—NAACP Membership Drive

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School case which may set the pattern for school desegregation outside of the South.

Completion of several major housing projects by the NAACP's wholly-owned National Housing Corporation and progress in inner-city services to the black community such as Day Care and Adoption Services are some of the many, many other recent NAACP accomplishments.

The Baltimore Branch is planning a Career Counciling Center for ex-offenders as part of its Positive Action Project Rebound.

The 1974 membership drive has been organized along national, regional and local levels by the Branch Department of the NAACP's national headquarters in New York City.

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Thousands of signatures are now being collected throughout the nation to be bound into a special pledge book as part of a mid-campaign report to Mr. Wilkins. The climax of the spring phase of the drive is the annual national convention of NAACP members which will be held in New Orleans in July.

The Baltimore branch of the NAACP was organized April 4, 1912. Its president, Mrs. Enolia McMillan, named a committee, headed by Mr. Knight to take charge of all activities in the 1974 drive.

Mr. Knight stated that "it is our intention to do much more than meet our quota in this membership drive. We are the third largest branch in the country and we are confident of increasing our membership very substantially during the next few months.

"We expect to reach every family in the community with a personal invitation to join our branch because the more members we have, the more strength we have, not only in this area, but in regional as well as national endeavors."

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—Muphy's store hit

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business at all."

Among other things, the union is demanding health and welfare benefits for part-time help as well as decent wage increases for all employees.

Kerhart noted that at the predominately white staffed Murphy's Store in Pasadena (Glen Burnie) the starting wage is $2.10 an hour while at the Mondawmin store and others with a predominance of blacks on staff, the starting wage ranges from $1.65 to 1.90.

In addition to boosted wage scales, the union is demanding a solid retirement plan for employees as well as optical and dental care, major medical and hospitilization coverage.

Fortunately for the strikers, the union is paying each striker their normal salary until the issues are resolved.

"The union is standing behind each and every person who goes out on strike," Kerhart said.

"The union is going to pay these people what they were making in the store; nobody is going to lose anything."

He added that if problems arise, such as car payments, etc., then Local 692 will "stand behind each and every person."

Although he didn't predict when the strike would end, Kerhart stated that workers would not return to their jobs until "the company is ready to go back to the bargaining table in good faith."

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Richard Eventoff, assistant to the president of the Retail Store Employees Union Local 692 told the AFRO Wednesday the union is behind the workers and supports their demands.

"The union going to see that these people are ready with dignity and respect and not as second-rate citizens, he said."

He described as "outrageous" the fact that some of the employees have worked for the company more than 20 years yet are receiving only $2.40 an hour while those engaged 4 months ago in the company's new store on Ritchie Highway are being paid the same amount of money per hour.

According to him the company has since Friday broken off negotiations and all effort to get them back to the negotiation table has proved fruitless.

Meanwhile, about 52 of the company's workers on Sinclair Lane and Erdman Ave., have joined the strike following a voting Thursday to join forces with their co-workers.

-Teacher

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study and career options for students for the interdisciplinary programs with other school disciplines and the considerable effect that the programs have had on students, colleagues and the community.

Ms. Valentine had been a classroom teacher in North Carolina before coming to Maryland where she has taught both junior high school and senior high school in Baltimore.

She has been department head at Lake Clifton since opening of the school. She has been actively involved in professional organizations, worked closely with Future Homemakers of America, constructed workshops in education for occupations and served on many curriculum committees.

-Lonnie Spruill

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However, the police took the money from the witness.

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During cross examination, defense attorney Leonard Freedman asked the following questions.

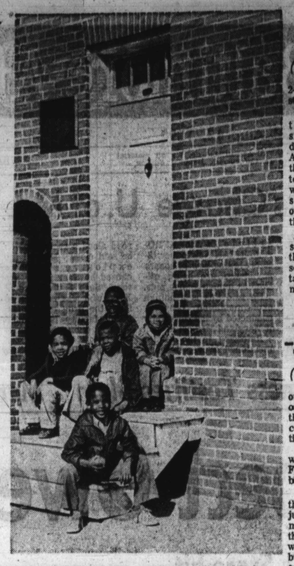
Q — During the number of years you knew Mr. Spruill, was he a lottery operator? A. — "I don't know."

Q — Did he loan out money? A. — "Yes, he would charge interest on his loans. If you borrowed $10, you would pay back $12."

Q — Were you granted immunity by the state today? A. — "When I went before the grand jury, they told me they would give me immunity because I had numbers in my car."

Q — Were you employed by Mr. Spruill? A — "No, he was my best friend."

Q — When the police searched your automobile, did you give them permission? A — No.



POE'S 200-YEAR-OLD HOUSE — It's the fun house for neighborhood kids, one time home of great writer and poet Edgar Allen Poe, as they find the steps the perfect place to play. Being built well over 200 years ago, Poe lived here from 1832 to 1835. From left are: Diana Wrethspith, 5; James Trikes, 5; Brian Faison, 8; Kevin Faison, 4; and Michael Tryson, 6.
(AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz)

—Hospital fire

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2-F Wing where the fire started.

The two-alarm fire sent thick, black chocking smoke through the corridors, starting a stampede. According to authorities the blaze was first detected by a nurses' aid who sounded the alarm. A security guard alerted other guards to the fire through his walkie-talkie.

The first firemen on the scene smashed windows on the wing, located on the southern side of the hospital and entered the burning room. By that time the flames had burned through the ceiling of the room and spread down the second floor.

Fire Department spokesman told the AFRO 15 firefighters battled the blaze putting it under control in two hours.

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Hospital Administrator, Dr. Jack C. Robinette, claims the fire was kindled by one of two patients. He said even though the fire was confined to the room it sent smoke rolling down the corridors.

Dr. Robinette said substantial damage was done by smoke and water used in the operation. Damage to walls and equipment is considerable, and according to the administrator, repair work is expected to start today (Friday).

-Jury convicts

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out of the property room on Nov. 27, 1972, placed the drugs in his car to count and then returned them to the property room.

The 1,302 bags of heroin were originally seized in a Feb. 1972 raid in the 1600 block Hilton St.

Joseph F. Murphy Jr., the prosecutor, told the jury in his closing statement, Holloway signed out the drugs pretending they were to be used in court, but there was no court in session when the drugs were signed out.

Murphy stated Holloway paid off bills totalling $2,400 the day before he was paid.

Defense attorney William Murphy Jr. represented the defendant

-Traveller

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lice said, Henson only cashed checks made out in his name, written on official looking check writing machines.

Using thatmethod, police say he has accounts throughout Maryland and New York and possibly overseas.

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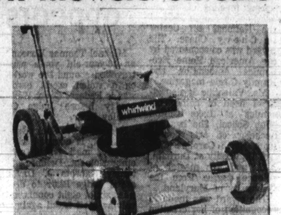

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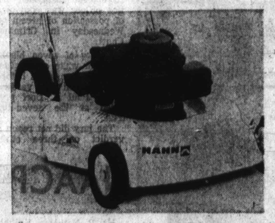

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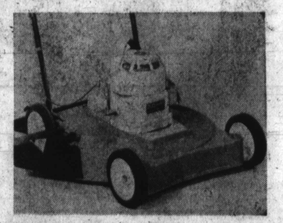

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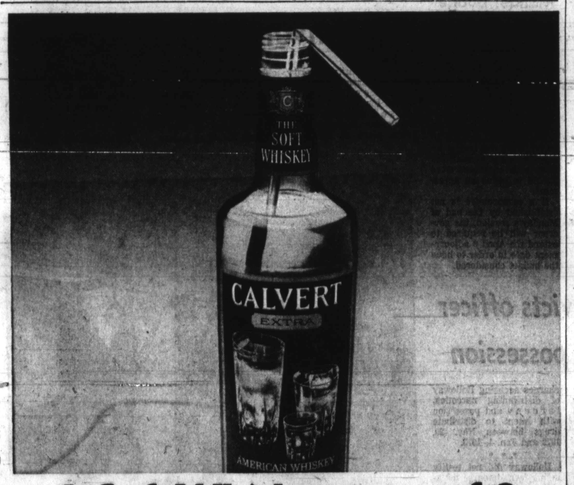

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NEW ADDITION TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT? No Miss Lisa Dubrey, 26, of Windsor Ave. hasn't become a firefighter, but four shiny, new engines have. Miss Dubrey, who was a passer-by, kindly posed for the AFRO camera of Roman Hankewycz to help bring some cheer to these pictures.

—Students charge

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istration takes the rest) all inmates who participated in the IDA must be monetarily compensated (retro-actively) over the life span of, for the $8.00 which was subtracted from their pay, and, the University should offer compensation for protracted illnesses as a result of being used in one of the experiments. The University, to this end, should assume the responsibility of bargaining with the administration.

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"That a University committee composed of blacks in proportion to the black population at Jessup lead a state investigation of the IDA to determine the full nature and history of this program. The case of the inmate who died should particularly be investigated.

"that the University make a monetary donation to the inmate welfare fund or a special trust account in reparations for its sponsorship of the IDA program.

"That the University College of Medicine prea ll of its contractual agreements with co-sponsoring agencies and private drug companies which should include a report on the use of these drugs after they have served their purpose in the IDA.

"That the University move to reduce potential riot situation by pressuring para thorough report on the state and prison administration to supply an increased "job bank" in order to supply each inmate with a constructive work assignment with pay."

Following the presentation of the BSU demands, Gregory stated that "the disclosure of this information ought to make black students and the black community at large aware of the covert roles state educational institutions play in our oppression."

Mr. Gregory distributed detailed background information on the Jessup experiments as well as copies of the plea from the articles in the AFRO.

People attending this conference included; Mr. Meidon Hollis, chairman of the Association of Black Faculty and Staff and Asst. to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs; Mr. Edell Lydic, chairman of the prison liaison group, Black People United for Prison Reform, media representatives from local campuses, and student leaders from the other Maryland University campuses. Those attending verbally gave their support to BSU.

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