WHITE HOUSE ENTERTAINER—Sammy Davis Jr. (R) acknowledges ovation following his performance at a White House gala, last week. It was the first of Nixon's so-called "evenings of entertainment" in the Executive Mansion since March, 1971. With Sammy are President and Mrs. Nixon; Davis' wife and his band leader, George Rhodes. (UPI Telephoto)

Sammy got to sleep at White House and enjoy breakfast with 'his man'

By HELEN THOMAS

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Entertainer Sammy Davis Jr., criticized by some other blacks when he endorsed President Nixon's re-election last year, got star billing at a recent White House gala.

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Following his performance, Davis and his wife also were invited to stay overnight in either the Lincoln Bedroom on the Queen's Room, both in the family quarters on the White House second floor, and to join the President for breakfast Sunday morning.

The entertainer, a one-time Kennedy supporter, demonstrated his enthusiasm for Nixon when he embraced the President at a youth rock concert during the Republican National Convention last summer in Miami Beach.

Some 250 guests — including the Apollo 17 astronauts — were invited to enjoy Davis' performance in the East Room, followed by a receiving line, a buffet dinner, champagene and dancing.

Other guests included members of Congress, government dignitaries and a group of young people who were active in Nixon's re-election campaign.

Heavyweight boxing champion George Foreman also was invited, but said he could not attend because his wife was ill.

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It was the first of Nixon's so-called "Evenings of Entertainment" at the White House since March, 1971, when he announced the engagement of his daughter, Tricia, to Edward Finch Cox.

Programs get $$ to reduce crime in city

Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice has awarded a total of $1.5 million to State agencies and units of local government for projects designed to reduce crime and improve the criminal justice system.

Among the major grant awards was $150,000 to the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office for Project F.O.U.N.D. (First Oenders Under New Direction).

The purpose o the project ks to divert ist-time oender, 18-24 years-old charged with minor offenses, from the formal criminal justice system. They would, instead, be pladed. They would, inse d be placed and counseling program where the emphasis would be on remedial schooling and development of employment skills.

Funding was also approved for the East Baltimore Adolescent Detoxification Service a prograd designed to assist court-referred youneesters in breaking their dependence on drugs. Group and family counseling will be provided

In addition approval was given to a special package of seven projects in Baltimore City's High Impact anti-crime program, which is designed to reduce robbery, rape, murder and aggravated assault.

$1.48 million facility gets cornerstone

...'We think this building is a worthwhile community effort and certainly something people ought to know about." exclaimed Vernon Scheffey, executive director of the Lafayette Square Community Center.

His comments were directed toward the center's new $1.48 million center currently under construction at Lafayette Ave. and Gilmore St. where corner stone alying ceremonies occurred Thursday afternoon.

The center, labled a pioneer effort, is slated to house a wide-spectrum of social services when construction is completed. Included are day care services and representatives of the Department of Social Services, the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Baltimore's City Health Department, Goodwill Ineustries, Urban League, City Public Schools and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

In attendance at the ceremony were: Mayor William Donald Schaefer and Jim Parker, representing Allen Ameche who was the largest single contributor in a $486,504 community fund raising campaign for the new facity. The federal government funded $996,332 to the project.

Members of the Mason's Most Worshpful Hiram Grand Lodge laid the cornerstone.

AIRMAN Thomas R. Taylor Jr. has been assigned to the Technical Training Center at Sheppard AFB, Tex. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Taylor, 100 block N. Monastery Ave. During his six weeks of basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. the 1972 graduate of Edmodson High School received instruction in the Air Force mission, organization and customs and special instruction in human relations.

AIRMAN Gerald M. Pettaway, a 1071 graduate of Forest Park High School, has completed Air Force training at Lackland AFB, Tex. He is remaining at the Air Training Command base for specialized instruction in the security police field. His parents, Frank Pettaway and Mrs. Daisey L. Reynelds, reside in Baltimore.

Babysitter due in court March 23

UPPER MARLBORO Md. — Assistant Sate's Attorney Bob Spelling bring estates that the trial of Mrs. Judith Gran, babysitter sison charged of murder and assault on a third is scheduled for Friday, March 23.

A part-time babysiter, Mrs Gray, the mother of a George's Detention Center where she remains under bail at $15,000

Arson charges levied on alleged klansmen

LAKE CHARLES, La. (NBNS) — An arson attack two years ago of a black school and two black homes has led to indictments against eight men said to be members of the Ku Klux Klan. One of the men, Joseph Sullivan, is a former Houston policeman.

Calcasieu Parish (County) Sheriff Henry Reid Jr. charged Howard Robinson, W. R. Long, James Thomas Mayo, Herbert Gilbreua and Jerry Sauvie with simple arson in the fire Nov. 30, 1970, at Newton Elementary School in Moss Bluff.

Sullivan, 23, Long, Mayo, George Jackson and Robert Coleman were arrested and charged with burning two Moss Bluff homes in January, 1971. Sheriff Reid described all eight men as members of the Ku Klux Klan, an allegation that former policeman Sullivan has denied.

Sullivan recently resigned from the Houston force after the formal charges were filed and had been on probation since he violated the police department last December. His prior employment with the Houston Police Department dated back to a six-month assignment in 1966.

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Safeguards for consumer slow in coming

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ANNAPOLIS — The slow but sttadily battle to gain more protection for consumers continues in the state capital this year according to Sen. Clarence W. Blount (D., 5th Balto. City).

"Although I am glad to see some progress made each session in the direction of protecting the consumer, the pace of prodress is not always satisfactory," he said.

"Maryland's consumer protection agency is weak. I have introduced legislation this session which will move it out of the Attorney General's Office into the Department of Licensing and Regulation where it can operate more effectively."

His bill would give the sion the power of subpoena, the powers to issue "cease and desist orders" and to revoke licensts.

Response to Sen. Blount's bill has been both noticeable and diverse.

Consumer groups are applauding while the Chamber of Commerce has tabbed it a "Bad Bill of the Week".

Sen. Blount noted also that his bill had already caused sectors of the industry to do "an about face" on another measure which would grant the Consumer Protection Division the subpoena power.

An action, he claimed, they had "opposed for years."

Citing what he termed a "scarcity of information on which the public can make judgements." Sen. Blount has introduced a second bill which calls for the publishing of "usual and customary ranges" of fees for health services and products.

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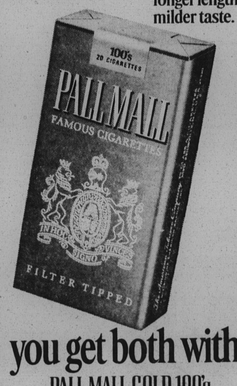

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NNPA says 1st Amendment 'best guide to freedom'

By ART CARTER
(Publisher, Washington AFRO)

"We shall support the First Amendment as the broadest and best guide to press freedom, and steadfastly resist governmental and any other efforts toward intimidation, subjugation and emoralization of the press and its member."

That was the thrust of the testimony given Wednesday morning to the House Subcommittee on the House Subcommittee on the Judiciary by Mrs. Frances L. Murphy II, chairman of the Board of Directors, AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers.

Mrs. Murphy was speaking in behalf of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) at the hearing on proposed legislation to create protection for sources of news and information and unpublished information, or the so-called "Shield Laws."

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NNPA is an organization of 113 black newspapers whose combined circulations total more than three million and whose publications date back to 1920.

The position taken by NNPA was formulated last month by the organization's board of directors in its Mid-Winter Workshop held in Washington.

In presenting the NNPA position, Mrs. Murphy outlined the struggle the black press has had down through the years, decrying that while "the white press took all of the privileges for granted, the black press had to call on the Constitution and the First Amendment in order to get their rights."

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"We have been able to maintain one of the greatest hidden wires for newstips ever developed in history," Mrs. Murphy told the subcommittee.

"Leaks to the black press on history-making events from the time of John Russwurm, who began the first black newspaper 145 years ago, have made it imperative to protect our news sources," she added.

Then Mrs. Murphy detailed some facets of the black press struggle for recognition, declaring:

"We black Americans have needed the First Amendment and the Constitution in order to make sure that we could get inside to cover the news, for we are the American press who had to fight to get our correspondents into the White House, or to send our correspondents to the war zones where our own men were fighting, or to sit in the Congressional galleries."

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She pointed out that it was not until 1948 that the Congressional Press Gallery was desegregated and that "same gallery had warmly embraced all other correspondents from around the world." The late Louis Lautier was the first black correspondent admitted to the gallery.

Against this background, Mrs. Murphy stressed that the latest challenge to the freedom of the press "is more of an attack on us than the white press," because the black press is "endangered because of its unique features."

Moving an earlier statement by Congressman Parren Mitchell of Maryland, Mrs. Murphy emphasized that "the large amount of our editorials are concerned with justice to the race, with equal privilege or with complaint against conditons as they are."

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Thus, she told the subcommittee, "it is imperative from the black perspective as well as from a larger point of view that newsmen be allowed to gather and report news without interference especially from government."

Mrs. Murphy cited two sections of the Department of Justice Guidelines for Subpoenas to News Media and urged caution in the use of these guidelines.

Concluding her remarks, the AFRO board chairman stressed that the First Amendment and the Constitution had been "instruments which have enabled the black press to survive."

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She said NNPA calls upon all other information and education segments of our nation to "rededicate themselves to the principles of freedom embodied in the First Amendment and to the re-education of the American People to these principles."

Seven of the nine members of the subcommittee, chaired by Rep. Robert W. Kastenmeier of Wisconsin, attended the hearing, the final on the shield law legislation unless a special session is scheduled.

During the question period, Mrs. Murphy told the subcommittee that it was NNPA's view that "absolute law" would not be approved by Congress at this time, and therefore felt "the best law is the First Amendment."

TESTIFYING AT THE HOUSE Subcommittee hearings on the proposd press freedom laws (shield laws) is Mrs. Frances L. Murphy II, chairman of the Board of Directors, AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers. Mrs. Murphy represented the National Newspapers Publishers Association (NNPA, of which the AFRO is a member. (AFRO Photo by Cabell).

'Tuskegee Study' Victim Tells How U.S. Used Him

By WESLEY G. PIPPERT

WASHINGTON — An elderly black man testified that he got $25 and a certificate of appreciation after participating, without his knowledge, in the government's study of the effects of syphillis.

"Were you glad to get the certificate?" Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., asked the witness, Charlie Pollard, 67, of Tuskegee, Ala., where the government study was conducted.

"Yes," he replied softly.

"Were you glad to get the $25" Kennedy asked.

"Yes," Pollard said. "I needed that."

Kennedy expressed outrage at the experiment and said he would keep pressing the Department of Health, Education and Welfare until it assures that "health care will be forthcoming" for the participants.

"It's an absolutely outrageous situation that the government should never have been involved in," Kennedy said.

The Senate Health Subcommittee of which Kennedy is chairman ended six days of hearings on human eperim-entaxtion by hearing testimony on the uskeT g experimentation by hearing testimony on the Tuskegee study.

In the study, 430 black men from the Tuskegee area who were suffering from syphilis were recruited by the Public Health Service in 1932. They were given no treatment so that PHS could learn about the long-range effects of syphillis. At least 28 of the men died as a direct result.

The study was revealed in news accounts last summer.

An HEW spokesman said the study was terminated in October in accordance with the recommendation of an ad hoc advisory panel, which is composed of nine nongovernmental persons including five blacks.

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Pollard and another participant, Lester Scott, 70, also of Tuskegee, said they were not told what the study was for, and that they were given a shot each year for what the doctors told them was "bad blood."

"They gave us a date to come back for the shots," Pollard said. "They said the shots would cure bad blood. Then they gave us a spinal. But they didn't say why."

"After 25 years they gave me $25. And they gave me a certificate saying 'in grateful appreciation.'" He held up a tattered brown certificate from the PHS.

Kennedy referred to Pollard's statement about "bad blood" and asked Scott, "is that what they told you?"

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"You thought you were being treated and weren't?" Kennedy said. "That's not right, is it?"

"No," Scott said. "I think they should have told us."

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New head named for S.C. school

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Eddie Jones Jr., assistant principal at Eastside High School, was recently promoted to the principalship off the school effective, July 1.

The Greenville native is a graduate of Sterling High School and South Carolina State College. He also holds a master's degree in administration from Clemson University.

Jones began his professional career as a teacher and coach at the Lakeview High School in Lake View, S.C. He later held similar positions at the Blackwell High Schoo, in Elberton, Ga.

In 1961, Jones returned to his hometown as football and basketball coach at Washington High School. When Greenville changed over to a unitary school system in February of 1970, Jones was transferred to Wade Hampton High School. He later went to Eastside.

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Jones is married to the former Clemmie McAlister of Florence, S.C., and they have one daughter, Tamica. Mrs. Jones is a science teacher in the school district of Greenville County.

Jones told the AFRO that he is looking forward to working in his new position. He added that his new appointment is one of greater responsibility and affords him "a greater opportunity to help shape the minds of the boys and girls who will be our leaders and policy makers of tomorrow."

BASIC BEGINNER — Miss Russell M. Dinkins is currently undergoing 6 weeks of basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dinkins, 600 block N. Fulton St. and a 1972 graduate of Edmondson High School. The Air Force enlistee is slated to proceed to Lowry AFB, Denver, Colo. for 12 weeks training in inventory management upon completion of her basic training course.

Beltway closing for repairs

Work will begin in the early morning hours, Sunday, March 18, on the stage erection of the new Baltimore-Harrisburg Expressway Bridge over the Baltimore Beltway, according to James J. O'Donnell, acting state highway administrator.

It will be necessary to stop all eastbound traffic on the beltway at 3 a.m. for approximately one-half hour in order to erect the box girder from the pier south of the Beltway to the center pier.

After this period of time, one eastbound lane of traffic will be blocked for approximately nine hours.

Advance warning signs will be erected by the contractor and the State Police will help with the necessary traffic control.

On Monday, March 19, all westbound traffic on the Beltway will be stopped for aproxoimately one half hour also at 3 a.m. for the erection of the box girder from the center pier to the pier, north of the Beltway.

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After this period, all lanes on the Beltway will be open to traffic, but the contractor will have men and equipment working in the shoulder area.

The following week, Sunday morning, March 25, at 3 a.m. the eastbound lane of the Beltway will be blocked again for one half hour for the erection of the second box girder from the pier south of the Beltway to the center pier.

One lane of the Beltway will be closed for approximately nine hours afterwards.

The westbound lane of the Beltway will be closed for one half hour for the erection of the second box girder from the center pier to the pier north of the Beltway on Monday, March 26, also at 3 a.m.

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PROMOTED — Melvin B. Tuggle has been promoted to staff sergeant in the U. S. Air Force during his current tour of duty in Incirlik, Turkey where he is an administrative assistant. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin B. Tuggle of the 5200 block Ready Ave. His wife, Connie, is the daughter of Mrs. Lonnie Dunbar, 300 block Chester St.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BY
THE MASS TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION
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THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTAION

In conformance with the requirements of Section 3?. Article 64-B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1972 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), the Mass Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 1973, in the Auditorium of the Loch Raven Senior High School, 1212 Cowpens Avenue, Towson, Maryland, for the purpose of presenting proposed bus routings, schedules, and fares to be implemented subsequent to the acquisition of certain segments of the McMahon Transportation Company, Incorporated by the Mass Transit Administration. The service areas involved include Towson, Cockeysville, Lutherville, Timonium, Carney, Overlea, Perry Hall, Kingsville, etc., and it is proposed to incorporate bus service to these areas as part of a planned, unified, coordinated public transportation system for the Baltimore metropolitan area. The service recommendations to be considered will not displace any families or businesses nor have any adverse environmental effect and will permit improved public transportation to the citizens of these sections of the Greater Baltimore Area.

The public hearing will provide an opportunity for concerned citizens to be advised of the proposed Mass Transit Administration operations and to express their statements regarding such operations. Details of the recommended transit plan are available for public inspection in the offices of the Mass Transit Administration, 1315 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Industrial and Miscellaneous	32,203,778	69,556,951
Stocks		
Preferred	$ 874,065	
Common	12,660,331	13,534,396
Mortgage Loans		
Conventional	$19,011,586	
Insured or Guaranteed	8,769,998	27,781,584
Real Estate		
Properties for Company Use	$ 8,093,424	
Other Properties	318,221	8,411,645
Policy Loans		3,186,027
Investment Income Due and Accrued		1,259,388
Premiums in Course of Collection		3,182,246
Cash Value - Policies on Officers		360,932
Other Assets		98,185
TOTAL ASSETS		$129,233,894

Liabilities		
Statutory Policy Reserves		$ 96,911,402
Policy Claims Currently Outstanding		4,281,200
Dividends to Policyowners		3,196,660
Other Policy Liabilities		13,391
Interest, Rents, and Premiums Paid in Advance		423,597
Taxes and Accrued Expense		1,469,548
Employee Benefit Reserves		575,058
Mandatory Security Valuation Reserve		4,638,029
Other Liabilities		1,097,807
TOTAL LIABILITIES		$112,606,692
Contingency Reserve and Surplus		
Reserve for Contingency	$5,127,202	
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