IN 1915, THIS WAS THE OFFICIAL WORD ON BLACK HISTORY.

But, by the end of the year, one man started to set the record straight. Dr. Carter G. Woodson. With the participation of his colleagues, he organized the Association Of The Study Of Negro Life And History. It was founded in order to promote appreciation of Black Americans, to understand their present status, and to enrich the promise of their future.

From that promise was born Negro History Week in 1926. Then, at the organization's annual convention in 1962, young delegates pushed for two changes. One was to change their name to the Assocation For The Study Of Afro-American Life And History. And the other was to push for an extension of Negro History Week. Their efforts were realized in our Bicentennial year.

Although Dr. Woodson didn't live to see Black History formally recognized for an entire month, his memory guided followers to strive even further. This year's theme, "The Afro-American Experience: International Connection," expands the work of Dr. Woodson and his associates to reach other regions of the world and enrich lives with the knowledge of Black History.

The Maryland State Lottery recognizes the importance of Dr. Carter G. Woodson's dedication to his community and his work toward educating all people for generations to come.

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TYLENOL ALERT CALLED

Adele Wilzack, R.N., M.S., secretary of the state Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, today asked Marylanders to take several precautions regarding Tylenol Extra Strength Capsules, Lot No. ADF916, Expiration Date, May, 1987.

Secretary Wilzack advised that no one should take Tylenol capsules from the Lot. No. ADF916, and that anyone with capsules of that lot number should immediately notify the Marvland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene by calling 659-3000.

People with elderly relatives, friends or neighbors who might be taking Tylenol Capsules should alert them immediately to see if their medication is from the affected lot number.

Tylenol Capsules Extra Strength Lot No. ADF916 has been implicated in the cyanide poisoning death of a 23-year-old woman in Yonkers, New York. The product was purchased from an A&P Store in Bronxville, New York.

The Federal Food and Drug Administration along with local law enforcement officers in New York are investigating this matter. It is believed that this is an isolated event.

Charles Tregoe, chief of the Division of Drug Control, advises that all pharmacies in Maryland and other retail outlets which sell Tylenol products are to remove

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Happy Valentine's Day

Paulette Franklin

Union busting charged in Provident nurses' strike

By Valerie Smith-Madden
AFRO Staff Writer

The attorney representing Provident Hospital in its negotiations with striking nurses is alleged to have been involved in union - busting tactics in the past, according to a state legislator and several area union representatives.

Sam Cook, the lawyer, has been accused of successfully breaking several area unions, among them steelworkers, bakers, and hospital personnel.

"He's a union buster," said Troy Brailey, a state legislator (D.-40th). "His purpose is to break up the unions. I don't know why he was hired, unless it was for a specific reason."

Henry Koellein, president of the Metropolitan Baltimore Council of the AFL-CIO said, "he is considered as a union buster. He's a professional union buster who feeds on human misery."

A statehouse source who declined to be identified said, "He has a reputation for union busting and he doesn't come cheap."

According to Trustee George Russell, Cook, a partner in the law firm of Venable, Baetjer and Howard, "represents most of the hospitals." Russell said that Cook has been "negotiating for Provident for years."

Larry Grosser, labor consultant for the striking nurses of Provident said given Cook's reputation, it was hard to understand why he was hired.

According to Cook's secretary, Cook was hired in 1985 by then Provident Hospital President, Dr. Oakley Saunders.

He has been affiliated with the hospital in a legal capacity for the past 13 months.

Provident observers are wondering what the presence of Cook means. The state house source indicated that Cook's involvement in labor negotiations may be an effort to weaken the hospital sufficiently enough to necessitate a merger.

Grosser said he knows that the nurses will probably be blamed for the downfall of the hospital.

He said the 57 of the 65 nurses on strike were recertified for Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation on Thursday morning and those nurses will be leaving Provident to other jobs, rather than honoring a letter sent by the hospital, asking them to return to their jobs by next Wednesday.

Grosser said, "George Russell broke his work to us. He said to the nurses, 'Walk down the road with me, and I won't cut your wages.'"

He explained that the nurses were told by Russell that they

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Two are arrested in Morgan prof. murder

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

Homicide detectives have determined thus far that two men who were "friends" of Morgan State University Professor Sylvester Lee Miles may have slain him over a television set.

Arrested Wednesday and charged with first degree murder and robbery are Warner Matthews, 18, 900 block E. Biddle Street and Paul Rice, 19, of the same Biddle Street address.

Held without bail, the two men suspects are reported by investigating homicide detectives to have taken Miles' TV set and some "small personal items."

Since four months had set in when Miles was found dead, police estimate he was slain Feb. 4 or Feb. 5.

Matthews was arrested at Christopher's Place, a shelter for homeless men in the 700 block East Eager Street about 9:50 a.m. Feb. 12.

Rice was taken into custody at 9:55 a.m. Feb. 12 while relaxing and lounging around at his home on Biddle Street.

The two are accused of inflicting multiple stab wounds with two kitchen knives upon the 42-year-old MSU computer instructor.

Miles was found dead Feb. 5 sitting slumped over at his dining

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Futrell says $24,000 a good starting wage

By Valerie Smith-Madden
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Mary Hatwood Futrell, president of the National Education Association, journeyed to Coppin State College Wednesday afternoon as a part of the school's Black History Month festivities.

Speaking before an audience of educators and education majors, Futrell told them this was an exciting time to be entering the teaching profession.

"I envy you," she said.

It was an ironic statement, given the problems teachers say they face in city public schools.

When school doors opened in September, there were charges of not enough teachers and not enough supplies; teachers hired were thought to be inadequately skilled.

Many city teachers staged a mass exodus to county schools systems where the pay was thought to be much better — as were the working conditions.

Statistics indicated that fewer college graduates were considering teaching as a career.

But according to Futrell, "America is at long last putting the problems of public education front and center."

She observed that while Americans were focussing their attention on their public schools with "unprecedented intensity," the black community has always focused on the education of the young.

Reminding the audience that "every great leader of black Americans has been an educator by necessity," Futrell called for changes in the educational system; changes that strive for excellence and equity.

Futrell charged that the present administration is promoting education by "senselessly

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Mary Futrell president of the National Education Association

NAACP meeting at Enon discusses public education

By LaMont Curry
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"Improving Education in the Black Community: The role of the NAACP," was the theme of the local chapters' Wednesday night membership meeting at Enon Baptist Church in East Baltimore.

Alice Pinderhughes, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Baltimore City Public Schools, Dr. Charles Simmons, president, Sojourner-Douglass College, Irving Hamer, headmaster, Park Heights Academy and Ronald Gregory, executive vice-president, Baltimore Teachers Union, sat on a panel moderated by Dr. Calvin Burnett, president of Coppin State college.

The educators addressed a sparsely populated chapel, speaking to problems, etc. and later answered questions from the audience.

Local Director, George Buntin, said that "we are not here to beat-up on any segment of the community, but to move ahead," by harnessing a renewed vigor for quality education.

The NAACP wanted to know what roles educators figured for the 76-year-old advocacy agency.

Pinderhughes asked the NAACP to be the public relations arm of Baltimore City's 79 percent black public school population.

"Tell about the achievements of excellence," she said.

Simmons said that the agency should make a national commitment to improving the self-esteem and self-concepts of the students by helping to foster cultural diversity, pluralism and enpowerment.

Hamer said we get what we pay for. "Baltimore is next to last

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EDUCATORS AT NAACP MEMBERSHIP MEETING. Pictured left to right are; Irving Hamer, Alice Penderhughes, Ronald Gregory, Dr. Charles Simmons and Dr. Calvin Burnett (standing).

Law against political signs to be tested

By Racine S. Winborne
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As soon as the mayor affixes his signature to a new law that will severely restrict the placement of certain political campaign signs around the city, its Constitutional merits will be challenged in the courts.

A. Dwight Pettit, an attorney and a candidate in the Seventh District Congressional race, says the proposed law is arbitrary, unenforceable and much too vague.

He promises that he will test the validity of Council Bill 876, which he feels is a violation of his and others First Amendment Rights, by posting his own campaign signs on private property and elsewhere throughout Baltimore.

"We will immediately at that time place 5,000 14 x 22 signs on private property, in businesses, windows and other locations and invite the city to cite them.

"We will then immediately file suit either in Baltimore City Circuit Court or the U.S. District Court of Maryland, Pettit explained.

Calling the legislation an "incumbant bill," he charges that it will work against those small grassroots candidates with limmed financial resources.

"It's another mechanism that tends to put the electoral process in the hands of the money people and out of the hands of the electorate. It is definitely an incumbant bill (and) against the small grassroots candidate," he accused.

The bill, which will come up for a final council vote on Tuesday, places a restriction on when a candidate or his/her supporters can begin erecting political campaign posters or signs in areas zoned as residence or office-residence areas.

"In such areas, signs may be placed on the exterior of buildings or in yards only after the deadline for candidates to withdraw from the primary election has passed.

The official candidate withdrawal deadline falls exactly 10 days following the official deadline for all candidates to file

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Co-op selling fuel oil at 83¢ a gallon

By Lamont Curry
AFRO Staff Writer

It's a relatively quiet storm brewing in the Washington-Baltimore corridor, a regular David and Goliath scenario between traditional oil dealers here and Ralph Nader's non-profit cooperative oil buying group, under the Public Citizen's Fuel Project.

Buyers Up, which has 7,000 members, currently offers heating oil for 83 cents a gallon, which represents a savings of 22 cents a gallon under the market average price of $1.05. In Baltimore, Buyers Up offers the average family using 800 gallons of oil a savings of up to $220 a year, according to spokesman.

Recently, Fuel Oil News Dateline, a publication of the Maryland Oil Heat Association, declared Buyers Up pests in the market. "While Buyers Up is considered more of a nuisance than a factor in D.C., it has drawn media attention and resultant bad customer relations for full-service dealers charging more on the retail level," it said.

"Yes we're pests... We're forcing them (dealers) to explain why their prices are so much higher than ours," said Greg Shupe, director, Baltimore Buyers Up.

In a telephone interview with the AFRO, Shupe confidently asserted the Buyers Up concept as a national trend.

"We are showing people that as consumers, they can group

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