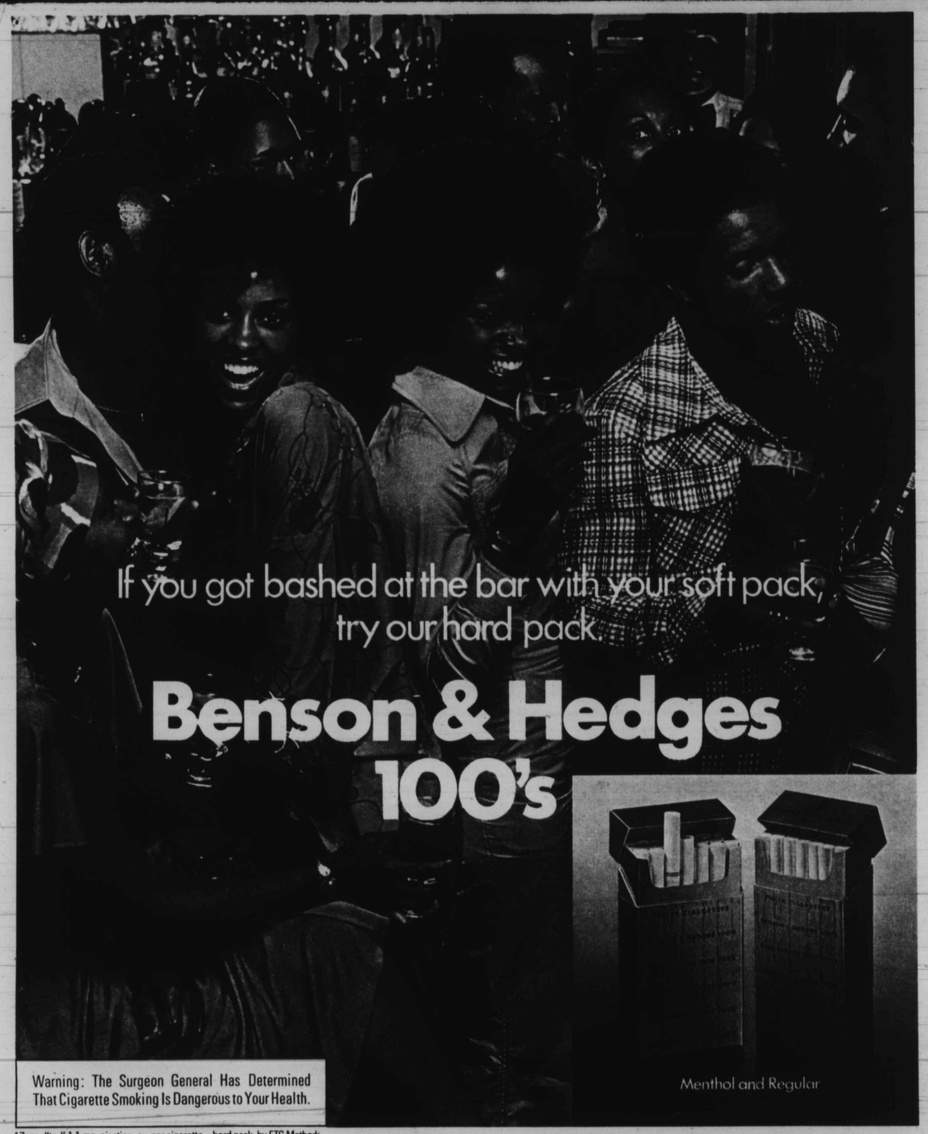

Clergymen say the Creator made Mars, helped man to land there

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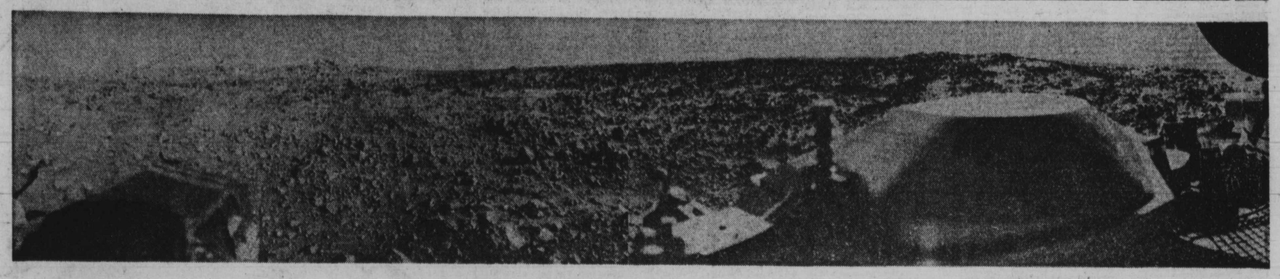

BEYOND IMAGINATION — This is an actual photo made by Viking on Mars this week. The main purpose of NASA's Viking Project which landed on Mars at 8:12 a.m. Tuesday, July 20, 1976, is to determine if there is life on the planet which is 248 million miles from earth. If indeed there is life, NASA says it will take many weeks to study data Viking is recording such as the UPI photo (above) sent back Wednesday. Meantime, Earth's human beings wait breathlessly with imaginations going wild as to the intellect and form of creatures that could be found. Sermons will be preached around it as we wait to see if all our Biblical, literary and poetical theories on mankind will be exploded.

CLERGY UNMOVED

Mars is part of Creator's universe

(For more Mars stories see inside)

By Bryan D. Holt

As exploration of the universe continues to make gigantic leaps forward, many religious scholars find themselves having to take a second look at their beliefs.

With the July 20 successful landing on Mars, and as the Viking craft gives mankind information, the kind we thought we would never receive, believers in religious circles can be expected to make some revisions.

Within our immediate Christian community, however, clergymen are standing like "trees planted by the waters," refusing to be moved. Local clerics even applaud the accomplishments made by the National Aeronautics Space Agency (NASA).

Even the prospect of life on Mars fails to sway these messengers who carry the good news of the Creator of the Universe.

The AFRO spoke with ministers representing a variety of denominations this week.

Here are some of the responses when we asked what they think of the Martian expedition and what effects it could have on the Christian doctrine.

DR. C. C. ALEXANDER, pastor of Eastside Baptist Church said, "I honestly haven't given it any serious thought, but if there is life on Mars, I see it as just another discovery which God has allowed man to make.

"His creation has much greater magnitude than we usually think it to have. The Bible doesn't give any limitations as to how far man can go in his discoveries. I see the whole space mission within the context of Jesus Christ's promise that man would do greater things than even He did (John 14:12)."

President of the Baptist Missionary Convention, Dr. Alexander warns Christians against being "tossed about" by new doctrines should life be discovered on Mars.

He told the AFRO, "I would not be so closeminded, in this day and time, to think that such a discovery would change Christian beliefs at all.

"We shouldn't be so

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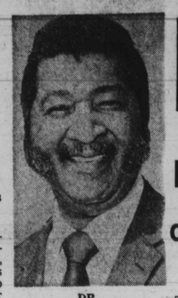
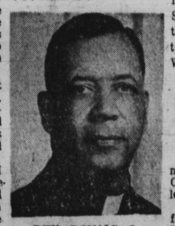


DR. C. C. ALEXANDER
"The Bible doesn't give any limitations."

REV. ROOSEVELT A. LUNN
"Heaven and earth may pass away, but my word stands."

REV. WALTER M. WARNER
"He fills the whole universe . . . Mars also"



REV. DONALD O WILSON
"I hope there is life on Mars."

Runaway girl found dead

Billingsley welcomes any investigation

By Clarence W. Hunter

Dr. Andrew Billingsley says he has no qualms about an investigation of his actions as president of Morgan State University but questions the need for outsiders to be brought into the picture by the Board of Regents.

The nationally respected educator also expressed appreciation over the fact that supporters of the university who have sharply increased their private contributions during his leadership by continuing to strongly back the institution in the face of claims made against him.

In an AFRO interview, Dr. Billingsley said he had made some mistakes but is certain an investigation of charges alleging misconduct will result in a clean bill of health for his administration.

Billingsley's statement was in reference to the board decision Wednesday to ask the American Council on Education and the American Association of State Colleges and Universities to provide it with a list of persons that could be used as members of a panel to investigate those charges.

The board also voted 5 to 2 with one abstinence in favor of postponing in-

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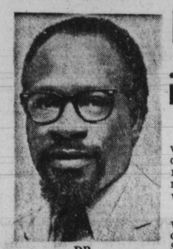

DR. ANDREW BILLIINGSLEY

Case closed

Kenneth O. Wilson, chairman of the board of the Morgan State University Founration Inc., said this week the board has given Dr. Andrew T. Billingsley, the president, a vote of confidence and supports his administration.

Further, Mr. Wilson reveals an audit of funds is satisfactory and there is no cause for the board to be concerned with the media's negative reports.

Mr. Wilson adds as far as the incidents are con-

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KENNETH O. WILSON
Morgan Foundation head

Body found by workmen in Patapsco State Park

Police are still investigating the "suspicious death" of a 16-year-old runaway girl who had been missing from home for a week.

Howard County police reveal a trash collection crew working in Patapsco State Park on Route 40 West, discovered the body of Miss Audrey Ann Singleton July 19 at 10:57 a.m.

Police state Miss Singleton, of the 900 block Argyle Ave. was found in a drainage culvert.

Relatives said she had moved from home and was residing with someone else at an unknown address.

At AFRO presstime, a spokesman for the medical examiner's office said, "The cause of death is still pending. We will have to wait until we receive the results from the test."

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Mrs. Margie White told the AFRO, "The last time I saw her was last Thursday when she came to visit me and she seemed to be doing fine."

Miss Singleton formerly attended Booker T. Washington Junior High School, the mother said.

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The family will receive friends today (Friday) 7 p.m. at City Temple Baptist Church. Funeral services will be held 7:30 tonight at the church, Dolphin and Eutaw Place where the Rev. William W. Payne is pastor.

Police report there were no signs of external violence. Police said Miss Singleton was fully dressed, wearing blue jeans, a maroon top and sandals.

Police believe Miss Singleton had been dead for several hours before she was found. When the men discovered her body, police said she was bleeding from the nose and ears.

In addition to her mother, Miss Singleton is survived by her stepfather, John White; three sisters, Misses Denise, Jennifer and Joan White.

MISS AUDREY A. SINGLETON
dead at age 16

Let it rain

It rained Thursday, July 15, St. Swithin's day and according to legend, it will rain 40 days hence.

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According to weather prophets, each day will contain a few drops each evening through July at least and maybe August. Should the legend hold true, the wet spell will extend through Aug. 24. Watch and see.

BISHOP SMALLWOOD E. WILLIAMS is the presiding bishop at the 19th annual convocation of the Bible Way Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ Worldwide Inc.

DELEGATES FROM 21 STATES

3,000 here for Bible Way convention

The 19th annual convocation of Bible Way Churches World Wide will continue today (Friday) at the Hilton Hotel, 101 W. Fayette St. with over 3,000 members from 21 states attending.

Theme for the convention which opened July 19 is "From the Bicentennial to the Millennium, it's Christ or Chaos."

Services, workshops and business sessions are held all this week at the hotel with special services each night at First Apostolic Faith Church, 27 S. Caroline St.

Bishop W. A. Showell is the host pastor at the Caroline St. Church.

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Presiding bishop is Bishop S. E. Williams. Bishop Robert McMurray, of Los Angeles, Calif. will speak today (Friday) and Saturday, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Workshops, seminars and clinics are scheduled for Saturday at the Hilton Hotel. Participants are Theodore Myers, Columbia, S.C.; Bishop Hule Rogers, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Ms. Betty Showell, Baltimore; Bishop Lawrence G. Campbell, Danville, Va.; Rev. Meanza Ford, Cleveland, Ohio; Elder James Nichols, Cleveland, Ohio.

Services will be held Sunday at First Apostolic Faith Church.

The Bible Way Church Of Our Lord Jesus Christ World Wide, was born out of a National Pentecostal Ministerial Conference Sept. 25, 1957 in Washington, D.C. led by Baltimore's Bishop Winfield Showell, James L. Clark, Elder Joseph Moore, Doctors S. Williams, John S. Beane, McKinley Williams and others.

Historically, the spiritual roots of the Bible Way Church Of Our Lord Jesus Christ World Wide, go back to the first century, A.D. 33, in the Upper Room at Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost, about 9 a.m. the third hour of that memorable feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the Christian church.

Bible Way Churches Of Our Lord Jesus Christ are in 48 states and several foreign countries for the

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10,000 names in, 'insurance' sought

It's "insurance" time now for the City Jobs for City Residents drive to collect 10,000 signatures.

That was the word today from City Councilman Emerson R. Julian and Mrs. Erla McKinnon, chairman of the signature push by the Baltimore Metropolitan Committee, Inc.

Throughout the weekend an effort will be made to collect as many signatures above the required 10,000 as possible to insure that should any be found invalid the count won't fall short.

As part of the weekend drive, Dr. Julian announced that any voter who still wishes to sign one of the petitions may come by his office at 2329 Arunah Ave. at Wheeler between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Julian, sponsor of the charter change proposal, also said that anyone representing a group holding a meeting over the weekend may call him and he will bring by petition forms to collect signatures.

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Dr. Julian may be called at 945-6685 or 233-8227 and Mrs. McKinnon may be reached at 383-9281.

They both strongly urge persons who still have petitions with names on them to turn them in so there will be no chance the City Jobs for City Residents issue won't be on the ballot in November.

The Julian proposal calls for municipal employes hired after Jan. 1, 1977 to be residents of Baltimore City.

Many major cities with heavy financial burdens are moving to this kind of a proposal and a number already have residency laws.

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Studies made here by Del. John Douglass and Dr. Chandler Cleveland show such a change in the city's hiring policies will positively impact on the tax rate and the growth of private sector employment in the city.

The Julian proposal did not get much attention in City Council but it has had broad support from voters

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Backers of the drive expect to wage a citywide campaign for voter approval of the charter change in November.

Presently Baltimore has a preference hiring provision that favors city resi-

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Vance quits, silent on new job

By Clarence W. Hunter

Dr. Paul L. Vance confirmed several weeks of rumors this week by stating that he has resigned his post as deputy superintendent for executive matters for the city school system.

In an exclusive interview, Dr. Vance told the AFRO that although no date had been fixed as to the termination of his services, he intends to use his cumulative vacation leave beginning Aug. 31.

When asked whether he was going to continue in education or if he had accepted a new position, Vance replied "no comment" but added his new post, whatever it was, would be "consistent with the level and status I presently hold.

"My chances are extremely excellent," he said.

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In stating his reasons for resigning, Dr. Vance, who has been with the school system since 1973, stated that his position was only a two-year assignment and that it was time to "move on."

"It was understood when I came on board that my assignment was only for two years," he stated.

Vance told the AFRO he felt it would have been "professionally irresponsible" if he had left to accept several positions offered to him at the time. He said he kept his post due to the Patterson hearings, a successful opening

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DR. PAUL L. VANCE

Booker T. Bumble.

Mr. Bumble's Trashball Contest

You can win cash prizes in the AFRO's Mr. Bumble Trashball Contest as part of the 42nd Annual AFRO Clean Block Campaign.

The theme of the contest is "If it doesn't move, pick it up."

There are $1 winners every week. Anyone may enter. See full details on the Clean Block Page inside.

Grand prize is $25; $15 second and $10, third. Hurry. Contest closes Aug. 15.

Bicen Bits

Congress ratified the 14th Amendment, granting citizenship to black persons on this day Friday, July 23, 1868. Also on this day in 1963, the U.S. Justice Department filed suit against the Ku Klux Klan for blocking desegregation efforts in Crenshaw County, Ala.

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