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EDITORIAL

A charge given all newspapers is to expose and point up wrong doing by public officials. This is true no matter what persuasion that public official may have, be it black, white, Hispanic or whatever.

Black leaders are not immune to taint. Good ones can slip and fall, betraying the community's trust. It is indeed possible that a born scoundrel could dazzle us—for a time—and rise to ar. undeserved place of respect.

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Drugs passed through school window

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Mitchell 'vindicated' commission drops charges

A smiling Sen. Clarence Mitchell III said he was "happy" and "vindicated" after the Maryland Real Estate Commission dismissed charges against him at a brief Thursday afternoon hearing.

However, two people who had filed a case before the commission claiming Mitchell owed them $300 in interest accured on a deposit given to a former salesman who worked for the senator were not smiling as they left the hearing room after their case had been dismissed.

The commission, chaired by Albert Jones, followed the recommendation of Deputy

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SHOWING SUPPORT — Claudette Bradford, left, holding her son, William, and Gloria Smith, right, who holds David Marshall, with 4 - year - old Tamika Garner standing nearby, both have children who receive WIC benefits.

'Savings future generations'

All People's Congress demand $ for WIC

By Patricia Tatum
AFRO Staff Writer

Members of the All Peoples Congress, in "support of all future generations of kids," descended upon the state offices of the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) to protest the dropping of 6,3000 from WIC rolls eearlier this week.

The vocal, sometimes angry protesters numbered about 20 women, men and children. They said their concern was the "alarming increases in the statewide infant mortality rates," rates which will go higher with WIC cutbacks.

Of those on hand were the Bradfords - the mother, Helena and three of her 15 children, Wilhemina, Claudette, Shirlene and their children.

Wilhemina Bradford, 29, told the AFRO her two children were too old for the program, but she was at the protest to support other WIC mothers and children.

Her sister, Claudette, 23, said her children receive WIC food and she is concerned about others being cutoff and herself, "I don't want to be cut off."

What prompted Tuesday afternoon's demonstrations and what will be the basis for them in the future was a Feb. 1, directive by program administrators which

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Group fears 6,300 may be dropped from program's rolls

Conaway probe in hands of committee

It now is in the hands of a special House of Delegates subcommittee as to what will be the recommendation in the Baltimore City Register of Wills election.

A two-hour public hearing occured last week in Annapolis and now the parties involved in the matter, Register of Wills Mary Conaway, and the man who occupied that office until last September, Patrick Duffy, are awaiting the outcome.

Del. John Arnick, D-Baltimore County, told the AFRO earlier this week that at the Thursday, Feb. 3, hearing he and four other committee members were given "an awful lot of information" by Duffy and Mrs. Conaway's attorneys, Paul Sandler and George Nilson.

Subcommittee members must sift through that information and they have "a lot of law to research," Arnick said.

The five-member panel will

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NEW PALS FOREVER — Abdul Brown, 9, is shown hugging his new German shepherd given to him by police officers from Western District. Abdul's first dog was hit and killed by a police cruiser last month in front of his home.

Police present boy with new pet

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

They had been friends for three years. They played together, took long walks and kept each other's company indoors on rainy days.

Abdul Brown, a 9-year-old Harlem Park Junior High School student, said Shep was his best friend. On Jan. 29, Abdul lost his best friend.

Someone left the backyard gate open and Shep, the German Shepherd, left the yard.

Abdul and a friend were walking up Harlem Avenue when he witnessed his dog run out in the street and was hit by a police cruiser.

Mrs. Dorine McIntosh, mother of Abdul told the AFRO, "Abdul was torn apart when it happened. "He would not eat and could not sleep. All he did was just look at his dog's picture and talk about Shep." Mrs. McIntosh said the entire family was depressed because Shep was part of their family.

On Wednesday evening at Western District Police staion, the officers gave Abdul another German shepherd to replace the one that was killed last month.

Sgt. Alvin Winkler of Western District told Abdul, "We felt bad about what has happened and we have found you another dog. We want you to know our job is not just chasing around criminals. We are also sensitive to your needs."

The officers also gave Abdul a case of dog food, nail clippers, a leash, a dog collar and papers

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Adrift in rough seas

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WISH FOR A SAFE RETURN — Capt. Eric Dawkins, of Bimini Island in the Bahamas, left, thanks Evetta Turner and her husband Dr. Stuart Turner at their northwest Baltimore home just before he and four other survivors of an Atlantic boating mishap leave Baltimore to fly home.

Islanders rescued after barge sinks

By Patricia Tatum
AFRO Staff Writer

With eight-foot waves crashing about her and 30-mile-per-hour winds whipping her life boat, Vivian Dawkins said she prayed a lot early Monday morning as she and four others were adrift in the Atlantic Ocean.

The story has a happy ending however, and Mrs. Dawkins, her husband, Capt. Eric Dawkins, Capt. Horace Lockhart, Theodore Saunders and Adrana Watson sat comfortably in the livingroom of a northwest Baltimore home Wednesday afternoon and told their tale of adventure.

A barge, "Miss Glenda II," was on its way to the Bimini Islands in the Bahamas on Sunday, Feb. 6, when the weather turned rough and the barge began to take on water late that night.

Pumping the water off did no good and neither did throwing off the cargo of concrete blocks, Dawkins said. Before the crew

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A page in AFRO history

One white druggist thinks about his customers

Back in the late twenties and early thirities racism was not hidden very much. In fact it was an accepted way of life. Lynchings of black men were sometimes community events, while interracial marriages were seldom heard of or even tolerated.

Bleaching creams were very popular and so were the neighborhood druggists. Those were the men that sold the bleaching creams, the straightening combs, the skin whiteners. Often white men in all black communities, these businessmen saw great profits in the sale of certain cosmetic items to their clientele and by all means capitalized on it.

The following article, appearing in the September 6, 1930 AFRO - AMERICAN Newspaper rather candidly captures one white merchants perspective on the buying habits of his black store patrons. The entire article has been reprinted, unedited, for your review during Black History Month.

The negroes' dominant wish to become more nearly akin to the white man is expressed to a remarkable degree in the type of purchases they make and constantly demand. No one but the dusky, fuzzy-haired flapper can tell you how many hours she has spent with those heavy iron hair straightening combs she has purchased in an attempt to calm her kinky mass of wool. No one but she can tell you of her hopes and prayers to have the straight hair of the untroubled pale-skinned flapper.

The repeated requests for combs such as these are but everyday occurences in the life of a Harlem druggist, and it became highly important to keep in stock an ample assortment in order to meet the most exacting demands of the dusky customers. **Lemon Fakes for Skin Bleaching**

Coupled with this same type of purchase came requests for skin-bleaching preparations. Those darkies know the reputation of the lowly lemon as a valuable aid in skin whitening and their repeated orders for lemon creams, lemon lotion, lemon astringents and lemon soaps form one of the largest revenues of profit. 'Twixt rhyme and reason, the clever druggist can capitalize this almost childish desire and

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