

# Black Businessmen Fear New UMW Bank Policy

## Impending Departure Of Head Seen

National Black News Service WASHINGTON — Black businessmen in this city are more than a little disturbed over the impending departure of True Davis, a former ambassador to Switzerland, from the helm of the National Bank of Washington.

The businessmen say that under Davis' leadership the bank was the main source of loans for financing Black business enterprises.

Davis is expected to resign at the meeting in March of the bank's Board of Directors. His resignation will be given because he is looked upon with disfavor by the new leadership of the United Mine Workers (UMW) which has the majority interest in the bank.

The Association of Technical Assistance Agencies which provides help to minority businessmen met recently to assess their chances for securing loans for minority enterprises in 1973. At that meeting the TAA representatives expressed gratitude to Davis for his leadership in the minority loan

program.

Darryl A. Hill Business Resource Center executive director, said that the National Bank of Washington had approved more loans than all the other 13 banks in Washington put together.

Technical Assistance Agencies officials estimated that the bank had made a total of a \$ million in minority loans since Davis took over, with another \$700,000 in pending loan applications.

William A. J. Meson, director of the Interracial Council for business opportunity said he would request a meeting with Arnold R. Miller, newly elected president of the United Mine Workers to ask that the bank's minority loan program be continued and expanded under the new bank leadership that will succeed Davis.

The Black entrepreneurs are afraid that new lending policies proposed by Miller would result in drying up funds available for minority enterprise. They were also concerned that Blacks elevated to top positions under Davis would be downgraded or dismissed.

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## Nixon Slashes Health Budget

National Black News Service WASHINGTON — By the end of the month, Congress and President Nixon may become involved in an Indian wrestling match with the electorate looking on in amazement to see which will be the victor.

The reason for such a power struggle is the President's drastic cutbacks in the area of health services, including such popular federal programs as the control of lead poisoning among low-income children, hospital construction, and care for the chronically ill.

The President's proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning in July would increase Medicare and Medicaid—the federal health programs for the elderly and the poor—under new amendments passed by Congress last year.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare would receive about \$21 billion, according to the White House Office of Management and Budget-approved proposal. Of this sum, \$4 billion will go for health programs other than Medicare and Medicaid.

In addition, most research programs are being cut, but the cancer program will receive a \$100 million increase to \$445 million. In contrast, the research budget of the National Institutes of Health—most of which will be used for heart disease study—was increased by \$18 million. Other research

projects for the next fiscal year include environmental health, birth control, and venereal disease.

The Hill-Burton hospital construction program, which has built \$13 billion worth of hospitals in 4,000 communities during its 16-year existence, will be phased out during the next two years. The proposed budget also calls for phasing out the Regional Medical Program, slashing community health planning by 10 per cent, cutting maternal and child health and family planning programs, closing eight Public Health hospitals across the country, and eliminating training programs in all areas.

Additionally, programs covering malaria research will be cut, rat control programs will be halved, and injury control programs will be reduced.

The Medicare increase includes \$100 million for artificial kidney treatments and transplants and \$25 million for peer review programs to guarantee adequate medical care for the poor.

Sen. Robert C. Byrd (D-W. Va.) has introduced an amendment requiring Mr. Nixon to submit to Congress by Jan. 29 a report on impounded funds. Congress voted to have him present last year. The Senate Majority Whip proposes to add the amendment to a resolution authorizing the President to send his budget to Congress.

## Another Civil Rights Agency Said "Doomed"

National Black News Service WASHINGTON — Yet another agency dealing with the problems of black people is slated to bite the dust according to a reliable news source here.

The Community Relations Service (CRS) of the Justice Department, an agency created under the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to mediate racial trouble.

The Service, headed by Ben Holman, a black former news reporter, has some 300 em-

ployees, most of whom would be reassigned to other offices within the Justice Department.

Other employees would be placed in other government agencies or be dropped.

The Nixon Administration plans to announce its action on January 29, and meetings are in progress to plan the dismantling procedure for the service which has operated on a \$6 million yearly budget.

Some supporters of the

service condemn the prospective action saying that there now exists no other agency within the government which is in touch with the life of this country's inner city black communities.

Others feel that the agency is serving no useful purpose and may even have been used as a "spying" and surveillance operation for the Justice Department.

When it was first put into

operation, the service worked in many tense situations in the South involving civil rights confrontations. Perhaps its most publicized case of mediation involved the role of getting Sheriff Jim Clark of Selma, Alabama to withdraw his firm stance on not allowing courthouse demonstrations led by the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1965.

In its early years, the service was strongly supported by

President Lyndon Johnson and Justice Department officials. In latter years it has not played a public role and like other agencies during the current administration its work has been downgraded.

Community Relations Service officials refused to comment on the story.

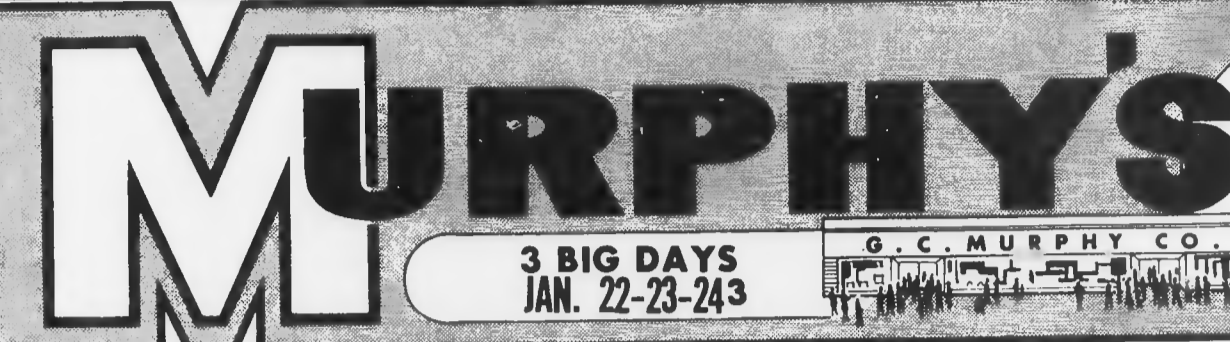
### HOUSE OF PETS

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snakes. He said they are able to surround themselves with nature without going into the woods.

### PLANE DISCOVERY

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