—City Jail termed

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Wertz, who was recently appointed Gov. Mandel's new top level prisons advisor said he would like to ee a ceiling placed on the number of state inmates. He also pointed out that he wants the problem eased within a week.

Gary Bassford, Wertz's assistant, told the AFRO that several temporary solutions are presently being considered.

One possibility, he explained would be to cut down the maximum time for supervised parole to two years, making it possible to parole more prisoners and create additional space.

Another possibility being investigated Bassford pointed out, was one inmate in, one inmate out situation.

However Bassford told the AFRO that any solution takes time to implement.

He stated that Wertz is also looking for a suitable location for the prison ship currently under consideration by the state.

Chief Judge Anselm Sodaro of the Superme Bench told the AFRO that he is heartened by the state's attitude but would play a waiting game to see what action Wertz will finally take.

Judge Sodaro, who had threatened several weeks ago to take legal action against the state to halt inmate buildup plan went on the jail tour earlier this week and found the situation "shocking and depressing."

While state officials try to find a olution to the population problem, jail officials cone with the problem the best way they can.

Major Smith told the AFRO the major problem seems to be housing the inmates.

He stated that at the present time the recreation rooms or "day room" used by the inmates in each section have been turned into dormitories housing 18 inmates. There are 22 sections.

Smith pointed out that the beds are only about three feet apart and the prisoners only have one toilet to share between them.

However Lt. Roland Merritt, head of the Receiving Diagnostic Classification Center (RDCC) paints somewhat a darker picture.

Lt. Merritt told the AFRO at the present time his section, which serves as the processing center for the jail, holds 280 inmates, 54 inmates over capacity.

He said in his RDCC section the inmates are ofhlysupposed to be in his section for two or three days, some are there close to three months.

Merritt told the AFRO he also has to use his day rooms to house the inmates. He stated his recreation rooms hold anywhere from 12 to 18 persons.

Merritt pointed out that the shocking difference between housing his inmates in the day rooms and housingthe inmates in the other sections is that only one of the four day rooms has a toilet.

"This presents a security risk late at night because there are only three guards on duty," he said.

He explained that if it was necessary two guards would be facing 16 prisoners to let one out.

Overcrowding in the City Jail has also shown in the laundry tally.

According to one laundry official over 4,000 sheets and 2,000 towels and wash cloths are done each day. He stated each inmate is given two sheets and a towel and wash cloth twice a week.

Food Services is also trying to cope with the overcrowded conditions.

According to Capt. Lee Countless, meals are served from 6:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. with only 45 minutes in between each meal for clean up.

Capt. Countess stated the breakfast hour ends about 9:30. He said in that three hour period all 2,000 prisoners are fed.

However, he pointed out that there is a constant flow of inmates. He explained it one stopped even to light a cigarette he was holding up the line. He said the same holds true for lunch and dinner.

Capt. William Darden, director of Food Services, told the AFRO he has to order a lot of food from the Bureau of Purchases to feed the 2,000 plus inmates.

Darden said most of the time it takes 500 pounds of meat, 900 pounds of cabbage, 500 pounds of lettuce and 200 pounds of potatoes for stews to feed the inmates during the evening meals.

Darden also explained it took 350 dozen eggs, between 700 and 800 pounds of dehydrated potatoes for hash browns, 2,250 pastries, 200 large cans of vegetables and 70 gallons of ice cream to feed inmates during the other meals.

One inmate remarked that the sanitation conditions in the Cafeteria and the rest of the prison was so bad that one third of the inmates could get sick before anyone did anything about it.

However Major Smith disputes this. He stated there are inmate workers in each section who clean the sections daily.

Prisoners, he said, are allowed showers daily and there is a sick call once a week. He explained if there was anything seriously wrong with the prisoner he was taken to either City or Mercy Hospitals.

—Britain agrees

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a permanent future in this country.

"Only time will tell whether this is possible, but I don't believe Rhodesia can afford to mess around now. We want to get on with the task."

Crosland said that William Schaufele, U.S. State Department African Affairs expert, and Ted Rowlands, foreign office minister of state, will discuss the proposed conference arrangements with African and Rhodesian leaders. The officials are currently at independence anniversary celebrations in Botswana.

Smith has invited Rowlands to Salisbury for personal talks, but a spokesman for the foreign office said it had not yet been decided whether Rowlands will accept.

The "front-line" presidents of Black Africa insisted that Britain should take charge of the move to form an interim government because they rejected Smith's version of the Kissinger peace plan.

The stumbling blocks involve composition of the interim government and details of the constitutional conference.

UN SPEECH

Henry Kissinger, in what may be his last major address as secretary of state, spoke on the middle east and Africa before the UN General assembly, Thursday.

U.S. officials described Kissinger's UN speech as a major statement of U.S. foreign policy, with special emphasis on the Middle East and Africa.

It could be Kissinger's last major address as secretary of state, since he has said in the past he would prefer to leave the post next year regardless of whether President Ford is elected in November.

Regarding Southern Africa, Kissinger said negotiations remain on track on the Rhodesia question, despite some objections from black African leaders to a U.S. negotiated plan for majority rule within two years.

He said a constitutional conference on majority rule could possibly take place in Zambia, and that negotiations leading to independence for South-West Africa (Namibia) could be settled in several weeks.

He said Geneva was a likely spot for a conference on South-West Africa, which is now administered by South Africa.

On other subjects, Kissinger told Arab diplomats he believes condition are now ripe for "comprehensive solutions" in the Middle East, signaling an end to his step-by-step diplomacy in that part of the world.

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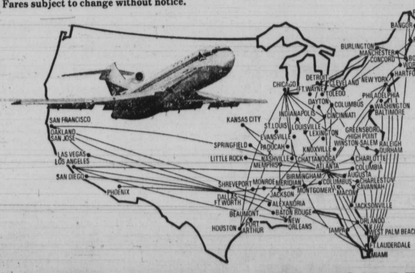

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About the business of education

By Clarence W. Hunter

The Sollers Point High School Alumni Association Inc., is still trying to recruit alumni in the Turner Station area despite the bad publicity about a pseudo alumni group.

If you are among the 3,000 graduates living in the Baltimore - Dundalk area and wish to become a member, memberships can be purchased for a year at $3.65, two years at $6, five years at $10 and for life at $50.

All payments can be sent to the Sollers Point High School Alumni Association Inc., P. O. Box 4243, Baltimore, Md. 21205.

ELEMENTARY WORKSHOPS

The Urban Life Population Education Institute of the city schools will sponsor the first two of four one day workshop sessions next Tuesday and Thursday ah the Church of the Redeemer, 5603 N. Charles St.

The workshop will have approximately 40 teachers from each elementary school and will focus on establishing population study materials for fifth and sixth grades. Each session will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and a free lunch will be provided.

For more information contact Lester McCrea at 383-6627 or 396-6624.

CONCERT SLATED

The first of three concerts sponsored by the city schools office of music and involving the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra will be held next Thursday at the Lyric Theater.

The special project, planned especially for junior high school students, will have visits by two of the symphony's young conductors and establish mutual respect between the conductor and the students .

FACE FACTS

Did you know that . . . Coppin State College is serving as the resident center for Madame N'Daye Fall, foreign curriculum consultant from Senegal, West Africa, for the 1976-77 school year. Madame Fall is a professor of English at Dakar University's Institute of Technology . . . A comprehensive evening program in paralegal studies is currently under way at the University of Maryland University College in downtown Baltimore . . . Marcus M. Rhoades Jr. and four other faculty members at the Johns Hopkins University have been promoted to associate professor . . . Alan V. Poulson, a graduate of Morgan State University was recently awarded his Master of Science degree in Library Science?

KAPLAN HONORED

Dr. Louis L. Kaplan, presently interim chancellor of the University of Maryland Baltimore County, was recently honored by the Board of Regents for almost 25 years of services to the university.

In ceremonies held on the UMBC campus, Dr. Kaplan was presented with two honorary plaques by R. Herbert Brown, chairman of the board.

SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Board of Regents of the University of Maryland has appointed 24 persons to head up the search committee to find a permanent chancellor for its Baltimore County campus.

Twenty-two of the 24 persons are from the UMBC campus faculty. Two persons are from the College Park campus and three are students, one on the graduate level and two on the undergraduate level.

The committee has been instructed to make a recommendation to the board no later than April 1, 1977.

NEW COURSE

A new course in Electric Code, taught by an experienced electrician, is being offered at the Mergenthaler Adult and Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m.

The cost of the course is free to Baltimore City residents, except for a $2.00 materials fee. There will be a tuition fee for county residents.

Registration is at the school or by calling 396-6496 on Tuesdays or Thursdays at 7 p.m. During the day call 396-6704.

MS. BELL TO SPEAK

Special guest speaker at the next monthly meeting of the Baltimore chapter of the NAACP will be Cynthia Bell, city school's Project Manager for the federally funded Peer Facilitator in the Guidance Process program. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday beginning 7:30 p.m., at the Forest Park Enoch Pratt Library, 3023 Garrison Blvd.

POLY FAMILY FAIR

The first annual Poly Family Fair will be held on Saturday, Oct. 9, from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the parking lot of the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute at the corner of Falls Rd., and West Cold Spring Lane.

Events will include crafts, food, games, music, and an auction, featuring Lee Case of WCBM, as the auctioneer. There will be competitions, games, rides, a raffle, a fire engine on display and the mayor's van, as well as Timmy the talking trash can. Music by "High Noon" and Poly Band. The public is invited.

LEARN TO SPEAK

Timothy Leary, controversial psychologist, educator and drug cult leader will speak on the American Culture Thursday at 8 p.m., in the Stephens Hall Auditorium as part of the 1976-77 Celebrity Speakers Series at Towson State University.

Leary, once a Harvard University clinical psychologist, was viewed as a little too adventurous by most of his colleagues but was widely respected within his profession for his pioneering research.

CAREER WEEK

Representatives from government and industry will discuss careers with students Thursday, at the University of Maryland's "Career Week" convocation.

Sponsored by the university's Career Development Center, the convocation, the 23rd in the past 10 years, will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Student Union on the College Park campus from noon until 5 p.m. The public is invited.

OYSTER SHUCKER CHAMPION Cornelius Mackall of Prince Frederick in Calvert County, Md. won the international oyster shucker championship in stiff competition in Ireland recently. Contestants came from seven countries including Holland, Netherlands, Sweden, France, England, Ireland and the United States of America. Mackall who holds the St. Mary's County championship will be defending his title in this year's annual St. Mary's County Oyster Festival on Oct. 9-10.

Social work conference at Morgan

Morgan State University's Department of Social Work and the Baltimore chapter of the National Association of Social Workers will co-sponsor a statewide conference entitled "Blueprints for Black Unity" Saturday, in the university's McKeldin Sudent Center from 9:30 a.m. until 6 p.m.

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The joint enterprise is designed to provide a structure and forum through which students, black social workers and other human resources workers can share knowledge, exchange ideas and acquire skills which might be used to impress upon the community situations that might effect its development.

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Workshops will address topics such as Youth in the Black Community, Education, Survival Skills, Techniques for Negotiating Systems, Economics and Techniques for Basic Chapter Building. Black state legislators will be honored at a noon luncheon.

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Registration for the conference will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday. General registration fee is $10 and $7 for students. The community is invited to attend.

Registration for elecfion ends Monday

Monday will mark the final day Baltimore residents can register to vote in the Nov. 4 General Election.

According to officials at the Board of Supervisors of Elections, the registration books will close at 9 p.m. on that day.

Frank McQuade, spokerman for the election board, reported to date approximately 398,000 persons have taken time to register. He stated that during this final week of registration close to 3,000 persons per day have joined in the process.

Ms. Antonio King, spokesperson for the state Democratic Party, told the AFRO that unofficially the party has registered 7,000 persons and paid out over $350,000 in bounty.

Ms. King stated that her office will be open all day Saturday and that registration drive workers will be set up this weekend in all the shopping centers and at the Fells Point Fair.

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She also stated she is still getting registration forms from Bethlehem Steel, which has already delivered well over 1,000 forms. She added that one state Senator has requested additional forms for this weekend.

Election officials state there is still time to register. They point out that anyone 18 years old or older can register by picking up a register by mail form at any library branch or by coming down to the election board headquarters located in the basement of the People's Court building, Fayette and Gay Sts.

MSU commissions first female lieutenants

Morgan State University commissioned its first two female lieutenants from the ROTC program during ROTC Advance Camp held in Ft. Bragg, North Carolina during mid-summer.

They are 2d Lt. Lillian C. Smith of Kinston, N.C., and 2d Lt. Venita A. Burton of Millsboro, Del. Both officers are graduates of Morgan State University and took their ROTC training with the Military Science Department.

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Women first entered the ROTC program for training in the 1973-74 school year. Currently there are over 60 women in the ROTC program at Morgan. But Lieutenants Smith and Burton mark a major milestone in the history of ROTC at Morgan State University. They point the way for other college women who seek possible careers in the military services.

Lt. Smith was commissioned in the Adjutant General Corps and plans to work in personnel administration upon completion of the Adjutant General Officer's Basic Course at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

Lt. Burton, a member of the Medical Services Corps, will attend that branch's basic course at Fort Sam Houston, Tex., before reporting for duty with a medical services unit. Lt. Burton majored in Social Work and hopes to put that training to good use in her new career.

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Berg elected new head of parenf group

The Parent-Interest Group Advisory Committee of the State Department of Education's Special Service Information System (SSIS) recently elected John L. Berg as its chairman.

A resident of Rockville, Md., Berg told the committee after his election that it is his intention to lead the committee into an indepth review of the SSIS policies and practices.

"This committee sees an urgent and critical need for reliable information on the number of Maryland children requiring extra help that the state can and should give, he said. "Maryland needs that information to divide the available funds fairly, to encourage counties to serve more children, to seek federal funding, and most important, to find ways to serve those not now getting help."

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Berg, a long time critic of the SSIS's insensitivity to privacy issues, further stated that he feels that the data can be collected without risk of labeling children or invading their privacy.

In its first actions under the new chairman, the SSIS Advisory Committee moved to increase parental participation, requested a centralized collection of local policies on the obtaining of informed parental consent, and sought a descriptive list of the use to which the collected data is put.

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