IN BALTIMORE, recently, where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn S. Tarter at the Pierians' dinner party were, standing: Mrs. Tarter's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. William Berry; and seated, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Perry. Both couples are of Washington, D.C.

Marilyn Goeins named Princess of Flower Show

A multi-talented teenager from the Mt. Airy section of Philadelphia has been named Princess of the 1970 Philadelphia Spring Flower Show, March 15-22, at the Philadelphia Civic Center.

She is Marilyn Goeins, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Goeins of 344 N. Sharpnack St.

The Princess and her four attendants were selected from among 15 finalists by a panel of judges on Feb. 16, at 325 Walnut St., headquarters of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, sponsor of the annual Flower Show, here.

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A senior at the Walter Biddle Saul School of Agricultural Sciences, Marilyn is art editor of the school newspaper, "The Cultivator," and the yearbook, "The Harvester."

She speaks Portuguese, which she learned last summer in São Paulo, Brazil, as a member of the experiment in International Living exchange program.

Future plans include studying languages at the Inter-American University in Puerto Rico. Eventually, she hopes to teach English in schools abroad, particularly in farming communities.

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She is a top student at the Saul School, a member of the Future Farmers of America, holds a part-time job, and despite her busy schedule, finds the time to make most of her own clothes.

The Princess was crowned by Paul Rosenbaum, chairman of the Flower Show Committee.

Members of her court are: Ida Chen, 17, 650 Washington Lane, Rydal, a senior at Abington Senior High School; Judith Ann Lee, 16, of 417 Edge Park Drive, Haddonfield, N.J., a sophomore at Haddonfield Memorial High School; Suzanne Pluskoski, 18, of 20 S. Girard Ave., National Park, N.J., a senior at Gloucester Catholic High School; and Camille Thomas, 16, of 914 S. 17th St., Philadelphia, a junior at South Philadelphia High.

The Princess and her court will participate in opening exercises and other ceremonies at the Flower Show.

The contest was open to girls 16 to 18, living in the Delaware Valley. Entrants were required to send in a photograph and an explanation, of "Why I Would Like to be Flower Show Princess."

FLOWER SHOW PRINCESS Marilyn Goeins, 17, of Mt. Airy, a senior at Walter Biddle Saul High School of Agricultural Sciences, is surrounded by members of her court after selection, Monday, at Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, sponsor of the 1970 Philadelphia Spring Flower Show, March 15-22, at the Civic Center. Attendants are (clockwise from bottom left) Camille Thomas, 16, junior at South Philadelphia High School; Judith Ann Lee, 16, sophomore at Haddonfield (N.J.) Memorial High School; Suzanne Pluskoski, 18, senior at Gloucester (N.J.) Catholic High School; and Ida Chen, 17, senior at Abington High School.

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DURHAM, N.C. — Ellis F. Corbett, associate director of planning and development at A and T State University and grand basileus of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., was hospitalized last week in Duke Hospital here.

Rail Shutdown Postponed

WASHINGTON — The threat of a nationwide rail shutdown has been averted, at least for another 10 days, through court action further extending a temporary restraining order imposed last month.

U.S. District Court Judge Howard Corcoran, in extending the order Friday until midnight March 2, said he would decide then whether to take more permanent action.

USC Board to Start Charging

SAN FRANCISCO — Breaking a century-old tradition, the University of California Board of Regents has decided to charge students tuition for the first time.

Governor Ronald Reagan had urged ending the tuition-free tradition at the 106,000-student, nine-campus university system ever since the regents fired Clark Kerr as university president in 1967.

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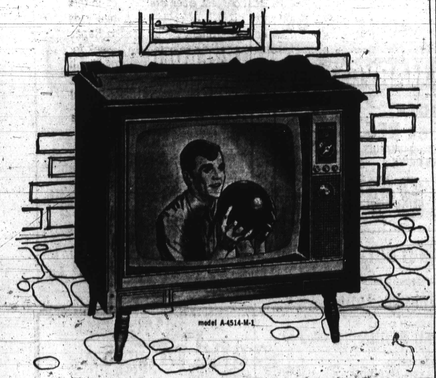

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Bahama Nationalism Moves Up

NASSAU, Bahamas — The recently inaugurated Caribbean Development Bank could provide the means to satisfy the nationalism of Prime Minister Lynden O. Pindling's government.

Pindling's Progressive Liberals are warming up for next year's elections and perhaps the final steps to self-determination.

The party is gathering force to control white economic domination and gain time to strengthen the economic and social progress of the Bahamian people.

The bank, with 17 island state members plus Guyana, is capitalized at $50 million, with Britain and Canada providing $10 million each in equity. The United States has offered to guarantee loans.

By fostering an interchange of labor, the bank could help to ease the labor shortage here and allow Pindling to keep his severe immigration policies.

The Chicci report, compiled for the Bahama Ministry of Tourism in Washington, called for a 50,000 man addition to the labor force.

The islands now lack skilled professionals to serve the major industry, tourism. They also suffer from an inflation rate about double that in the U.S.

But expatriate work permits are extremely hard to get, even for colored Americans. Would-be immigrants are thoroughly discouraged.

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This has discouraged foreign investors.

Hotelmen, businessmen and shopkeepers complain that immigration takes up most of their time and makes it tough for them to apply for expatriate skilled personnel.

One glance at the daily newspaper want ads for chefs, pastry makers, construction managers, factory technician and even a tennis pro bears out these facts.

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It has been said that the government's immigration policy has created overemployment, high wage rates and has led many unskilled Bahamians to believe that they can take and hold any job.

But government sources say relaxation of the immigration policy would be political suicide. Pindling's forces are being pushed by a jingoist faction in the party and UNICOMM, a new, non-partisan organization.

The Bahamas earned $41 million more last year than in 1968, mainly from tourism, but continuing inflation and the advent of the jumbo jet could cause this to level off in the next few years.

The islands comprise one of the world's most costly resorts.

The government's recent move to shut out small investors was a blow to those who had planned a small busines or development, but the Bahamas can afford to discriminate against those who are hoping to make a quick buck.

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The Bahamian government encourages the large investor because he will train Bahamians, but it discourages him from taking up residence in the Bahamas.

One American complained bitterly:

"Oh, they accept us and our money as long as we comply with the rules. But once we've started the operation, trained the people, I'm sure the government will kick us out and they'll take over."

It's extremely doubtful, however, that the Pindling government, which needs both capital and technical know-how, will resort to expropriation tactics and slam the door on future investment.

No economic community in the world accepts the invader without keeping control and exactinga price. The Bahamas is no different.

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The problem here is more a racist one. In sum, it's the proprietary air of most Caucasians and their inherent disdain toward the inherent abilities of the black race.

This is mirrored in the complaints of UNICOMM, the political group of young Bahamians which is demanding an end to neo-colonial pressures on the economy.

The charter of UNICOMM (One Community) states that, in the past, the Bahamas evolved "a discriminatory system in favor of the white majority and colonist exploiters."

It also condemns the fact that since the black men came to power, they "inherited an illegitimate system with inequalities which still exist." As "tools of the colonialists," Bahamians are obliged to conform to "the materialistic demands of a white society."

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Hong Kong flu hits 45 states

By CHARLES S. TAYLOR

ATLANTA (UPI) — This winter's unexpected outbreak of Hong Kong influenza across the United States has reached its peak in most areas, according to the National Communicable Disease Center (NCDC).

The NCDC said the disease has been reported in 45 states, with the outbreaks in the four states of Maine, Rhode Island, Louisiana and North Carolina reaching epidemic proportions.

Forty-one other states reported influenza activity ranging from regional outbreaks to isolated cases.

The number of deaths attributed to Hong Kong flu in 122 U.S. cities showed a drop for the second consecutive week. Last week, the flu claimed 219 lives, bringing the total fatalities blamed on the disease since the outbreak started the week of Jan. 3 to 1,386.

Philadelphia was added to the list of three other metropolitan areas reporting outbreaks of Hong Kong flu — Atlanta, Boston and Baltimore.

MR. AND MRS. RAYMOND WEAVER were married in Philadelphia, recently. Mrs. Weaver is the former Mrs. Betty Neely Hooper.

Wage Controls Coming?

OKLAHOMA CITY — Sen. Fred R. Harris, D-Okla., said Friday unless President Nixon moves to set up a board to establish price and wage guidelines he will introduce legislation to create such a board.

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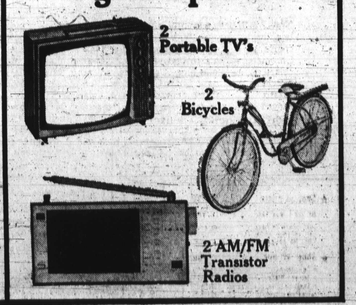

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