AIRMAN LARRY B. SMOTHERS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvestor M. Smothers of Baltimore, has been assigned to Keesler AFB. Miss. after completing Air Force basic training in mission, organization, customs and human relations. He is assigned to technical training center at Keesler for training in communications-electronic systems. Airman Smothers is a 1973 Forest Park High School graduate.

Cong. Mitchell hits Nixon arrogance

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell said Thursday morning, the day after President Nixon's State of the Union speech that Nixon clearly does not want Wagergate "cleaned up."

He states, "It was sheer arrogance for Nixon to say that a year of Watergate is enough.

"In effect what he is saying is that we should simply ignore the corruption, crime and wrong doings associated with his administration.

"It's very clear to me that the President is absolutely determined not to see this issue cleaned up and this is best indicated by his setting the conditions under which he would cooperate with the Water investigation."

1973 prices, worst inflation in 27 years

The nation recorded its worst inflation in 27 years with consumer prices going up 8.8 per cent. Prices rose faster than income and real spendable earning fell one-tenth of one per cent in December, the third consecutive monthly decline.

According to Bureau of Labor Statistics figures on Consumer Price Index, prices rose in December to 138.5, meaning that it cost $138.50 to buy a variety of goods that cost $100 in 1967, the base period.

BNI calls for removal of mortgage ceiling

Baltimore Neighborhoods Inc. has called for the removal of the 8 percent ceiling on home mortgages interest rates in Maryland.

According to BNI, such action by the General Assembly would insure an unrestricted supply of mortgage money which is essential to creating an open housing market.

George Laurent, executive director of BNI, explained that the 8 percent ceiling has limited low and moderate income families from the housing market because they cannot afford the high down payments, in some cases as high as 35 per cent of the house's value, being charged by some lending institutuins.

During the board meeting earlier this week, BNI lauded those commercial and savings banks which recently agreed to make an additional $15 million in mortgage funds available in the city, but expressed concern over the possibility of such a commitment being contingent on raising the present ceiling rate.

BNI also called for greater representation on the part of the black community on the boards of directors of savings and loans institutions.

Poll shows Nixon lowest in popularity

SIXTY-FIVE per cent of 1,504 adults polled from Jan. 4-7 disapprove the way President Nixon is handling his job as president. Besides 27 per cent approving, 10 per cent said they have no opinion.

This Gallup Poll's rating shows Nixon has dropped to his all-time low since October when he fired special Watergate prosecutor Archibold Cox. In a similar poll last month, his rating was 29 per cent.

PRESIDENT NIXON
"...one year of Watergate is enough..."

Citizens' reaction to Nixon's speech

Following President Nixon's State of the Union Message to joint session of Congress Wednesday evening the AFRO talked to citizens. Here are their comments and reaction.

Mrs. William J. Myers, 400 block Broadway St.; "I was glad to hear he will stay in office, that he is not going to leave until he fullfils his duty. I was imoressed by him and I hope he gets the gas back."

Mrs. Diana Leggett, unit block Exeter St.; "I don't like him. He is not for the poor, he is rich people's man. All his speech is meant to make people feel good, but he failed to turn me on.

He talks about good office when he cuts the programs for the poor children and sends them on the street. He is the poorest president ever."

Mrs. Jessie Clinton, 2500 block Edmondson Ave.: "I don't think too much of it speech). It was a build up to make people feel confident. Maybe he should not resign but must let out some of the truth.

The part about peace is really phoney and does not mean anything. If the U.S. is as peaceful and he says why should we have oil trouble. He talked about his achievements including sending the boys home. If they are home why are all those demonstrations at the White House about the boys in Asia?"

Mrs. Madie Mitchell, 2200 block Druid Hill Ave.,: "I think this is his best speech, he sounded sincere. I don't think he should be impeached until he is actually found guilty."

Miss Constance Kellum, a social worker,: "He is only trying to get back the confidence of the people. I don't agree that people should forget about Wategate because it is part of history. It shows what is going on in Washington while the people are struggling and hungry. If he does not resign, he must be impeached. There is sufficient evidence to sh ow he is guilty."

Miss Peggy Peacock, Community Action Agency worker: "Our president needs to be impeached. The evidence against him is overwhelming and his credibility is low, he must go. There is too much political play. He even wants to get rid of anti-poverty programs."

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