

700 BUS LOADS of Metropolitan Area union men and women are the responsibility of officials of the Saturday JOBS NOW National March on Washington leaders shown in photo by J.D. Howard (seated) Val Wilson, Thomas M. Bradley, president, Metro-Baltimore Council, AFL-CIO; Raymond Clarke, chairman; Del. Troy Brailey, co-chairman; Joseph Jones, advisor and (standing) Ernest Crofoot, director, AFSCME Council 67; Jean Talley, Alice Hollinger, Howard Johnson, Trina Parris, Peter J. Moralis, COPE director, Metro-Baltimore Council AFL-CIO, Elizabeth Smith, Randy Fitzgerald and Henry Koellein business agent, Bakery Workers Local 68.

# —Historic AME conference ends

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He accompanied himself on the piano.

Following the solo, a New Testament lesson was given by Rev. B. S. Foust. Another hymn, "From All That Dwell Below the Skies", was sung following the lesson.

Rev. W. P. Mitchell led the Decalogue, the recitation of the Ten Commandments; A collection of the offering for the church missions was taken and the choir sang the Church Anthem.

Rev. W. E. Moseley presented Bishop Murph to the full conference and, following the Bishop's speech, a hymn of meditation, "O For A Closer Walk With God", was sung.

The sermon was given by Rev. Reginald Boston and was then followed by a chanting of the Lord's Prayer. Afterwards Rev. Robert C. Lane invited all those who were not members of the church to become disciples. A second offering was then taken.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

The main and closing event of the worship service was the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Bishop Murph and the leading elders and deacons began the celebration. Clothed in their robes, the ministers kneeled before the altar, prayed and took communion. The conference recessed until 3 p.m.

At the afternoon session, delegates to the General Conference were elected. They are Rev. John M. Cox; Rev. W. P. Mitchell; Rev. W. E. Moseley; Rev. F. G. James; Rev. R. Boston; Rev. W. L. Hildebrand and Rev. N. E. Blackston.

Alternates are Rev. Fred Jones Jr; Rev. W. P. Jones; Rev. R. P. Hall; Rev. Ed Wilson; Rev. W. K. Woods; Rev. Leo Anderson and Rev. David Offutt.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

Other highlights of the conference included an Evangelistic Service and Men's Night on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

On Wednesday, April 23, at noon, the conference received a message from one of the visiting bishops.

**YOUTH NIGHT**

Bethel Church was packed at 7:30 Wednesday night when the young members of the congregation presented "Youth On Parade", an evening of music and pageantry.

The young people danced, sang and performed for the conference and visitors. Among the songs sung was a composition, "Moses, Moses" an original composition by Arthur Camper. Camper is also reporter for the church.

**ORDINATION SERVICE**

At noon Thursday four itinerant deacons, four local deacons, two itinerant elders and one local elder were ordained. They are:

Rev. William Allen Quickley--Itinerant Deacon
Rev. Henry L. Demby -- Itinerant Deacon
Rev. William Douglass Maker Itinerant Deacon
Rev. Robert Edward Bailey Itinerant Deacon
--Itinerant Deacon
Rev. Mrs. Helen Elizabeth Butler--Local Deacon
Rev. Mrs. Lanie Benn Matthews--Local Deacon
Rev. Harold McFadden--Itinerant Elder
Rev. Elmer O. Wheeler--Itinerant Elder
Rev. Mrs. Violet V. Garnett--Local Elder

**NIGHT IN WHITE**

A candle lighting service was performed by the missionary ladies of the church on Thursday night. The ladies were dressed in white gowns.

**CONFERENCE WORKERS**

A noon service by the Conference Workers was held today and at 3:30 p.m. this afternoon the laymen present their own special service called "Laymen's Hour".

**HOST CHURCH**

The history of Bethel AME Church and that of the Baltimore Annual Conference have been entwined since the first conference in April 1817.

That first conference, which was held at Bethel, came only a year after the organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church at its first conference in Philadelphia in April 1816.

But "Mother Bethel" was around much longer than that. She began as the "Free African Society", organized in 1785. A small group banned together to hold prayer meetings and class meetings in homes.

In 1797, she became Bethel Church of Baltimore and later part of the AME Church in 1816. In 1910, she moved to her present location at Druid Hill Ave. and Lanvale St.

Through the years, she has led not only in worship but in community development as well. The first Denominational Hymal was produced at Bethel. The first private school in Baltimore for "colored people" was established in Bethel by Rev. George Watkins and John Watkins, who served as principal.

The AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper has its beginnings in Bethel at the hands of the late John H Murphy Sr.

Bethel was also the first black church to install a mandolin.

**OTHER CHURCHES**

Other churches and institutions have also been born at Bethel. Under the direction of Dr. John Hurst, the church purchased a house at the corner of Lexington and Aisquith Sts., and established an "Old Folks Home".

On July 11, 1881, under the direction of Rev. Levi J. Coppin, the church purchased church and parsonage property known as Strawbridge Church for the sum of $22,000. The property became Trinity AME Church.

In 1897 Bishop James A. Handy requested Bethel to purchase property on the corner of Calhoun St. and Patterson Ave. for $35,000. That property became Payne Memorial AME Church.

Over 50 ministers have served at Bethel through the years. Among them, sixteen pastors who were later elevated to the Bishopric. The most recent being Bishop Frank M. Reid in 1972.

Indeed, "Mother Bethel", has led a life steeped in the history of the black community and its children. Even better, she continues to move on.

# —No word

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open the doors of the educational system and let the people in. Dr. Patterson was the man to unlock the doors so parents and citizens could now see in all the hidden passages and search out all of the termites and seek them out."

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Mrs. Hines asked that the board use community input in determining the evaluation of the superintendent. She strongly urged that if the board did not act to do so, that it make public prior to the initiation of the evaluation, the criteria used to determine the evaluation.

Commissioner Grover McCrea, one of the board's more outspoken members stated, "I feel I should make my position clear on any matter I'm engaged in of an evaluation of any particular individual.

"I will not be pressured by anything anyone has to say other than what is factual. Any evaluation will be based on the fact that I can deal with anything I have to deal with."

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During other board action, David E. Sloan made a report that he had met with members of the Forest Park High community who determined that the school was in need of nearly $500,000 in repairs.

He stated, "Those repairs have been approved and will begin as soon as possible. A verification of this was the recent visit by Mayor Schaefer to tour the school."

Parents in that community had previously come before the board to complain of needed repairs such as a leaky roof, falling plaster and run-down toilet facilities.

They had threatened to boycott the school next fall if repairs were not made.

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The board approved an amendment to the desegregation plan for Dunbar High School which was designated as a city-wide school.

The amendment called for the changing of the general average of admission of students from 70 to 75 and that the school institute a college preparatory curriculum, offering the "A" course in grades 9 through 12. This is the first time the school has had such a program.

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# —Future dimmed

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Mrs. Harris' own husband, Russell Alexander Horn Sr., died in 1967 of lung cancer. Frank's illness has been a deep blow to her and her other children, Russell Alexander Jr., 21, and Bernadetta, 17.

"The whole family is just shocked ... just shocked ... just hurt."

# Mine workers union nixes KKK members

WASHINGTON (UPI) — United Mine Workers vice president Mike Trbovich said the Ku Klux Klan "preaches hatred between people" and that any union member who joins the KKK will be expelled.

Trbovich was responding to recent reports that some miners have taken part in Klan efforts to recruit new members in West Virginia.

He said the Union's constitution says that any member accepting membership in the KKK "shall be expeled and permanently disbarred" from holding any UMW office.

"When a person becomes a member of the United Mine Workers of America he takes a solemn oath never to wrong a brother or see a brother wronged," Trbovich said.

"No man who takes that oath in good faith can also belong to an organization like the Klan that praches hatred between people and inequality among Americans," he said.

Trbovich added: "The Klan is an organization based on hatred and fear and opposition to the Constitution of the United States and of the United Mine Workers of America. We have no use for it or its members."




The state of the nation's economy today is a big question mark in the minds of many.

Some see it as a bona fide depression. A hungry period, harking back to the bleak times of the early 30's.

Others, more optimistic, are calling it a recession. A necessary period of economic adjustment, to squash the upward spiral of inflation.

Nobody, however, is telling it like it is. Telling it as a time of reassessment. A reassessment of lifestyles. Of values. Because today's economy is truly a time that's touching everyone. Blacks and whites alike.

But you know, maybe this is a time of opportunity, especially for Blacks.

An opportunity to look at a lot of things we give lip service to, then often overlook as we go our merry ways.

Things like, what can we do now to prepare ourselves for better tomorrows, for better security for all of us.

One bright answer to that is simply to work harder to encourage our people to arm themselves right now with better educations and skills. Both of which will enable us to compete for jobs on a firmer footing, when the employment picture clears up.

Another thing we can do is look sharply at our lists of priorities. Is a big, new car really that important? Or being one of the ten best dressed?

Or, do troubled times teach us to save money for future comforts—and maybe spend a little now to help less fortunate Brothers and Sisters?

Maybe it's time for us to turn the bad times into good times. For ourselves.

And for others.

*Joe Black*
Vice President
The Greyhound Corporation

# —Mrs. Carr

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and individuals numbering the hundreds.

Further, Mrs. Carr extended her unselfishness into the entire community. She made herself active wherever she saw a need for help.

During World War II, "Mother Dear," as she was fondly known) concerned herself with civilian defense activities.

She was a block captain of the Civilian Mobilization committee and a senior hostess and member of the Red Cross and Breakfast Committee of the USO.

Of the many awards citing her humanitarian works, she was most proud of the one she received from the White House and signed by President Harry Truman, thanking her for "selfless service in your country's need as a volunteer worker for the Office of Price Administration."

But, it was one of many awards and citations she was to receive in the ensuing years.

There ware numerous awards from the AME Church.

Others include citations from the American Red Cross, the United States Citizens Service Corps, the Young Women's Christian Association, A certificate of Honor as an honorable mention award in the AFRO-American Ideal Mother Contest of 1954.

Mrs. Carr was a member of Calvary Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star of which she was a Past Worthy Matron.

After her installation to the Board of Trustees, the Rev. Walter Hildebrand asked "Mother Dear Carr" for a few words. She said, "No matter what disruptive powers, are at work, stick with your church."

# —Allenwood

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block brick painted in such flowerful colors as green, orange and blue.

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Dale Anderson began this week his five-year sentence for charges of corruption. He was chief executive of Baltimore County and once the head of one of the most powerful political machines in Maryland.

Formerly the chief executive of Anne Arundel County, one of the largest and affluential counties in Maryland, Joseph W. Alton began his sentence earlier this year.

Also confined at Allenwood are Allen Green, a Baltimore area contractor and conspirator in Nixon's Watergate.

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# New McKeldin center, Morgan's living room

By Portia Badham

Official opening of the new McKeldin College Center at Morgan State College was marked Thursday morning by the presentation of the keys to Dr. Thomas P. Fraser, interim president.

Thomas Gaudreau, architect, gave the keys to Keith A. Kelly, director of Engineering and Construction who then passed them on to Dr. Fraser.

Dr. Fraser, interim president since July, 1974 when Dr. King V. Cheek resigned, stated, "The center will serve as the nucleus of student life on the campus. What was once a student union has now transformed into a handsome and functional college center."

Named after the late Theodore R. McKeldin who served as Maryland governor for two terms beginning in 1951, the center replaces the McKeldin Student Union built in 1958 and serves as a fellowship, recreational and informal meeting place for the college and community.

It was built at a cost of $3.2 million and occupies a total of 69,000 square feet. There are four levels completely surrounded with large picturesque windows.

Mr. McKeldin's son, Theodore R. McKeldin Jr. gave a brief address. He stated, "This new center is testament that my father's work and ideals have not gone unrealized."

Speaking in the center's fourth floor ballroom before some 100 students, administrators and teachers, Michael A. Winder, director of the center stated, "This is Morgan's living room.

"We hope this center will be of every possible assistance to the entire Morgan family."

Frank A. DeCosta Jr., member of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland State Colleges, presided during the opening ceremonies which were highlighted by musical selections from the Morgan Singers.

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A 1970 law allows restoration of compensation and pension benefits to widows of veterans whose remarriages end in death or divorce, the Veterans Administration reminded recently.

# Douglass supports pension reforms

Del. John W. Douglass (D-45), chairman of the Legislature's Joint Budget and Audit Committee and an unannounced candidate for city comptroller, revealed today his support of reforms in the city's pension system proposed by four city unions.

Douglass, who serves on the House Appropriations Committee and has played a key role over the past four years in implementing reforms in the state's pension system, said he was particularly disturbed several years ago when he learned that the city had no vesting provisions.

He indicated that he and several other members of the Appropriations Committee had toyed with the idea last year of enacting state laws mandating a maximum year ceiling on vesting rights that would apply to all subdivisions including Baltimore City.

Douglass said he would support a phase down of vesting rights from the present 30 years to an eventual five years.

He suggested that the initial phase down during this year be from the present 30 years to 20 years and estimated the first year cost of 1.5 million dollars.

Douglass lists a whole series of pension reforms that he had played a key role in implementing during his five years in the Legislature:

1. A reduction in the vesting rights from 15 to five years.

2. A reduction in the employee's retirement contribution rate from as high as 8 per cent to a flat 5 per cent.

3. A provision that allows for 50 per cent write-up in the retirement fund to be applied to increased employee benefits.

4. A change in the formula for calculating retirement benefits from 1/60 to 1/55 (approx. a 9 per cent increase in benefit)

5. Full retirement benefits after 30 years service regardless of age.

6. Cost of living adjustment for retirees geared to consumer price index

7. Crediting of unused sick leave toward early retirement.

8. Military service credit for retirement up to five years.

9. Death benefit increase from 50 per cent average final salary to one year's current salary.

# *Wife says husband committed adultery*

Mrs. Walter Chambers has been granted a divorce from her husband Walter Chambers Jr., 52. Judge Robert B. Watts signed the decree April 17.

Court records state Mrs. Chambers, 51, stated her husband committed adultery. Mrs. [illegible]s is employed a a nurse.

The couple was married Dec. 25, 1942 and separated September, 1974.

According to records filed in Circuit Court, the wife claims her husband's relatives told her Mr. Chambers was "living in an apartment uptown with another woman."

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Mrs. Chambers stated she was "a faithful wife."

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