FOUR DAYS OF FRIENDSHIP — Participants in the five-day National Association of Black Social Workers 8th annual conference are sharing experiences, rich and worthwhile and at the same time steadily achieving the goals of the conference. In the first panel Miss Jane Banks and Miss Loretta Henderson, all of Oakland, Calif.; are seen buying some of the exhibits while the second panel shows Miss Theresa Weldon of Philadelphia, Pa., thrilled during a conversation between her, Frederico Danson of Washington, D.C., and Miss Bettie Mack of Hartford, Conn. Edward R. Coker of Dayton, Ohio and James Madry of Buffalo, N.Y., take their problems to the blackboard, in the final panel. The conference ends Saturday night.

AFRO staff photo by Benny Phillips

Mitchell to address closing session of NABSW

The 8th annual conference of the National Association of Black Social Workers, Inc. entered its fourth day Friday (today) with many important projects scheduled for the day.

Among major programs is an election of officers and a conference dance to entertain participants. The conference ends tomorrow with closing remarks by Cong. Parren Mitchell.

Ms. Ursula Cain, publicity chairman of the local branch of the association told the AFRO so far the conference has been successful. She said participants have shown great enthusiasm and praised speakers who have taken time off to share their views.

In a speech expected to be delivered at the closing session Saturday, Mr. Mitchell is expected to charge that the official national policy of fighting inflation results in blacks and the poor being treated as expendable items in the nation's fight against its economic problems.

"To maintain a high rate of unemployment in order to fight inflation," Mitchell said, "means that we are taking the position that blacks must live with all of the horrors of massive unemployment for years to come ... it means that we are expendable items in the nation's economic system.

The Maryland lawmaker will also attack the defense budget as being totally indefensible, unconscionable and unrealistic.

"To the extent we support almost 144 billion dollars for defense, we rob the nation's domestic program of the precise time in history when our people need the most help from their government.

"Approval of a bloated defense budget and a denial of human resources programs means that this nation places a higher priority on gunpowder than it does on people power."

Mitchell will also be equally critical of the resurgence of racism in a new form in America.

"For at least five years I have spoken about the new racism which I call "velvet racism," but no one listened; now that the experts have identified "symbolic racism" (which is the same as "velvet racism") perhaps someone will listen and take heed."

Cautioning that government of all levels is in the process of abandoning the masses of black people, Mitchell will urge the social workers to take action on three fronts.

"We must let the nation know that the masses of black people cannot and will not live without jobs forever and therefore we should initiate massive demonstrations for full employment in every major city, and you (social workers) must help to organize these demonstrations."

Mitchell will advise that since governmental abandonment of the masses of black people is underway, it is the responsibility of black "haves" to protect the welfare of black "have nots."

"If we can tithe for our churches, our sororities and fraternities, surely we can give just 1 per cent of our individual annual incomes to our brothers and sisters," he said.

What's taking place in school, on campus

Approximatly 3,600 persons attended the two day performance of "The Pajama Game" given by Western High School March 26 and 27.

More than 250 students participated in the production and as a result $4,000 was raised to provide scholarships for graduating seniors and to purchase equipment needed to implement school programs.

FINAL MEETING

The Parent-Teacher-Student Association of Southern Sr. High School, 201 Warren Ave., will hold its final meeting of the school year Thursday, April 22.

Elections of P.T.A. officers for next year are scheduled and refreshments will be served. There will also be parent-teacher conferences.

BOARD APPOINTMENT

Ms. Francia Feikin has been appointed by Mayor Schaefer to the Board of Trustees of the Community College of Baltimore.

Ms. Feikin was named one of the Oustanding Young Women of America in 1972. She is the assistant director of adveritising and public relations for the JF theaters.

OPEN HOUSE

High school juniors, their parents and school counselors have been invited to an Open house at the Union Memorial Hospitals School of Nursing on Tuesday, April 20 at 1:30 p.m.

There will be information provided on the school, with tours and an opportunity for the guests to meet the school faculty and students.

For information call 235-7200 x 2648.

Skating Fun

The Easter Skating Spectacular, offering free skating fun to citizens in the area, continues tomorrow. Saturday from 10:a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Herring Run Recreation Center, 6001 Sinclair Lane.

Presented by the Mayor's office of Special Projects, the event was held Monday at Patterson Park; Tuesday and Wednesday at Madison Square Recreation Center and Thursday at Carroll Park Recreation Center.

Repeat Performance

Miss Elice Frisby, producer of the Howard Elementary School's dance version of the "Wiz", applauded all those persons that were involved in the production.

So pleased was she, that she intends to repeat the performance for the community sometime in May.

Mrs. Curry named library's new co-director

The Board of Trustees of the Enoch Pratt Free Library has announced the appointment of Mrs. Anna Curry as its new assistant director.

Mrs. Curry of the 3700 block Dorchester Rd. is currently regional librarian for Region I. She will officially move into her new office on May 3.

A graduate of Dunbar Hith School, Mrs. Curry became a part of Enoch Pratt since 1959. She received her BS degree from Morgan State and her masters from Atlanta University. She also attended the University of Maryland, the University of Illinois and Johns Hopkins University.

A contributor for several publications, Mrs. Curry was born in Baltimore. She is married and has a 10-year-old daughter named Auntonia.

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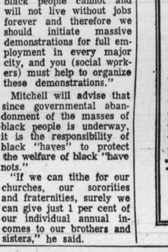

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Cong. Mitchell seeks tax break for apartment renters

Rep. Parren J. Mitchell (D-Md.) has announced he is co-sponsoring a Bill in the House that would allow apartment renters to deduct from federal income taxes the portion of local property taxes included in their rent.

"Deadline for filing federal tax returns is a sad reminder to me that the 36 per cent of Americans living in rental dwellings are treated as second-class citizens in the U.S. Tax Code," stated Mitchell.

Under current law, the landlord claims tax deduction for local property taxes actually paid by tenants as part of their monthly rent. The Mitchell Bill would have landlords tell tenants in their lease what portion of the rent is their share of the property tax, based on the size and value of their apartment.

"The Bill provides tax equity to tenants by recongizing the economic fact of life that they are the ones who pay the tax, and they are the ones who should be entitled to claim the deduction on their federal taxes," the Maryland lawmaker said.

Cong. Mitchell called for prompt action on the Bill by the Ways and Means Committee, noting that an increasing number of people are being forced to live in rental property because inflation has pushed the cost of home ownership beyond their budget.

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"Home ownership for the young, middle aged and the elderly is becoming an increasingly distant reality. In urban areas, such as Baltimore, as many as 50 percent of the people live in rental units. The time has come to correct tax inequity that penalizes a significant and growing segment of our population."

Mitchell McKnight, 68, was deacon at Mt. Moriah

Services were held Wednesday at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church for Dsan Mitchell McKnight of 1920 N. Monroe St. He is buried in Maryland National Park.

Deacon McKnight died last Sunday in his home after an extended illness. He was 68.

Born March 4, 1908 in Ackins, Ga., the son of the late John and Mrs. Emily McKnight, Mr. McKnight attended public schools in Waycross, Ga.

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He was deacon at Mt. Moriah and also a member of the Elijah Club. Mr. McKnight was employed at Bethlehem Steel until illness forced him to retire in 1970

According to relatives, Mr McKnight enjoyed boating and bowling. He was ready to help those who needed help and was active in the church and the neighborhood.

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Deacon McKnight is survived by his widow, Mrs. Bertha McKnight; his four children, Mrs. Marie Robinson, Miss Dorothy McKnight, Miss Ivory and Nathaniel Tucker; step-father and step-mother, Otis and Mrs. Annebelle Hill of Waycross, Ga. five sisters; one brother and a host of grandchildren.

Mrs. Margarie Sheffey, 60, worked 28 years in city schools

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church for Mrs. Margarie Talbot Sheffey of 4511 Forest Park Ave. She is buried in Arbutus Memorial Park.

Mrs. Sheffey, a retired teacher in the city schools, died last Sunday at the John L. Deaton Medical Center after a six-month illness.

Born in Baltimore on June 24, 1915, the daughter of the late Amos and Mrs. Bertha Talbot, Mrs. Sheffey attended the area public schools and was graduated from Morgan State with a BA degree in art.

She did graduate work at Howard University, the Philadelphia Museum of Industrial Arts and Columbia University.

She was a member of Bethel AME Church until 1967 when she joined Madison Ave. Presbyterian.

Mrs. Sheffey taught art on the junior and senior high school level until her retirement in 1974. However, according to relatives, she continued her interest in interior decorating and other community activities.

Among her many community activities were the arts and crafts program at the church's Sunday school; her participation in the YWCA membership drive; her involvement in the Quettes Club, 25 years with the Northwest Club and numerable charitable organizations.

Mrs. Sheffey is survived by her widower, Powell B. Sheffey, her daughter, Mrs. Carol S. Parham, one granddaughter, Miss Julie T. Parham; a son-in-law, William N. Parham Jr.; three sten children and several brothers.

Morgan State concludes heritage lecture series

The Morgan State University Bicentennial Heritage Series will conclude this semester's exploration of the Afro-American Heritage with two May presentations.

On May 4, Prof. Kenneth B. Clark of the City University of New York, author of "Dark Ghetto; Dilemas of Social Power," and an authority on race relations and prejudice, will discuss "The Effect of Integration on Education."

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The topic of the final program on May 11th (please note change) is "Two Views of the Afro-American Experience — the Political Scientist and the Historian." G. James Fleming, television commentator, journalist and Emeritus Professor of the Morgan State University Political Science Department, will reflect on the course of "Black Politics from 1876 to 1965."

George Sinkler, professor of History at Morgan, the author of "The Racial Views of the Presidents," will concentrate on a discussion of "Heritage 1876: The First Decade of Freedom."

This program, coordinated by the Morgan History Department, is being presented as a series of free weekly lectures that may be taken for credit by undergraduates.

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All lectures begin at 6 p.m. and are held in Jenkins 109. Tickets to each session are available in the History Department, Holmes 103 or call 833-3190 for further information.

The series will resume in August in 1976 and continue until December. Future programs will explore the Bicentennial Horizon — the contemporary Afro-American experience in politics, the arts, the popular media and education.

HONORARY CO-CHAIRMEN of the Baltimore Ride-A-Bike for the Retarded Day recently were Coach Earl Banks, Morgan State University athletic director and Cong. Pikul S. Sarbanes. The Rev. Joseph L. Forrester 3rd., assistant rector of St. James Episcopal Church delivered the invocation and prayer. More than 1,200 persons, mostly young people, braved a constant rain and chilled breezes to ride the 25-mile route expected to raise money for the retarded.

Divorces filed

Susan A. Sader vs. Richard J. Sadder; Dolores E. Marzullo vs. John J. Marzullo; Milred Veale vs. John T. Veale;

Doris Jewell vs. Porter J. Jewell; Clarence A. Jeter vs. Jacqueline D. Jeter vs. Jacqueline D. vs. Ruth E. Burton; Jimmy Williams vs. Berlene Williams; Earl L. Bright vs. Essie T. Bright; Howard Gibson vs. Olivia Gibson.

Divorces granted

Pauline S. Hicks from Sidney J. Hicks; Milton Dorsey from Mary E. Dorsey; Richard Tisdale from Juanita Tisdale;

Lillian J. Sawyer from Ralph E. Sawyer; Linda S. Rider from Freddie L. Rider; Charles Campbell from Bertha Campbell;

Rosetta Rudolph from James W. Rudolph; Parran Ruffin from Elysie Ruffin;

Willie L. Taylor from Lucille O. Taylor; Olga Freiman from George Freiman; Mary A. McLeod from Donald McLeod.

Criminal Court docket

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Hand Gun Violation — Reginald L. Robinson, plea of guilty 2 years imprisonment, suspended 1 year probation.

Attempted Robbery — Reginald L. Robinson, nolle prosequi.

Robbery With a Deadly Weapon — Anthony Busby, plea of guilty 7th count, 18 months imprisonment, suspended 2 years probation.

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Violation of probation — Raymond McCorrall, probation continued.

Forgery — Percy Wilson, guilty, held sub curia pending pre-sentence report.

Traffic Violation — Lawrence D. Alexander, guilty, $100 fine.

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Narcotics Violation — Larry Rosinsky, guilty, held sub curia pending pre-sentence report; George L. Oliver, stet.

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