OPINION

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'Blue Thursday'

For those who invest in stocks and bonds around the world, Sept. 28, was "Blue Monday" so named because the stock market took an international tumble and billions of dollars were lost by those rich enough to afford it.

Oct. 1, 1981, for the needy as well as Americans of moderate income was 'Blue Thursday.'

On that date much that concerned citizens had feared about Ronnie Reagan's economic programs became reality. The president's first round of budget cuts went into effect.

For those in need the immediate future seem catastrophic.

To get some sense of what is involved as Reaganomics strikes Baltimore, know this, as winter draws near:

Some 4,500 Baltimoreans will be immediately dropped from welfare assistance rolls.

By the end of the month, that number will swell to 45,000.

Soon the state will lose $12 million which in the past would have gone to some 35,000 persons receiving Aid to Dependent Children.

Workers on strike, no matter how just their cause, will be cut from assistance and female unemployed parents also.

All of this is just the beginning.

What has saved the President thus far in his zealous slashes into human services monies has been his reassurances to the American people that the nation's economic picture is so grim all this is necessary.

In time, he has said the economy will be healthy again and jobs and prosperity will abound.

We have absolutely no evidence that what Reagan has prophesied will come to pass.

This administration, despite the ex-actor's winning smile, has embarked on a series of programs against those Americans in most need of Federal assistance that threaten their very existence.

At this juncture we see Reagan's domestic policy as not only being insensitive but indeed life-threatening to a great many families.

In the wake of Solidarity Day when a half-million working people descended on Washington in protest of Reaganomics, now that the President's program is officially launched, we have every reason to expect that this president will see his time-worn reactionary theories blow up in his face.

People will survive on their own terms not on Reagan's. History informs us that this is so.

The Congressional Black Caucus

The Congressional Black Caucus is proving that the black community is acutely aware of the dire situation it faces during the brief history of the Reagan administration.

The Caucus reunion last weekend brought together black Americans from all walks of life to discuss common problems regardless of social or economic status. Black persons of all levels realize that they are affected by the drastic cuts in social programs won by arduous struggle over the past two decades. It is realized that working through their representatives in the political process is one of the most effective methods of expressing their views and concerns.

The Caucus sessions split into various workshops that dealt realistically with basic problems such as welfare, school lunches, school loans and jobs, all crucial issues. Anyone attending the sessions soon became aware that leaders of these sessions were knowledgeable and dedicated and thoroughly professional.

The 18 - member Black Caucus is well aware that it has a tremendous responsibility in representing its constituents. Caucus members are on most all committees and several are chairpersons of subcommittees that deal with the entire spectrum of social issues. They are abreast of the political process and refuse to be spoofed as was the case in past years when black legislators had to be content with serving on special committees and remained on the outside of the real policy - making process.

When the Caucus started some eleven years ago it had to attract attention even in the black community. This was the primary reason prominent entertainers were brought in with all their glamorous appeal. This was criticized in many quarters as putting too much emphasis on the social and entertainment aspect and not enough on gut issues. Of course, the detractors failed to score galas held by non - blacks who brought in top - flight show business people with the same glamour and hoopla. However, this year the Caucus subordinated the entertainment aspect and instead concentrated on more bread and butter issues.

Caucus members also are aware that the vote is a powerful weapon and can be used to make the black voice heard. Our own Congressman, Walter Fauntroy, this year's Caucus chairman, warned both Democrats and Republicans that the black vote can neither be ignored or taken for granted. He emphasized that the black vote may hold the balance of voting power in more than one hundred congressional districts.

Heretofore, non - black politicians, especially in southern districts, have mainly ignored black voters except around election times. This also puts a tremendous burden on local elected black officials who must keep their constituents sufficiently informed and not allow them to submit to intimidation or duped by scurrilous devious polling officials.

Black Caucus members also serve as inspirational role models for young blacks who must realize that progress can be made in fields other than sports and entertainment in dealing with the dynamics of current social conditions. The Black Caucus serves a useful purpose in combatting the rising tide of right - wing conservatism that has gripped the nation since the Reagan administration assumed power a few short months ago.

—LETTERS

Brailey responds to Boucher's lament on black leadership

Dear sirs;

I agree partly with statements made by William Boucher, outgoing head of the Greater Baltimore Committee, which were published in the Baltimore Sun this week.

Boucher said that he is concerned about the lack of black leadership in Baltimore.

However, I do not agree at all with the context in which the statement was made. I feel that the lack of black leadership is a result of blacks not being in a position of independent power and influence.

Why is this so? In my opinion, the situation exists because the white power structure, to a large extent, determines who will be leaders in the black community.

For example, when I was appointed to the position of consultant to the GSC , a representative of Mayor Schaefer told me that I was appointed without the mayor's approval. When I asked him if the mayor would have approved me, he said "oh yes!"

When I was appointed to the position, part of my responsibility was to ensure the participation of the black community in the Retail District Study Committee.

To my amazement I was given a list of names compiled by the mayor's office to serve on the committee!

Would you belive that every person on this list was a city employee or was closely associated with the mayor?

I refused to accept the list, and instead submitted a list of my own that I felt truly represented the black community.

I suggested representatives from the AFRO, the NAACP, the Urban League, Masons, Baptist Minister's Conference, the AFL-CIO, and other real community leaders.

As far as the white corporate structure goes, this group is far from open-minded or open-hearted as far as their true response to black leadership is concerned.

They will take one black who may also be a businessman and appoint him to a host of corporate boards, then designate him as a representative of the black community.

Sincerely,
Delegate Troy Brailey,
D-40th.

MADELINE MURPHY

Hats off to the CBC

At the close of the 10th Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Dinner it is instructive to look back to the first annual CBC dinner when actor-playwright Ossie Davis said in his keynote address:

"It's not the man, its the plan. It's not the rap, it's the map."

Davis said what many of us have felt after our leaders have been slain, characterized as incompetent or have resigned to go on to other things:

"Give us a plan of action ... a 10 black commandments, simple, strong, that we can carry in our memories no matter where we are and reach out and touch and feel the reassurance that there is behind everything we do a simple, moral intelligent plan that must be fulfilled in the course of time even if all our leaders, one by one fall in battle, somebody will rise and say, 'Brother, our leader died while we were on page three of the plan, now that the funeral is over, let us proceed to page four."

And so after 10 years, the map is charted, the plans are in the making.

Rising to the Reagan challenge, when others were carefully hedging their bets and protecting their rears, the CBC refined a Constructive Alternative Budget.

The budget does not propose a tax cut, but it shows without disseminating programs, as Reagan's does, a surplus, rather than a deficit of $7.85 billion.

A comparison of budget outlays for fiscal year 1982 shows the CBC projects a budget of $708 billion against Reagan's $717 billion.

The social safety net of 54 percent in the Black Caucus budget adds $18 billion to social programs against the raw, insensitive $1 percent in the Reagan budget.

Even with scant media coverage, the CBC budget may still play an important role in the second round of Reagan cuts during Congressional deliberations - as is usually the case, our ideas of merit mysteriously become theirs!

At the same time, the CBC along with the National Black Leadership Roundtable, has established the Action Alert Network as a communications arm of the Leadership Roundtable.

The roundtable is composed of more than 300 local, regional and national organizations. The leaders work with the CBC to represent the best interests of blacks and the poor.

The aim of Action Alert Network is to counter well organized networks such as the Moral Majority. According to Congressman Walter Fauntroy, CBC chairman, black voters, who control 40 percent of the electoral votes in 110 voting districts are unaware of the great defensive position they hold in putting the person in office who will fight a battle for equal rights for blacks and the poor.

This network would keep contact with crucial black populations.

Already the Anne Arundel County NAACP has shown us the way in Maryland by demonstrating last weekend at Majorie Holt's fundraiser, almost making her hesitate in challenging Senator Paul Sarbanes.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Census, blacks number 1 million or more in 12 major states: New York, California, Texas, Illinois, Virginia, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, Louisiana, Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Blacks now have new opportunities with the aid of Action Alert, to increase representation in Congress, especially in states such as California, Texas and Florida, where there are gains in representation and in North Carolina, Georgia, and Louisiana, and Virginia, where representation will not be lost because of population shifts.

At the same time, the CBC received an 82.5 percent rating in global statesmen compared to 47.22 percent for the entire House of Representatives. Parren J. Mitchell was rated 92 percent.

Congresswoman Cardiss Collins, (D-Ill.), immediate past chairperson of the CBC stated during the 96th Congress:

"Blacks in Congress are not single issue people. They are keenly aware of the need for increased global cooperation in our interdependent world, as these ratings demonstrate.

"If black people were represented in Congress in proportion to population, we would have approximately 70 black members rather than the 14 (now 18) voting members in the current Congress."

Collins predicted with adequate black representation "U.S. foreign policy would be less nationalistic and would show more concern for world peace, the poor and hungry and two-thirds of the world which is non-white."

Given these isolated facts about the CBC, black people should be optimistic, girding their loins for crucial elections in areas that would strengthen the work of the CBC.

They should not depend upon the traditional media hype that rarely touches substantive issues where blacks are concerned or swallow the lies out of ignorance.

Too often we are prone to knock other blacks. But now is the time to defend ourselves against loss of political, social, and economic gains made in the past two decades.

We must take the offensive on all issues. We must expand our Action Alert networks and organize coalitions of conscience with white Americans and minorities in areas of mutual interest.

Hats off to the Congressional Black Caucus for developing a firm foundation that includes every black person who is not afraid to work for better times.

Jobs and Justice

By Art Carter

Black colleges and universities are faced with the worst attack in memory from adverse forces in American society.

We hear reports of Black institutions of higher education being closed and, or cutting back on course offerings, dropping programs, losing instructors and declining enrollment. According to knowledgeable sources, black institutions are not only experiencing these drastic cutbacks and problems this year, but expect catastrophic developments with the approaching 1982-83 school year.

Predictions are that a major result of the impact of these adverse developments on black institutions, and considering the patterns of education integration in the predominantly white schools, will possibly be a 25-30 percent drop in black college graduates in coming years as contrasted with recent years.

The loss of such a significant number of potential leaders for the future would represent a critical setback for Black America. We must act vigorously now to counter these clear and present dangers to future generations of Black youth.

The outside world will not provide a savior, despite the inclination and yearning of some to continue to look in that direction. We must not continue past dependency on outside organizations, funded and operated by interests often foreign — and even hostile — to our own interests, to defend, nourish, or support the continued existence of our schools and the education of our young.

The answers to these issues will largely rest with institutional alumni associations, churches, and other institutions within the Black community, overall Black community leadership, and national organizations such as the limited Negro College Fund and the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO).

The two principal classes of Black higher educational institutions are the private schools and the state schools. Each class appears to be facing specific threats and, in both instances, uncertain futures. Private schools, for example, are being murderously squeezed by losses of government financial support in the form of student aid to the schools.

State institutions are being called upon to undertake restructuring which many people feel will result in them becoming, for all intents and purposes, white institutions - white students and white administration and staff.

Finally, a particularly disquieting indicator of the adverse climate in both classes of institutions is the word that resumes of Black staff in our schools are already being circulated sometimes frantically - as these professionals seek positions elsewhere.

We urge that all sectors of the Black community begin now to act to raise general awareness among and between our Black organizations about what is happening in Black higher education. Then, we need to take specific steps to organize to help out, with emphasis on our schools. If we do not, it will not be done.

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G. JAMES FLEMING

Downtown is for all to enjoy, maintain

Baltimore City's "Downtown" is not the property of Baltimore alone, or of William Donald Schaefer, the mayor, or of James Rouse, the developer, or of anyone else or any one group or any one coalition.

Not that we are unaware of legal property rights.

To a great and important degree, however, "Downtown" including the Inner Harbor and Harborplace, also is the property of all those who invest in it by patronizing it, by attending its attractions and its businesses, and by singing abroad the praises of this jewel of urban rehabilitation and embellishment.

These devotees of "Downtown," include, not only tax-paying birthright Baltimoreans, but Marylanders in general - especially the metropolitan counties - and the many thousands who pour into the city from North, South, East and West of our country and from points in other countries.

Since its opening in early August, the National Aquarium in Baltimore has been a magnet for some 8,000 viewers daily and there has been every evidence of how "Downtown" is causing tourists from every direction to choose Baltimore as one of their stops.

Daily walk-throughs of Harborplace's restaurants and shops paint the same picture.

As these travellers are treated courteously and honestly, the city stands to benefit and now, as in the future, thousands of its people will find new sources of employment.

Without these supporting peoples, there could be no "Downtown," no Harborplace, no aquarium — without their warm excitement, these attractions would be here today and gone tomorrow for all practical purposes.

Black Baltimoreans should have no apologies about enjoying "Downtown." They should have no feeling it is not their property, too — not only in their tax-paying capacity, but also in the psychological and emotional sense.

This column does not agree with those who argue, "This is not for us" because of the grandeur of Harborplace and the relatively high prices of several of its shops. "Downtown" as luxury is not different from other luxuries, such as fine alcoholic beverages, fine clothes, prestigious automobiles, the Colts and the Orioles at play.

"Downtown" is there for the enjoyment of those who choose, every once in awhile, to spend their money and time for the goods and services offered.

Some will be frequent visitors, some will wait until they have out-of-town guests, others will choose to pass it all by and not visit at all.

Not everything calls for money, however. The dazzle of the renovated waterfront, the occasional free concerts, the boats and ships passing by, the cavorting seals in their pool outside of the aquarium, and the sight of all makes of human beings — all of these are free.

At least, no more can Baltimoreans mourn there is no place to go, or no place to take their out-of-town visitors.

The most important plus, of course, is "Downtown" available to all, without regard to race or color. No need for any parent to try to explain to a little child why he or she cannot eat in this place or that, or why he or she cannot sit here or there.

Blacks cannot only spend their money in "Downtown," they also can help run the bindgooning enterprise and one of the happy sights is the United Nation complexion of the employees in the different establishments.

As a city-owned institution, it is good to note more than 51 percent of all non-specialist personnel is black. The plant engineer and the director of equal employment, who also is the assistant executive director of the aquarium are black.

The aquarium also has its eyes on those young blacks who now are majoring in marine science in their respective colleges.

"Downtown" offers a variety of opportunities, not only for enjoyment, but also for business enterprises owned or operated by blacks. Although Harborplace, the business centerpiece, is seemingly no place to play at business or to venture without some experience in business, in general or with a product whose name has not already become a household word.

"Downtown" is open to all — to enjoy and to maintain — not only with patronage and praise, but with political monitoring by the members of the City Council and by a politically alert community.

To that end, the reborn waterfront — dream, promise and future— shall not be lost in the years ahead when the William Donald Schaefers and the James Rouses are no more.

Whether "Downtown" will belong to all of the people of Baltimore will depend on whether all of the people use it, support it, maintain it, and find ways to enjoy it. And whether all of the people treat it as if it is their very own.

Tony Brown's Journal

Black Colleges get millions as education funds cut

"We all know the Federal Government has a troublesome history of issuing federal orders with no teeth in them," President Ronald Reagan said at the White House luncheon where he announced the signing of an executive order directing the government to help black colleges and universities obtain equal opportunities in federally sponsored programs.

"Well, this one will be heard of again and they better pass," the president declared.

"In an era of budget cuts, black colleges and universities will receive an increase of $9.6 million in federal funds," he said.

This historic landmark was announced just two weeks before Black College Day '81 and exactly one year from the day that I first met with his as Coordinator of the Coalition for Black Colleges aboard his plane, enroute from Baltimore to Knoxville, to explain why as a candidate for president he should support these schools.

"It was then, Tony, that the president began his education on this issue. We come, as you know, from a Western state where there are no black colleges. Thanks for helping to sensitize us on this vital issue," a high placed White House source said during the ceremonies.

"Our program was sound; theirs was a 'riverboat gamble' as Senator Howard Baker described it.

"Now the Republicans' friends on Wall Street are frightened. The money markets gut profit over promises and are adding up the Reagan numbers. The books don't balance and the business and investment communities are scared.

"What Wall Street — which backed the Administration to the hilt—is now admitting is what we warned about last spring: the Administration's 'rosy scenario' of high real growth, falling inflation, low interest rates and tight money does not add up.

"Rather than the much ballyhooed 'balanced budget in 1984,' it now appears that huge deficits will exist, perhaps topping $100 billion if the Administration sticks to its program.

"No one in Congress can be pleased by the economic damage which will result. The poor, the old, the sick, and children will suffer. So will homebuilders, thrift institutions, the auto industry and small businesses. Minority teenagers will be hurt worst of all.

"The Administration and its Congressional supporters must now bear the burden of explaining how to fix the mess they have created.

"I do not envy them the task of explaining to the American people how their combination of monetarist and supply-side economics is actually such a great thing.

"You can't fool all of the people all of the time and the people know that what is happening now is the result of "Reaganomics."

"The courageousness of your vote last May 7 on the budget resolution has been evident from the beginning. The correctness of that vote becomes more obvious everyday.

"Being proved right is surely the best medicine for the pain we have had to bear for standing tall when the going got rough."

The over-riding tragedy is not the mess, that will be corrected, I am sure. The real tragedy is the hurt and deprivation and pain that people must bear during the interim.

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"The plight of our black colleges reminds us all of the unfinished work of bringing all disadvantaged groups into the mainstream of America.

"These colleges exemplify the truly American concept of self-help for those who choose to work and study in them. This is the message of Black College Day.

"I support it, I applaud it, and if I am elected president, I won't forget it."

Of course, there are those blacks in the hate Reagan movement who will find fault with his support for higher education for blacks.

But those of us in the Coalition for Black Colleges and those Black college presidents, alumni, students, church leaders who finance the schools and 80 percent of all black professionals who finished one, the Reagan executive order was a welcomed relief and blessing for our people and this country.

We get 50 percent of all black college graduates each year from Black colleges, while seven out of 10 blacks at white colleges drop out. While seven out of 10 black students finish a black college, the white colleges are a gigantic failure in the education of black people.

The cross section of black college presidents, student government leaders, alumni, church leaders, and heads of black national organizations at the White House ceremony — on behalf of the nation's blacks — gave President Reagan the warmest and most enthusiastic standing ovation of any black non-partisan group he has ever faced.

If you wish to add your applause to this effort to improve higher education opportunities for black Americans, write the President - The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C., 20500 - and support Black College Day - Coalition for Black Colleges, 1501 Broadway, Suite 2014, New York, NY, 10036, (212) 575-0676.

TONY BROWN'S JOURNAL, the television series, is shown every Saturday beginning Aug. 29, on WBAL-TV (11), at 2 p.m.

AFRO welcomes letters

The AFRO welcomes letters from its readers. Letters should be brief and must bear the writer's name and address. All letters will be given consideration for publication.

For all we know

Louise Johnson first in nation to represent Hilton Hotel PR

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

MRS. LOUISE JOHNSON, president of Johnson and Associates, a Baltimore public relations firm, is the first black person ever appointed to the post of public relations director for a U.S. Hilton Hotel. The international hotel firm is one of the world's largest and has hotels in most U.S. cities.

According to Ron Williams, director of Catering, Mrs. Johnson works closely with the Hilton Hotel in development of local business.

MRS. JOHNSON is in the process of sending hundreds of letters to business and organizations personally inviting them to lunch, to discuss how the Hilton can be of service to them.

SPECIAL INVITATIONS are also in the mail inviting community and business leaders to attend a Mini - Buffet reception at the Baltimore Hilton on Monday Nov. 9 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Francis Scott Key Ballroom.

FOR FURTHER information you may call (301) 539 - 3200.

Louise Johnson is the chief, executive of Johnson and Associates Inc. providing management, marketing, and public affairs services to clients.

Her firm has counseled such clients as United States Department of Agriculture, Asburton Insurance Corporation and WEBB Radio Station under the management of Diamond Jim Sears.

CONTINUAL COUNSELING, The National Organization of the Black women's Consciousness Raising Association Inc., The Greater Baltimore Women's Political Caucus, Mid - Atlantic Training Institute; Also, The Marvland Special Inaugural Committee; Maryland Black Chamber of Commerce, LTS. Personnel Services and the National Black Caucus of State Legislators.

THE LEGISLATORS NATIONAL Conference will be held here Dec. 1, 6, under the chairmanship of Senator Clarence M. Mitchell, III, and Delegate Larry Young, assistant to the chair.

MRS. JOHNSON also represents Perdue Chickens. Her offices are at 222 St. Paul Place, Suite 3504, Baltimore, Md. 21202 — 539 - 3200.

LETTERS

HERE is a nice letter from Louise G. Turks, a longtime AFRO friend and supporter:

"WE WOULD BE VERY pleased if you accept our invitation Oct. 10 to the 50th Reunion Class of 31 Luncheon in Tawes College Center, Coppin State College.

"Your devoted Aunt Miss Frances Murphy played an important role in our early development.

"Not only was she a dedicated teacher but she served as our advisor, established high ideals for us and helped us to develop racial pride and achievement. She was one in a million and ahead of her time.

"SHE WAS RESPONSIBLE for my admittance into Coppin.

"Because of your own community involvement and academic achievement, we would consider it an honor for you to be one of our guests."

THANK YOU, LOUISE. I will try to be present although my Class Reunion is scheduled for that day in Brazil, Indiana. I wish I could be in two places at once. + EMO

DEAR MRS. E. GOLDEN

Thank you for your Congratulations AFRO. The letter you wrote in August was one of the first and best we have received.

Mrs. Golden states, "Congratulations to the AFRO.

"The Central Rosemont Recreation Center wishes to congratulate the AFRO as "The Community Reacher."

The Center and its members and friends wish the AFRO lots of luck in all its services."

A KIND INVITATION

By this time you should have received out letter concerning our up - coming Women's Day celebration to be held on Sunday, Oct. 18, 1981, at the 12:15 p.m. Mass, St. Gregory The Great, 1542 N.C. Gilmore.

May I take this opportunity to invite you to be a part of our celebration by attending our Ninth Annual Women's Day Mass, and to join us in fellowship after the Mass.

I realize you have a busy schedule, so if you are unable to be with us in person on this great occasion, we will feel that you are here with us in spirit. — Yours in Christ, Mrs. Ossie Lee, president Women's Day Committee.

OTHELLO

THE PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE for "Othello" has been changed.

Because of the demands placed on James Earl Jones and Christopher Plummer to perform the difficult roles of the Moor and Iago, respectively, in "Othello," the producers have asked the MechanicTheatre to change "Othello's" performance schedule.

There will be no Monday performances. Tickets for the Monday, Oct. 5, performance at 8 p.m. will be honored for Sunday, Oct. 11, at 8 p.m.

Tickets for the Monday, Oct. 12, performance at 8 p.m. will be honored on Sunday, Oct. 18, at 1 p.m.

"OTHELLO" will be playing a Tuesday through Sunday schedule for its entire three - week engagement (Sept. 29 - Oct. 18).

Evening performances are Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday, October 11 at 8 p.m. Matinee performances are Wednesdays and Saturdays at 2 p.m. and on Sunday, Oct. 4, at 3 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 18 at 1 p.m.

For ticket and performance info call 727 - 4102.

BLACK STATE
BLACK STATE LEGISLATORS JOIN OIC

WASHINGTON — The National Black Caucus of State Legislators joined forces with Rev. Leon Sullivan and the Opportunities Industrialization Centers of America (OIC - A) to push for state legislation that will provide block grants for community - based organizations for training the disadvantaged.

AT A NEWS CONFERENCE with State Sen. Clarence Mitchell, III (D. Md.), head of the state legislators' black caucus, Rev. Sullivan, founder and chairman of OIC - A, announced plans to mobilize the more than 400 members of the black caucus *across the nation to push for OIC-* a legislation at the state level.

THE OIC - A faces federal budget cuts exceeding $31 million which will affect training centers in 140 cities.

The announcement followed a series of meetings by representatives of the two organizations, highlighted by an OIC - A legislative planning conference in the Hall of States here.

REPRESENTATIVES of the Reagan Administration addressed the group.

Congressmen who helped plan the OIC - A strategy for securing block grant funds include Rep. Mervyn Dymally (D - Calif.) and former lieutenant governor of California, and Rep. Walter Fauntroy (D - D.C.), chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus.

In response to the joint appeal of Rev. Sullivan and Sen Mitchell, a bipartisan group of 23 black state legislators from 12 states, headed by State Sen. Aris Allen (R-Md.), agreed to introduce OIC - A bills and mobilize support from White and Hispanic legislators in their home states.

PRESENT WERE Del. Isaiah Dixon, Jr. (Md.), Sen. John Daniels (Conn.), Del. Sylvania Woods, Jr. (Md.), Rev. Wy. Vetter Younge (Ill.), Rev. Hosea Williams (Ga.), Sen David S. Holmes (Mich.), and Del. Nathaniel Exum (Md.).

I am hoping and praying that our joint efforts will succeed and that the state legislatures of America will respond to help our people out of this time of crisis."

MSU SYMPOSIUM

A SYMPOSIUM, on the life of writer, Zora Neal Hurston, will be held on Sat., Oct. 10 in the Morgan State University McKeldin Center Ballroom.

Zora Neal Hurston, the talented and prolific 1919 graduate of Morgan Academy and recipient of numerous awards, including the Guggenheim Fellowship in anthropology and a Guggenheim for research in West Indian folklore, is best known for her novels, **Jonah's Gourd Vine; Their Eyes Were Watching God; Moses, Man of the Mountain** and **Seraph on the Suwanee**. Her anthropological works are **Mules and Men**, a book of folklore, and **Tell my Horse**.

Another well known accomplishment, was a musical show written and produced by Miss Hurston entitled "Great Day."

Hurston was a much heralded voice and preserver of Afro - American memories, particularly those of the Harlem Renaissance.

Guest speakers include: Robert Hemenway, Hurston biographer; Gwendolyn Mikel Remy, Afro-American anthropologist; Mary Jane Lupton, Morgan professor of English; Joyce Joyce, University of Maryland Literary scholar and Gossie Hudson, Morgan State University professor of history.

The Morgan University Choir and String Ensemble will also participate in the day's activities sponsored by the Maryland Committee on the Humanities and The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

For information call Ruth T. Sheffey, Ph.D., project coordinator at 444 - 3435.

MRS. LOUISE JOHNSON
top executive

I MET Kate Tubman at Samsons Sunday when we went for some of their good soul food. Her ex - husband is one of the famed Tubman family and his sister, Ada Tubman Jones, is in the Receipt Dept. of the Main Post Office.

KATE TUBMAN is as pleasant as anyone could possibly be. She is Sampson's manager. The food is superb, chile.

OCTOBER HOLIDAYS

Best wishes to our Jewish friends on the following holidays;

YOM KIPPUR (Day of Atonement) — Oct. 8 Thursday.

SUKKOT (Feast of Tabernacles) — Oct. 13, 14 Tues. and Wed.

SHEMINI ATZERET (Eighth Day of Sukkot) — Oct. 20 Tuesday.

SIMCHAT TORAH (Rejoicing of the Law) Oct. 21 Wednesday.

HERE are more holidays:

OCTOBER

7, WEDNESDAY — FEAST OF PILGRIMAGE AND SACRIFICE, Moslem holy day commemorating Ishmael's rescue.

8, THURSDAY — YOM KIPPUR (DAY OF ATONEMENT) Most holy of Jewish Holy Days devoted to prayer, fasting and repentence.

12, MONDAY — COLUMBUS DAY. Marks Columbus' discovery of America in 1492 Federal and state agencies closed.

13, 14, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY — SUKKOT (TABERNACLES). First and second days of festival of harvest, thanksgiving, and remembrance of the Jews wandering in the wilderness and living in booths or tabernacles, after the exodus from Egypt.

15, 16, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY — MARYLAND STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION. Schools closed. Carroll County schools closed October 16 only.

20, TUESDAY — SHEMINI-ATZERET (EIGHTH of Jewish holy season.

21, WEDNESDAY — SIMCHAT TORAH (REJOICING IN THE LAW). Reading of the law (Torah) is completed and begun anew in the synagogue.

24, SATURDAY — UNITED NATIONS DAY. Marks ratification of U.N. Charter in 1945.

29, THURSDAY — MOSLEM NEW YEAR'S DAY. Marks the beginning of Muslem year 1402.

31, SATURDAY — REFORMATION DAY. Marks beginning of Protestant Reformation in 1517.

—They have made the mess

I still receive letters and telephone calls castigating me for not supporting President Ronald Reagan's program.

I voted against the First Budget Resolution, because it was incredibly and cruelly callous towards the poor, the disadvantaged, children and senior citizens.

I voted against the Budget Reconciliation, because it was a mish-mash of economic junk which not a single member of Congress could fully explain.

I voted against the Reagan Tax Bill because it clearly favored the wealthy of the country.

I recently received a letter from Congressman James Jones (D-Okla.) who is chairman of the Budget Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives

Jim Jones is a conservative democrat. I am a liberal. Though we quite often do not agree on economic policies, I do believe his letter makes clear the country is in a mess because of Reagan's policies and the acceptance of those policies by the Congress.

I, therefore, urge that you read carefully the chairman's letter to me:

"When the House of Representatives adopted the Reagan Administration sponsored First Budget Resolution - 'Gamm - Latta I' - you and I and 174 other Democrats voted against the proposal.

"Almost all of us also fought against 'Gramm - Latta II', which overturned our communities' work on reconciliation and against 'Hance - Conable' which put in place the most irresponsible tax bill in memory.

"For many of us, those were difficult and politically dangerous votes. Some among us put careers on the line. But we felt we were doing what was right.

"The budget resolution we backed called for spending cuts of the same total as the Administration, but we were fairer to those least able to sacrifice more.

"Our budget offered a prudent tax cut which would have resulted in declining budget deficits. If our bill had passed, the result most likely would have been lower interest rates, lower unemployment and solid—maybe even spectacular—growth in the economy.

"But we didn't win. The Republicans won and the Administration dictated the exact terms of the budget, reconciliation, and the tax cut to Congress.

They won by inaccurately claiming that they represented 'fiscal restraint' and that we were against reducing spending. They won by using faulty economic projections which made their numbers look good.

"Our program was sound; theirs was a 'riverboat gamble' as Senator Howard Baker described it.

"Now the Republicans' friends on Wall Street are frightened. The money markets gut profit over promises and are adding up the Reagan numbers. The books don't balance and the business and investment communities are scared.

"What Wall Street — which backed the Administration to the hilt—is now admitting is what we warned about last spring: the Administration's 'rosy scenario' of high real growth, falling inflation, low interest rates and tight money does not add up.

"Rather than the much ballyhooed 'balanced budget in 1984,' it now appears that huge deficits will exist, perhaps topping $100 billion if the Administration sticks to its program.

"No one in Congress can be pleased by the economic damage which will result. The poor, the old, the sick, and children will suffer. So will homebuilders, thrift institutions, the auto industry and small businesses. Minority teenagers will be hurt worst of all.

"The Administration and its Congressional supporters must now bear the burden of explaining how to fix the mess they have created.

"I do not envy them the task of

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