19-year old organizer of black South African uprisings slated to speak at Morgan, March 1

Tsietsi Mashinini, the 19-year-old organizer of the Soweto, South Africa, uprisings, will speak at Morgan State University Tuesday, March 1, 7:30 p.m. in the McKeldin Student Center.

Mr. Mashinini is in the U.S. at the invitation of the National Student Coalition Against Racism and has met with reporters from the New York Times, Washington Post, Jet Magazine, Bilalian News, and ABC-TV.

He was president of the South Africa Student Movement at Morris Isaacs School in Soweto. Founder of the Soweto Student Representative Council, he organized widespread protests in Soweto against the apartheid system during the summer of 1976.

South African police launched a massive manhunt for Mashinini and the other student leaders. A 500 "Rand Bounty" was placed on Mashinini's head (supposedly the equivalent of one year's salary for an African worker in South Africa). He fled to Botswana, then to London after living underground 10 weeks in Soweto.

Mr. Mashinini will be available all day on Tuesday, March 1, at Morgan State University for interviews. For further information, contact the Student Government of Morgan State University at 444-3494.

LOCAL RESIDENT RECOGNIZED — Benjamin Holmes (left), director of quality control for the Maryland Department of Human Resources, receives his certificate for the completion of the post master's program in social administration. Mrs. Ruth Young, acting dean of the University of Md. School of Social Work and Richard A. Batterton, secretary of the Department of Human Resources, presented the certificate at t a recent ceremony. The program was developed by the University of Md. School of Social Administration at the request of the human resources agency and is designed to develop methods of administrative functions for personnel in state social service programs.

U. of Md. professor helps commence Ella Fitzgerald Fund Drive at UMES with initial $1500 donation

Dr. James Walt of College Park has kicked-off the Ella Fitzgerald Fund Drive at the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore with a contribution of $1,500. The goal of the campaign is to raise $200,000 for student aid and the enrichment of cultural programs.

A teacher in the Department of English on the College Park Campus of the University, Dr. Walt first became interested in UMES as a "Visiting Scholar" in 1967. While on the Princess Anne Campus, he began a newspaper and produced several radio plays, using students in writing and acting roles.

Convinced that "UMES students needed only an opportunity to succeed," Dr. Walt negotiated contracts with two Eastern Shore businesses to employ UMES students on a part-time basis. Dr. Walt paid the cost of training the students and getting them started in their new jobs.

At the end of the 1967-68 academic year, Dr. Walt returned to College Park. However, he remained interested in UMES and often helped needy students in meeting the costs of a university education.

In 1969, Dr. Walt established the Rose Walt Scholarship Fund at UMES in memory of his sister. He later changed the name of the fund to the Sara and Rose Walt Scholarship Fund when his second sister passed away.

Since arriving on the Princess Anne Campus in 1967, Dr. Walt has invested more than $23,000 in UMES students. "Many of these students," Dr. Walt tells friends, "have had a difficult start in life. But with a little help," he continues, "they do well. I am proud of their accomplishments."

Though a successful businessman in Minnesota and Wisconsin, Dr. Walt has devoted much of his life to education. He graduated as valedictorian from the University of Minnesota, Duluth and received a history scholarship to do post graduate studies at Clark University. He later earned an M.A. and Ph.D. in English at the University of Michigan.

During World War II, Dr. Walt served in North Africa and Italy with the U.S. Army. He completed his studies at the University of Michigan, where he taught English on a full and part-time basis after World War II. He joined the faculty at the University of Maryland in 1955.

Dr. Walt has written extensively over the years and many of his articles have appeared in the Washington Post and the Washington Star. He has written several short biographies for the Michigan Quarterly Review and he is a frequent contributor to the publication entitled Corradiana. He has also contributed more than 30 reviews and review articles to the New Republic.

Asked why he continues to support the academic program at UMES, Dr. Walt said, "Education is a great equalizer in a land often divided by racial and ethnic controversies. It is my hope," he continued, "that today's students will one day bridge the gap between people and bring peace to our nation."

Individuals wishing to join Dr. Walt in supporting the Ella Fitzgerald Fund Drive may do so by contacting Mr. Nelson Townsend, Director of Development at UMES, telephone number 651-2200, extension 211.

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NEW HOSPTAL TRUSTEE — The election of William Issae Gosnell, attorney-at-law, to the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee of Maryland General Hospital, was announced by Barry Bowers, executive vice president and hospital administrator. Mr. Gosnell lives in Woodbine, Md., Carroll County, with his wife, Verna. He is a graduate of Lincoln University (Pa.) and was graduated from University of Chicago School of Law.

Movie censor board expected to block controversial film about Jesus Christ

By DAVID S. AWBREY

ANNAPOLIS (UPI) — The state's unique movie censor board was portrayed Wednesday as protecting Maryland residents from sex, violence and the depiction of Jesus Christ as a homosexual. In addition to criticism of modern movies, the annual battle over abolishing the board also featured arguments on whether the board has improved the morals of Maryland residents.

But board member Mary Avara stole the scene in the Senate Economic Affairs Committee with a vivid and graphic description of some of the films in circulation.

"The writers and the producers who make these films — they're sick," Mrs. Avara said. "For 17 years, I've looked at garbage."

"This country has gone to pot," she added. "Now I understand they are going to submit a film with Jesus Christ as a homosexual. Well, they had better not try bringing it to me."

The Maryland Censor Board is the only such state board in the nation. The board reviews every film before it is shown and can ban those it judges obscene. Financing comes from fees paid by motion picture distributors.

The three-member board was created in 1916 and there have been almost annual efforts to abolish it.

Sen. Howard Denis, R-Montgomery, leads the opponents this year with charges that the board is a waste of money and does little to protect citizen morals.

"We all know that it is simply impossible to determine whether or not the board is doing its job," Denis said.

"I would be interested in knowing if anyone can produce any evidence to show that morality in Maryland is higher than elsewhere as a result of the censor board," he added.

Barbara Scott, vice president of the motion picture association of America, said the board rejected only five per cent of the films reviewed last year, but harasses major motion picture studios.

"So often the people you are really after are ignored and their films and shown anyway," she said.

Board Chairman George Andredokis disputed Ms. Scott's statement that major motion picture companies were not producing objectionable movies.

"The filmmakers decided that violence and sex should be shown and that is exactly what they are doing," he said. "Someone has to protect the people from seeing these films."

NEW UB OFFICIAL — Floyd A. Wheeler is the new director of personnel at the University of Baltimore. He is a 1971 graduate of Bowie State College and has taught in the Prince George's County School System. He comes to his position after three years as personnel director at his Alma Mater.

Career recruitment in telecommunications

Career Recruitment in Telecommunications Industries, Inc., a career awareness program about radio and television broadcasting for junior and senior high school blacks, hispanic Americans and young people from ethnic minority groups, has begun this month, announced Phyllis Shelton, public affairs director for WJZ-TV, and the project's coordinator.

Designed to provide students with the opportunity to observe the wide variety of management jobs in broadcasting and to encourage them to aspire to these positions, the program, coordinated by WJZ-TV, has as additional participants WBAL Radio, WAYE Radio, WCBM Radio, WCAO Radio, WEBB Radio, WWIN Radio, WITH Radio, WPOC Radio, and WBFF-TV.

The twelve students in the program representing eight city high schools, are: Robert Simmons and Patricia Jones, Carver; Pamela Sykes, Edmondson; Tyronne Jackson and Stephanie Mack, Walbrook; Jeffrey Witherspoon, Mergenthaler; Nickie Jones, Northwestern; Darlene Gales, Eastern; Crystal Avery, Pinkie Bryant and Steven Thompson, Lake Clifton; and Dorothy West, Northern.

This program was made available to all junior and senior high school students in Baltimore City through the Baltimore City Department of Education. Selection of students was based on their expressed interest in broadcasting and their demonstrated ability to meet academic and extracurricular responsibilities.

The 1977 CRTI program will conclude March 24, with the final ceremonies at the studios of WJZ-TV.

The National sponsoring organizations of CRTI are Westinghouse Broadcasting Company, Inc., Capital Cities communications, Inc., Post-Newsweek Stations, Inc., Taft broadcasting Company and the Office of Communications of the United Church of Christ.

For additional information contact Marcia Baumohl at 466-0013.

New trustees named at library

The election of four new members to the Board of Trustees of the Enoch Pratt Free Library was announced on Feb. 14 by James A. Gary, III, president of the board.

Joining the library's governing body are Andrew Billingsley, president of Morgan State University; E. Stephen Derby, a member of the law firm of Piper and Marbury; Elizabeth Plant King, the third woman to be named to the board; and Walker Lewis, Baltimore attorney and writer.

An Alabaman by birth, Dr. Billingsley was graduated from Grinnell College in 1951 and was awarded a doctoral degree in social welfare by Brandeis University in 1964.

He came to Baltimore from Washington, D.C. where he was professor of sociology and social work and vice president for academic affairs at Howard University.

Dr. Billingsley is the author of "Children of the Storm" (1972), "Black Families and the Struggle for Survival" (1974), and several other books, articles, and papers in the fields of sociology and social welfare. He is a member of the Kent Advisory Council of the Danforth Foundation, of the Volunteer Council on Equal Opportunity, and of the Selection Committee for the Morris Goldseker Foundation.

Stephen Derby was born in Boston in 1938. He is a graduate of Wesleyan University and the Harvard Law School and served as law clerk to Judge Harrison Winter before becoming associated with Piper and Marbury. From 1971 to 1973, he served as an assistant attorney general of Maryland.

He is currently a director, member of the Executive Committee, and treasurer of Dismas House of Baltimore, Inc., a director of the Martin Luther King Center for Parents and Children, and a trustee of Roland Park Country school.

A native of Georgia, Mrs. King attended public schools in that state and in Tennessee before entering Shorter College in Rome, Ga. She was married in 1945 to John T. King, III, a member of the Pratt board of trustees from 1957 to 1975.

Mrs. King is an active member of the Women's Committee of the Peabody Institute, an associate member of the Women's Committee of the Baltimore Museum of Art, and a docent of the Walters Art Gallery.

She has also served on the board of the Planned Parenthood Association and of the Society for the Preservation of Maryland Antiquities.

Walker Lewis is a graduate of Princeton University and Harvard Law School and has had a long legal career in Baltimore and Washington, D.C. serving for several years as general solicitor of the C and P companies. During World War II he reached the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the army.

Gala tribute set in honor of Dr. Frisby, March 6

An anticipated gathering of more than 300 guests, including friends, colleagues, and dignitaries city and statewide will be in attendance at the gathering planned to honor Baltimore's internationally-known educator and Arctic explorer Dr. Herbert Frisby.

The ceremony, set for Dr. Frisby's birthday on March 6, will be held at the Maryland Historical Society on 201 West Monument St. 3:00 p.m., and has been planned by the organization that bears the name of the great scholar, the Herbert Frisby Historical Society.

Frisby Historical Society Financial Secretary Doris Oswell, one of Dr. Frisby's former students at Douglass Senior High School, recalls that "he was a dedicated and very fine instructor who cared and taught at a level by which students could easily understand the work."

Henson made the journey in 1909 with the Peary expedition and was credited with having reached the Pole ahead of Robert Peary.

The public is invited to attend. For additional information contact Mrs. White at 594-3351.

JOHN AMOS, star of "Roots," will be appearing at the Naval Academy, Saturday night, 7:30 p.m. Mahan Hall, as part of the Academy's Black History Salute. Other top black stars will appear on the program. The show is open to the public free-of-charge.

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DONATION—Carling National Breweries Inc. bought 200 tickets to the recent professional prize fight debut of Sugar Ray Leonard. The brewery gave 100 tickets to the Urban Services Agency headed by Leawood Ivey (right) and gave 100 tickets to the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Central Maryland headed by Bruce McCleary (left). Jerome DiPaolo of Carling National's Baltimore branch office made the presentation.

City teachers' job rights periled by lack of union

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Fake 'Rev. Ike' charged in swindle

Just released prisoner held in model's death

A 30-year-old man who was released from the Maryland House of Correction Feb. 10 has been charged with murder, rape and robbery.

Police report Claiburne Earl Roberts Jr., of the 5200 block Pembroke Rd. is being held at City Jail without bail after he allegedly sexually assaulted and stabbed Mrs. Claudia Harris, 28, in her Pentridge Rd. home.

Police state Roberts had been to the victim's home Monday to see her husband, Jerod Harris and left with him around 7:10 a.m. when he went to work.

According to police, Roberts went back to the Pentridge Rd. home and allegedly sexually assaulted Mrs. Harris, stabbed her and took $1,000 cash from a night stand in her bedroom.

Police reveal there was no sign of forced entry and the victim probably let him in because she realized he was a friend of her husband.

After Roberts left her home, police state the victim managed to use her touch telephone next to her bed and called for help.

Police said while she was on the operating table at Johns Hopkins Hospital, she told the police she had been sexually assaulted and gave the suspect's name.

Roberts was arrested by police several hours later when an officer observed the victim's husband and Roberts fighting on the street in the 5000 block of Pembroke Rd. A trial date has not been set for Roberts.

FREELANCE MODEL Mrs. Claudia Harris died Monday, several hours after she had been stabbed and assaulted.

Mitchell feels good after defeat

ANNAPOLIS — Sen. Clarence M. Mitchell III said he felt great after his lone 20-hour filibuster to slow passage of the death penalty bill right before the Senate sent the bill to the House by a 29 to 18 vote.

"I'm in good physical condition," he said. "I did just get over a bout with intestinal virus though and it left me a little weak afterwards."

Mitchell began his filibuster at 11:30 a.m. last Friday and talked until Sen. Steny Hoyer president of the Senate recessed the session at 9:30 p.m.

He resumed on Monday at 11 a.m. and talked until a 34 to 11 cloture vote ended his monologue.

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Mitchell said he was not overly upset that his peers voted him down and pointed out that his maverick attempt brought dramatic attention to the capital punishment legislation.

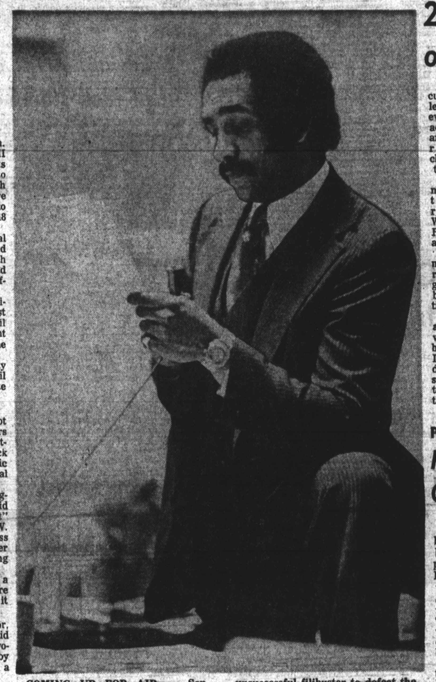
The West Baltimore legislator also said he "did not seek to pass judgment" on Senators Clarence W. Blount, Robert Douglass and Tommie Broadwater for not helping him during his filibuster.

"They probably did me a favor because it was more dramatic with me doing it alone," he explained.

The other black senator, Sen. Verda Welcome, did help him during his two-day 20-hour filibuster by speaking while he took a break.

Sen. Mitchell said his filibuster showed the overwhelming community response against the bill.

He added it also forced the media to focus more attention on the measure because "there was nothing else going on."



COMING UP FOR AIR — Sen. Clarence M. Mitchell III paused for a moment to glance over a statement he read as part of his two-day unsuccessful filibuster to defeat the death penalty bill finally passed by the Senate this week.

2 Georgia men nabbed on healing oil sales

Two Georgia men accused of scheming to collect money by posing as evangelist Rev. Ike and advertising the reverend's arrival on radio were arrested after a client claimed they were imposters.

Police said two Atlanta men checked into a downtown hotel and bought radio time on station WEBB to announce that Rev. Ike was in town and available for consultation.

Rev. Ike, whose full name is Frederick J. Eikerenkoetter II, preaches the gospel to 1.5 million members of the nondenominational United Church.

Police said the two men arranged appointments with clients, who were then brought before the bogus Ike after paying a mandatory $20 donation. Police said clients were required to sign a form stating that the donation was voluntary.

The two would then make a pitch to get the clients to buy a $25 bottle of "healing oil," police said.

The alleged ruse continued for several days until a client, who knew the real Rev. Ike walked in. Realizing she had been duped, the woman left without saying anything and called police.

Police got her to make another appointment and this time detectives accompanied her.

Charged with theft by false pretenses and conspiracy were Luther P. Icelehart, 22, who allegedly played the part of Rev. Ike, and Robert C. Herrington, 22.

Icelehart was released on $5,000 bail while Herrington was held in lieu of the same amount.

Their trial is scheduled for March 22. (UPI)

POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

Richmond blacks win City Council majority

RICHMOND

Richmond, which never has had more than three blacks on the nine-member City Council although blacks at times have made up nearly half of the city's population, now has a 5-4 Council majority at City Hall.

Black candidates won control in the former Capital of the Confederacy in Tuesday's historic election which ended a long history of excluding and diluting black voting power.

When the new Council takes office next Tuesday, March 8, it will not only have a new look — but undoubtedly will have a new philosophy.

All the winning black candidates ran on a power-to-the-people philosophy against a nine-man slate of candidates — including three blacks — who were endorsed by the Team of Progress, a predominately-white, business-oriented political organization whose five white candidates previously dominated Council.

Therefore, philosophically, it is expected that there will be a shift to people-oriented programs with less emphasis on programs designed to largely benefit the business community.

The black majority was elected under a court-approved single-member District plan that replaced a 30-year at-large system which worked against black candidates.

The black majority includes:

—Vice Mayor L. Marsh, 3d of the 7th District;

—Councilwoman Willie J. Dell of the 3d;

—Henry W. (Chuck) Richardson of the 5th;

—Walter T. Kenney of the 8th;

—and Claudette Black

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'Rochester' mourned

HOLLYWOOD — Eddie Anderson — whose guest part on a radio show in 1937 was so successful that he became a regular as "Rochester" — is dead.

The gravel-voiced comedian, who brought on roars of laughter for over two decades on radio and television, died of a heart attack Monday at Motion Picture and Television Country House and Hospital in Woodland Hills, where he had been treated since December.

His role as the late Jack Benny's chauffeur, valet and handyman was criticized as demeaning to blacks, but Anderson insisted that it was not.

"I never played an Uncle Tom," he said. "the scripts always called for me to get the best of Mr. Benny. The fact I played a valet had nothing to do with it."

Benny built international fame by casting himself as a tightward, "Rochester's" humor often ridiculed his boss' stinginess.

Anderson was born Sept. 18, 1905 in Oakland, Calif. to a show business family. His father, "Big Eddie" Anderson, was a vaudeville performer and his mother, Mrs. Ella Mae Anderson, was a circus tightrope walker whose career was ended by a fall.

"Rochester" Anderson

When he was 14, Anderson joined an all-black revue, singing and dancing across the country for 10 years before he broke into the movies. He played Noah in "Green Pastures" and also appeared in "Jezebel," "Cabin in the Sky" and "Gone With the Wind."

He is survived by three children.

Anderson said Benny came up with the name Rochester, but Benny couldn't recall how the name originated. He said he just knew it was the right one.

"When I'd get mad and

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Caucus votes to oppose death bill

By Clarence W. Hunter
AFRO Annapolis Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — In a move early Thursday morning that displayed black unity among representatives in the Maryland General Assembly and cut across the district sectional lines of the state, the Maryland Legislative Black Caucus voted to oppose the capital punishment bill.

According to Sen. Robert L. Douglass, chairman of the Black Caucus, 14 of the 19 members were present at the morning meeting and all 14 voted to officially come out against the bill as a body.

The vote is an important step for the Caucus because in the past several

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Principals in Scott assault case

TRIAL POSTPONED — At left school bd. commissioner Dr. Wayman Eugene Scott leaves Aberdeen District Court after postponement of his assault case until next Thursday, March 10. At right, is the defendant in the case, Charles Monroe Faut, 30, lab technician of Aberdeen.

BLACK WAREHOUSING, NO REHAB

Underneath Eastside prison site mess

An Analysis
By Paul Evans
AFRO Staff Writer

The Mandel Administration's decision to place a medium-security, 250-bed prison on 34 acres in East Baltimore's staunchly stable, home-owner-occupied neighborhoods of Kenwood and Orangeville, at first glance, and from the state's view, appears as a legitimate intent. The kind of sensible intent necessitated by an ever-rising number of prisoners who need housing and sleeping accommodations badly.

Upon closer and more detailed examination, what was first described as a legitimate reaction by the state has now come to be looked upon in the public's mind — particularly the black public — as a scheme contrived by pals of the present administration, to acquire huge profits.

Since the recommendation of a joint legislative subcommittee recently, to okay the inclusion of the prison in the Mandel budget, now speeds the proposal. In all probability to passage, several principal lessons still remain to be learned by the public — especially the black public.

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'Minstrel Man' had chance to make strong case about lynching

By Ida Peters

"Minstrel Man" had a chance this past Wednesday to make a strong statement against lynching, but it didn't quite come off.

CBS-TV on the "Mobil Showcase Presentation" had a chance to make as strong a statement against lynching as Alex Haley did against slavery in "Roots".

The moral behind the show is whether the black man is just going to survive in the white man's world or is he going to take off his black face . . . really a mask and be a man.

The novel from the teleplay by Richard and Esther Shapiro is strong and daring . . . way ahead of today. CBS watered the TV-special down, so that after reading the book and seeing the play . . . you feel let down.

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There are a lot of Cariro, Illinois in America where black folks can be physically lynched or spiritually lynched.

"Minstrel man" is about two brothers in America after the Civil War in the early 1900's when what was right and blacks stooped back.

Harry Brown (Glynn Turman) is a natural born entertainer who can dance, sing, play the piano and hustle deals.

Rennie, (Stanley Clay) the younger brother, is a self taught genius who hated blackface and created the new ragtime that would later sweep the country.

The Brown family was an old minstrel family following the southern circuit of small towns along the Mississippi from New Orleans to Chicago.

Black men were the country's first minstrels. As slaves, to ease the hardships of their lives they wrote songs and made up stories to the accompaniment of the banjo . . . an 'instrument they invented.

The minstrel shows always started with an announcer, Mr. Interlocutor saying "Gentlemen Be Seated". The end men were Mr. Bones and Mr. Tambo. Mr. Interlocutor was crisp, articulate and dignified. The end men were slack-jawed dull-eyed, like jaded alley cats playing the part of lazy, dishonest Negroes.

About the time of this TV special white men were putting on black face and woolay hair in order to compete with the white

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