cases.

"We buy for Grocer's Pride and when domestic stocks are low and prices high, we look to South Africa, South America, Spain or Australia. They are the four countries we consider for food stuffs," he said.

David Dougherty, president of Cal Growers, called the AFRO from his office in Chicago.

"About two years ago, we had a problem with product on the West Coast. At that time South Africa wasn't quite the item it is today.

"Prior to that time, their goods were overpriced but at that time they were able to compete and they made inroads into this market.

"I would think these products were purchased last June or July. I'm surprised they haven't sold out by now.

"I buy products from New York importers. I would say nobody is using them (South Africa) any more. We try to stay out of the politics," he said.

The AFRO learned that South Africa exports citrus, especially concentrate.

According to Ferrucci, Florida juice canners maintain a tightly knit closed circle.

"I don't know the rules, but as long as there is a percentage of domestic concentrate in a blend, imported concentrates can be added without label identification. Otherwise, cans must indicate imported goods and declare origins," he said.

"What? Where? you saw it yourself?" asked Dr. Emmett Burns, regional director, NAACP.

Local Director George Buntin, NAACP, said that somebody must be stupid to have such cans on the shelves in a black community.

"The wrong should be confronted with that. Slave-or cheap labor in South Africa is denying workers jobs here.

"At minimum, I think we will send Basics and More a stern letter and monitor their response," said Buntin.

Hershovitz continued, "I checked it. It's probably an old can. We're not buying from South Africa anymore. We're buying from Spain.

"The problem is that Winter sends buyers out of the country for canned goods because fresh goods are not in season.

"I don't like to deal with them (South Africa). And I don't anticipate this problem popping up again," Hershovitz said.

—Taylor appointment

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Mitchell rose immediately and voiced his opposition.

"By voting for a person to join that board we are voting to sanction apartheid. I motion to table that appointment, Mitchell announced to the Council.

The councilman added that he could not support a pension system "that thumbs its nose at us" making reference to the pension trustees' recent refusal to begin implementing a voluntary divestment plan against firms that do business with the South African government.

The divestment plan had been submitted by the council in the form of a resolution proposal late last year.

Councilman McFadden immediately rushed to his feet and told Mitchell, "Mr. Taylor happens to be black and that could prove to be beneficial to our cause."

"This transcends color," Mitchell shot back, "I kindly take exception to comments about this man's race. He happens to be a fine young man and a fine banker."

His efforts to table the appointment died on the Council floor for lack of support but not before Mrs. Spector took him to task for his actions.

She pointed up that the late Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr., Mitchell's father, "would have worked within the system to bring about change" and not attempted to circumvent it when it thwarted his civil rights efforts.

Mrs. Spector added later, "I think Councilman Mitchell was raising an issue that was not in sync with what I thought was sound statesmenship. What would benefit the cause of South Africa, to block that nomination when what we need is for someone good to be on that board to help bring about this change."

The councilwoman also said that Taylor was questioned on his feelings about divestment and South Africa during her committee's confirmation hearings.

"I just think Councilman Mitchell was in the right church but the wrong pew. Councilman Mitchell is always talking about including blacks in the government process. I was surprised at his actions. It doesn't transcend color, "added McFadden on Wednesday.

As for his questionable statements to the council on Monday, he said that he was simply saying that Taylor's appointment would be helpful because of his business and banking experience.

A senior marketing officer with the First National Bank of Maryland, Taylor declined comment on the appointment controversy. He added that he was still unaware that his appointment to the fire and police pension board had been approved, saying, "I haven't gotten any confirmation."

Councilman Mitchell did not return calls to his residence or law offices when contacted by the AFRO on Wednesday.

—Postmen return

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protecting the elderly women and single mothers who must travel that long distance just to get their mail?" Ms. Johnson said.

"It's not fair that they be penalized."

According to residents, for several days early in January, an armed guard was seen travelling with the mail carrier while on his route. But Ms. Johnson said that postal officials on January 24th said providing security for the carrier would be too expensive to continue.

"It's unfortunate situation, but it's been reported that on several occasions our carrier was threatened with bodily harm, and on one occasion a carrier was searched by thugs," McDougald said.

After McDougald announced his decision to restore service on Friday, customer service director Gary Doyle said that similar decisions have been made irrespective to race or locale.

"There have been times when mail carriers have been instructed not to deliver mail downtown when snipers were reported . . . . Whenever the safety of our carrier is threatened, we will take the necessary steps to protect him," Doyle told the AFRO.

Thursday Ms. Johnson told the AFRO that area drug traffickers threatened mail carriers fearing that they were informants who worked in conjunction with city police in their anti-drug campaign.

Postal officials informed residents that service would return Friday at a meeting held at the Westport Recreation Center on Norfolk Street Thursday morning at 10 a.m.

—Ron McNair

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from activities in school," said Swann who would sometimes eat with the then graduate student.

Swann attended St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Cambridge, the church were McNair was a student as well as a teacher of karate.

Swann remembered McNair as a man "sure of his faith." "He was a model for many of us," he added.

Swann recalled that McNair often helped other MIT undergrads when they needed help, did community work while working toward his graduate degree in physics. He was a dedicated man.

Swann remembered living a meal with McNair who told him that in leaving his briefcase in the faculty lounge, someone had not only stolen his calculator, contained in the case, but his dissertation as well.

Distressed, but undaunted, McNair did the work over again.

Rev. Swann remembered someone asking McNair shortly after he'd returned from his first shuttle flight in October 1984, if he were afraid.

McNair is said to have replied, as long as Jesus went with him, he wasn't afraid.

What did rattle McNair was an incident on the shuttle where he thought rats, taken aboard the shuttle for experimental reasons had died. Swann said, McNair discussed telling Houston of the problem, when one of his shuttlemates suggested that the cage be tapped.

Someone tapped the cage and awakened the rats who were later found to be "sleeping in weightlessness," and their sudden motion startled McNair. "That was the only time he was scared," said Swann.

Swann said the in space McNair wouldn't worry about sleep. "He'd sit there and stare out the window, like a kid, enjoying the wonder of it all."

"He saw no conflict between science and the things of God. He lived that way and died that way."

It was ironic that at Mt. Pisgah on Wednesday evening, a choral program featuring MIT's gospel choir became a memorial service for an alumnus.

Swann said the choir's visit, part of a 12-city tour, had been scheduled long before Tuesday's tragic event. He called the service a "time of reflection for those of us who were at the institute (MIT) in the early days."

Those were the days made possible by the civil rights gains of the 60's and fostered a bond among the students attending the school in the early 70's.

"The MIT network has been buzzing for the past two days regarding this," said Swann. "We're all diminished by the passing of Ron."

Despite the tragedy of Tuesday, Rev. Swann said, "I look back on him with joyous reflection."

"I believe I'll see him on the other side and he'll tell me that it was like to go up there." Of his kindness and ever-willingness to help others, Swann said, "Ron was just that kind of guy. You miss that kine of person. There's not enough to go around.

—No action

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offered by the city and state to rescue the financially strapped West Baltimore medical institution.

Thus far, the state has given the hospital $1 million and is expected to give it an additional $2.5 million provided that certain conditions are met.

The terms of the city portion of the package call for Provident to make repayment over a 12-year period in monthly installments of $10,000, including interest. These payments are to begin, effective July 1, 1987. Interest on the loan is expected to be about $300,000.

However, according to a source at City Hall, certain ambiguities surrounding the state's role in the financing arrangement prompted the council to postpone further action.

This same source, who spoke on the condition that they not be identified, indicated that it was Trustee Russell who requested the delay.

"There was generally a concern that we can't put the fire ahead of the stalled fire because $3 million is only if there is voluntary support and other $2.5 million.

"If the city paid Provident and the state didn't, Provident goes under and the city money winds up going directly to the creditors," the source said.

Local officials are looking for certain assurances that the state money will be in place and local taxpayers won't be stuck million dollars, the source said.

George Russell said in a telephone interview on Wednesday with the AFRO that he asked that Tuesday's vote be withdrawn. Russell said there was no problem with the vote.

When asked why he made the request, Russell replied, "I don't want to go into this right now."

When asked how soon it would be before he met with the Governor to discuss his plan for Provident, Russell indicated that it may be within the next two weeks.

One legislative observer said Russell is virtually mum on his program regarding Provident because he is in negotiations with "another institution."

"The last negotiations got into the press," said the observer, declining to be identified. The general feeling appears to be that none of the principals involved care to see their proposed decisions played out in print, before those decisions are made.

—10-year-old

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principal.

The students also served as assistant teachers, support teachers, the liaison worker, cafeteria workers, resource teachers and members of the building staff.

According to Mrs. Betty Warren, student council advisor, leadership day was a success. Mrs. Warren said the day's activities came out of an earlier student council meeting.

Pleased with how the day was going, Mrs. Warren added, "I'm sure this will be an annual event."

School principal, Anna M. Coplin, said, "the children seem to be enjoying taking responsibility."

In addition, there were parents who came to the school to lend their support. Mrs. Warren said at least 15 parents came to the school to participate. Mrs. Coplin added, "the parents are excited."

Cheryl Pollins, a 10-year-old fourth grader who was acting principal for the day, said she enjoyed answering the telephone best of all.

Chanise Rachert, the 9-year-old vice-principal, said she and Quana had to "solve three problems." It seems three students could not locate their backbags. There were other challenges during the day, but the students were able to handle them, with the help of their adult counterparts.

Mrs. Coplin, who expressed her pride about the day's events, said the children were chosen on their attendance and their leadership ability in the classroom.

She too, is certain that Leadership Day at Cecil Elementary School will become an annual event.

White UDC professor sues

A white University of the District of Columbia professor has sued the school charging that officials violated contractual agreements when they failed to promote him, choosing instead less qualified black instructors over him.

He is seeking—as a result—back pay from the university, damages and the lost promotional opportunities due him.

The complaint was filed in U.S. District Court two weeks ago by Paul Bachman who has been on the UDC faculty since 1971. According to court briefs Bachman was promoted to associate professor in 1976 and applied for a full professorship in 1983.

Bachman alleges that at the time he applied for the promotion he "met all the minimum requirements as specified" in Article 12 of the university's master agreement with the faculty.

Article 12 of the master agreement states that each application for promotion is reviewed by the applicant's department then receives a recommendation by priority ranking.

The facts are then reviewed by a promotions committee then submits their recommendation — again by priority ranking — to the vice president for academic affairs.

Court documents stated that in February 1984, Bachman was informed that the department promotion committee that he was ranked second among applicants by the department. But Bachman protested by memo the ranking stating that a less qualified black faculty member who did not have an accredited terminal degree."

Bachman, according to court papers, was informed by the department head a month later than his ranking had dropped from second to third with a recommendation that he not be promoted.

Two days later the College of Business and Public Management released its own priority ranking which placed Bachman fourth ut of five candidates, with three of the faculty members ranked ahead of him black and less qualified, according to the brief.

Bachman reapplied for a promotion on December of 1984 court papers said emphasizing that during the department process "the departmental committee permitted the two other applicants additional time to provide further documentation to their applications."

"(Bachman) was not permitted that opportunity during the prior year's application process," court briefs stated.

"The subjective scoring systems devised by both department and college does not comply with the personnel policies which resulted in preventing Bachman) from being properly considered for promotion," the suit claimed.

Smithsonian to sell off S. Africa holdings

Smithsonian institution officials say they will sell off nearly one-quarter of their holdings in South Africa, but the world's largest museum complex still maintains $35 million in investments in that nation.

Museum officials said Tuesday the Smithsonian will unload its $10.6 million investment in an international fund with ties to South Africa - representing a 23 percent divestiture in firms dealing with that nation.

The Smithsonian, complete with 13 museums and six research centers, still maintains investments in 33 U.S. companies involved with business in South Africa.

Outside financial experts hired by the museum's governing board, said the Smithsonian investment in the fund "can be justified on financial grounds," with [illegible]

The Smithsonian bought shares of the The Pretoria Commercial Property Fund in 1984. The fund is based in Valley Forge, Pa., but invests heavily in foreign companies, Russell said.

"We were unable to determine whether or not they had affiliates of any kind in South Africa," said Russell. [illegible] "But we decided that the basic principle was to [illegible]

"[illegible] are not American companies, so they are not bound by the Sullivan Principles," he said. [illegible] said these companies had to abide by guidelines similar to the Sullivan principles, but "(Smithsonian) decided there was an inconsistency there and ordered the sale."

The Smithsonian has no other holdings in international funds, he said.

Last October, the Smithsonian, which attracts 25 million visitors annually, sold about $9 million in its investments in 15 U.S. companies dealing with South Africa under pressure from congressional critics of the apartheid policy of racial separation.

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'He gave himself early without thought of reward'

Thurgood Marshall Special to air on Monday

SUPREME COURT Justice Thurgood Marshall

By Zachary Smith
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The closing moments of "Thurgood Marshall: Portrait of an American Hero," — a 30-minute documentary that will air on WETA (Channel 26) on Monday, at 10:30 p.m. — features a talking head of Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, the widow of the late Clarence Mitchell.

"He gave himself early without thought of financial reward to the struggle and we must expect no less from this generation of young blacks," says Jackson, an attorney, of Supreme Court Justice Marshall, her life long friend.

Under the skillful eye of producer/editor Wayne C. Sharpe, this Columbia Video Production combines footage from vintage newsreels and photographs of Marshall, with a series of vignettes featuring Marshall's friends and collegues, to create a significant addition to the body of works chronicling the legal and historical contributions of blacks to American culture.

A seminal work, this documentary details Marshall's academic career from his prep days at Baltimore's Frederick Douglass High School, where classmate Essie Hughes described his "early persuasiveness," to his collegiate years at Lincoln University, where classmate James Murphy dubbed him "innately outspoken," and over to the Howard University Law School, where Marshall became the protege of Dean Charles Houston.

Marshall's illustrious legal career, which included a private law practice in Baltimore, where he concentrated on civil rights law; his 23 year term with the NAACP, where he won 29 of 32 major cases which he handled, including the landmark Brown vs. The Topeka Board of Education; and his nomination by President Johnson in 1967 to the U.S. Supreme Court, where he serves to this day as the first and only black member in U.S. history, is traced by attorney's Wiley Branton, the former dean of the Howard University Law School, Jack Greenberg, who heads the NAACP's Legal Defense Fund, and Roy Wilkins, a legal scholar for the Joint Center for Political Studies.

The project which was produced by a Washington - based black - owned production company, was shot last summer on a modest $36,000 grant provided by the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts, for WETA's Independent Minority Producers Laboratory.

For producer Wayne Sharpe, a documentary about Marshall was the fulfillment of a lifelong desire to create a program "that would have some relevance to the black community."

"Without Thurgood Marshall, there could not have been a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," said Sharpe, a 28-year-old former producer for the Cable News Network.

Also working on the project were associate producers Jesse Martin and Dexter Reed.

PRODUCER WAYNE C. SHARPE: "Without Thurgood Marshall there could not have been a Dr. Martin Luther King."

The program also features a minimalist musical score, put together by a group of Howard University students.

Comptroller says tax changes to aid state income tax filers

Maryland State Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein says changes in state tax forms should help you whether you're filing the state's long or short form this year. "One important change will affect 45 percent of Maryland's income taxpayers - those who itemize deductions. The change in procedures should help cut confusion and errors," he said.

The comptroller noted that - for the first time - all taxpayers who itemize on the state return will be required to fill out Form 502A and send it in with their return. "This is similar to the procedure you follow on your federal return and it should help eliminate a lot of confusion," Mr. Goldstein said, adding that Form 502A is included in the state tax packet.

"In addition, the Maryland long form has been expanded to provide specific lines for more items taxpayers must transfer from their federal returns," he said.

Comptroller Goldstein pointed out an important change in the state's tax tables as well. "About one in every three taxpayers last could use the tax tables to find the amount of tax due. More taxpayers should qualify to use the tables this year because they've been expanded to allow income levels of up to $50,000 to qualify," Mr. Goldstein explained.

"The $50,000 maximum for using the state tax tables now matches the maximum of the federal tax tables which should also make it easier for taxpayers to complete their returns. It also means that more taxpayers will be able to use the state's short form, since it now carries a $50,000 maximum as well."

Taxpayers who do not qualify to use the tax tables should use the worksheet for Tax Rate Schedule R in the packet to figure their taxes. We added an extra worksheet this year to help taxpayers filing combined separate returns. The worksheets have helped to cut the error rate in the recent years. We think the worksheets will continue to help cut errors this year, too," Mr. Goldstein said.

Another innovation this year are four tax tip brochures, offering information on areas of difference between Maryland and federal tax returns. The topics covered include the state exemption for Social Security and Railroad Retirement income, the state deduction for child care expenses, the combined separate filing status for working couples and how to complete a return if you're recently moved into Maryland. The handouts are available at all Maryland income tax offices.

The comptroller noted that all 15 Maryland income tax offices will be open to serve taxpayers on Saturday, Feb. 1 and Saturday, Feb 8 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. In addition, the offices will remain open on Wednesday, Feb. 12 and Monday, Feb. 17 while most state offices will remain closed in observance of Lincoln's Birthday and Washington's Birthday, respectively. "These and other extra hours of free state tax help are listed in the state tax packet," he said.

"Our experts will also be happy to complete your Maryland income tax return free of charge during regular hours (Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) or during the extra hours of help. Just be sure to bring along a completed copy of your federal return and all W-2 statements," Comptroller Goldstein said.

The addresses and telephone numbers of all 15 Maryland income tax offices are listed in the state tax packet and in local telephone directories. The toll-free telephone number for free state tax assistance is 1-800-MD-TAXES.

Grants are available to agencies aiding blacks', poor legal rights

Benjamin R. Civiletti, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Legal Services Corporation, has announced that the corporation will be making grants this spring for 1986-87 of approximately $1 million to non-profit organizations that provide civil legal services to the poor and handicapped.

The corporation and the Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts (IOLTA) program were created by the General Assembly in 1982 after federal and state funding for the state's legal services programs had been reduced by almost $3 million dollars.

Through legislation, the corporation was designated as the recipient of interest generated from the pooled client escrow accounts maintained by Maryland attorneys. By statute, the money earned on these accounts is used to help fund civil legal services to the poor and handicapped.

The IOLTA program was seen as a way for the private sector to raise funds to help offset the cutbacks and expand the provision of legal services to the poor. However, "we are still a long way from making up the 1982 budget cuts, much less expanding legal services," said Mr. Civiletti.

Attorney participation in the IOLTA program has stabilized, and, therefore, so have funds available for grant awards. Approximately 45 percent of all eligible Maryland lawyers have voluntarily joined IOLTA since 1982, the highest sign-up rate in the country. Mr. Civiletti noted that, "if 100 percent of all lawyers in private practice were to join, we estimate that at least $4 million could be generated for civil legal services in Maryland. However, at the current level of participation, we do not expect any significant growth in IOLTA income in the future."

The 1986-87 grant funds represent a combination of legislative appropriation of $500,000 and interest generated from participating lawyers' escrow accounts. Grants awarded for 1984-85 totaled $307,500; for 1985-86 total grants amounted to $1,044,883.

The Maryland Legal Services Corporation awards grants to non-profit organizations with a history of providing legal services to the poor and handicapped. The 1983 survey of Maryland's legal needs, "An Assessment of the Legal Needs of the Poor in the State of Maryland," identified both areas of the state with few available legal services and "gaps" in the types of legal needs provided.

This "Needs Assessment" is used as a basis upon which grant decisions are made. Any non-profit organization interested in applying for a grant should send a brief description of the program for which they are seeking funds to the Executive Director of the Corporation, Suite 402, 34 Market Pl. Baltimore, MD 21202. If the proposed program appears to fit the grant guidelines, the corporation will request a formal proposal and more detailed information.

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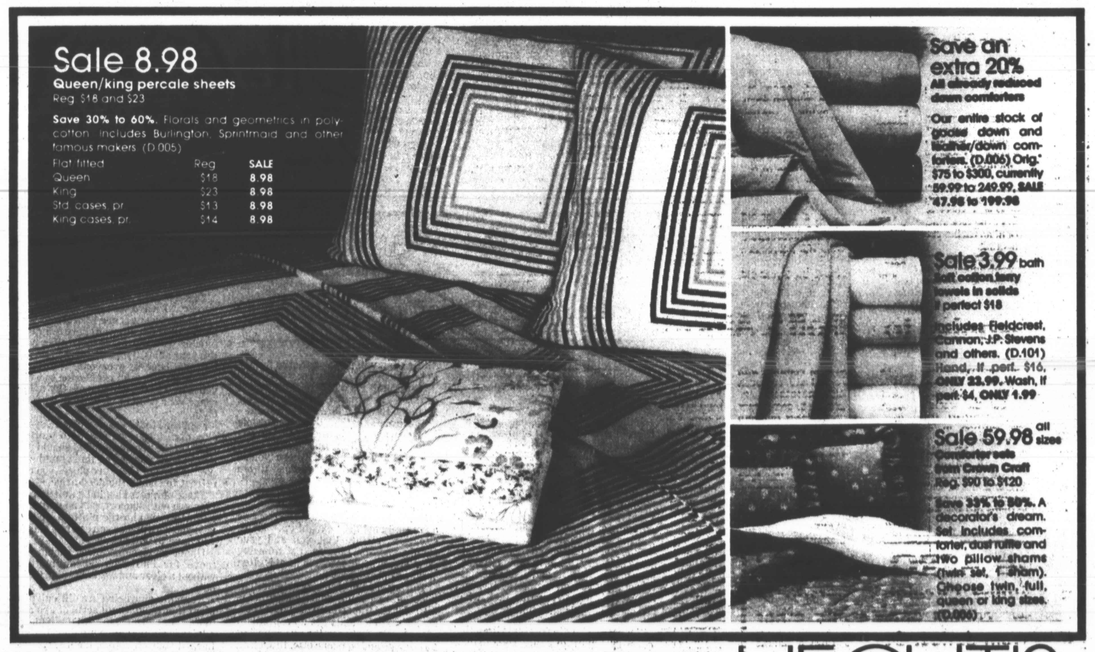

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