



**DAY CARE CENTER WITH A PROBLEM** - Boston - Children at Stride Rite Children's Center here are served lunch by its director, Mrs. Miriam Kertzman. Man at table is a visiting college student. The Center is different from other day care centers in that it has been successful. "We teach the kids about the world," says Mrs. Kertzman. She emphasizes it is not a "babysitting" service. (UPI)

**Black Mayors To Convene In Miss.**

**FAYETTE, Miss.** For the first time in American history, Black mayors of Southern Cities and towns will take part in a conference to examine their common problems. Scheduled for February 9th and 10th in Fayette, Mississippi, the two-day conference has been called by Mayor Charles Evers of Fayette and Mayor Howard N. Lee of Chapel Hill, North Carolina. A total of 35 black mayors and four vice mayors have been invited. As of January, more than half had accepted invitations to attend. Mayor Richard Hatcher of Gary, Indiana, is the featured speaker February 10th session of the conference. Mayor Hatcher was re-elected to a second term as Gary's mayor last year. The theme of the conference is the responsibility of Black mayors "to lead the way towards full economic advancement and the achievement of equal justice under law for all segments of the community."

**JOHN W. EDWARD'S LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

The first Weekly Legislative Report covers the first three weeks (January 10-January 25) in which the North Carolina General Assembly was in session.

The first column gives the number of the bill and indicates whether it was introduced in the House (H) or Senate (S). The second column gives a brief description of the bill.

If you want action on any of these bills, you should contact your State Representative(s) and State Senator(s). When you request a copy of a bill, be sure to give the number and indicate whether it was introduced in the House (H) or Senate (S).

If you are unable to get information such as a copy of the bill, name and members of the committee to which the bill was referred, you should contact our office. Our staff will be glad to assist you.

Some of the major bills introduced in the area of crime, prisons and drugs are:

**H-21** To remove the requirement that grand juries must inspect and report on jails. An identical bill, S-43 has been introduced in the Senate.

**H-34** To pay prisoners a minimum wage for their work.

**H-33** To automatically restore the rights of citizenship to persons when released from prison.

**H-66** To require a minimum sentence for drug pushers (3 years, first offense, not less than 5 years for second offense, not less than 15 years for third). Some of the major bills introduced in the area of education are:

**S-11** To establish statewide public kindergarten programs in all county and city school units. Similar bill, H-127, has been introduced in the House.

**H-38** To require the State to assume full financial responsibility for the support and operation of public schools. This bill would relieve the local county and city governments from any financial assistance for schools. Some of the major bills introduced in the area of health and welfare are:

**H-32** To establish county detection and testing centers for sickle cell anemia.

**H-36** To eliminate the welfare lien on a person's property for the aged and disabled.

**S-82** To provide that women separated from job because of pregnancy may be considered able to work and thus eligible for unemployment benefits.

**H-103** To provide for the State operation of local county and district health departments for some special projects.

**H-107** To require county health boards to make certain services available and to enlarge membership of the health board to eleven members and the membership reasonable reflect the composition of the county's population. Several other bills (H-105 and H-106) have been introduced in regards county and district health services. Some of the major bills introduced in the area of voter registration and election laws are:

**S-22** To change the date of primary elections from May to August. House bill No. 11 would change the date to September.

**S-24** To repeal the law calling for the Presidential Primary.

**H-55** To require public schools to close on general election day and to require that State, county, and city employees be given time off to vote on general election day.

**H-83** To provide that poll watchers may be appointed in all counties. Similar bill, S-92, introduced in Senate.

**H-94** To allow absentee voting in primaries.

Some of the major bills introduced about how the General Assembly itself functions are:

**S-19** To require electronic voting on all bills, to meet annually and to provide fulltime staff members to aid the major committees in their work. Several other bills have been introduced calling for annual sessions (S-45).

Some other major bills are:

**S-50** To exempt certain medicines from the sales tax.

**S-52** To require a hearing by the clerk of court with 10 days notice before the clerk may order the sheriff to repossess property.

**H-98** To allow the Governor to serve for two terms.

**H-154** To increase the State's minimum wage to one dollar and eighty cents (\$1.80).

**Files Civil Suit**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** - The Department of Justice filed a civil suit charging that the Boston Fire Department discriminates in the hiring of blacks and Spanish surnamed persons as firemen.

Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst said the employment discrimination suit was filed in U.S. District Court in Boston, Massachusetts.

The suit said Boston has approximately 2,100 firemen, of whom about 16 are black and three are Puerto Rican or Mexican-American.



**COMFORT AFTER TEAR GAS** - BOCA RATON, Fla.: Boca Raton city police used tear gas Monday morning to quell a racial fight that broke out in the parking lot of Boca Raton High School. Here student Mary Jackson is comforted by one of her teachers after being tear gassed. (UPI)

**Miss Black Teenage World Pageant Set**

**DANVILLE, Va.** - Pageants Unlimited, Inc., producers of the Miss Black Teenage World Pageant, announced that Birmingham would be the site for the 1973 Miss Black Teenage World Pageant. Miles College of Birmingham will serve as Co-producers while the Alabama Association of Modern Beauticians will act as Official Hostesses to the contestants, chaperons, parents and the staff of PUI. The Pageant will present contestants 15 to 17 years old from throughout the world competing for the title; each contestant must model sportswear (no swimwear), eveningwear and perform in a three minute talent presentation.

The Miss Black Teenage World Pageant is a week long affair, which will include several public appearances of the contestants. While in Birmingham, the contestants will be housed on the Miles College campus, where they will hold private rehearsals as well as Charm, Modeling and Etiquette Workshops. The Miss Black Teenage World Pageant is not connected with any other Pageant and serves as a vehicle of expression for young Blacks throughout the world.

Prizes are presented to the winners and finalists as well as college scholarships to the top

ten contestants. Persons who desire additional information should write: Mrs. Pat Shelton, P.U.I., Inc., P.O. Box 1139, Danville, Virginia 24541.

**Lionel Hampton To Be Honored**

**NEW YORK** - Music will be the order of the day, when the National Urban League Guild stages a "Salute to the Music Man," at its annual Beaux Arts Ball on Friday evening, Feb. 16th in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel with master musician Lionel Hampton as honored guest.

Big band leaders Duke Ellington and Benny Goodman are honorary chairman for the Ball. Drummer Gene Krupa and pianist Teddy Wilson are co-chairmen with Mrs. Mollie Moon, chairman of the Guild, serving as liaison between the National Urban League Guild and the special committee of volunteers who work every year to make the ball a success.

This will be the 33rd annual Ball the Guild will sponsor for the benefit of the National Urban League. The first Urban League Guild was formed in New York City in 1940 by Mrs. Moon for the purpose of interpreting the League's work to the community.



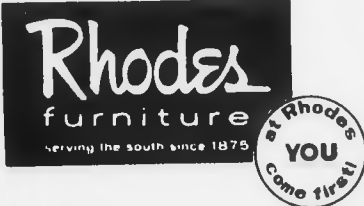
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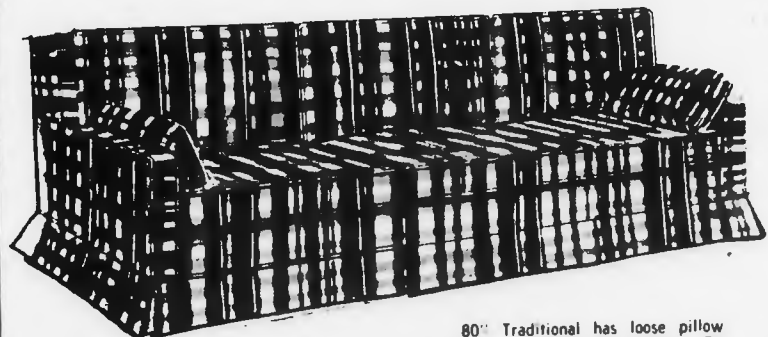
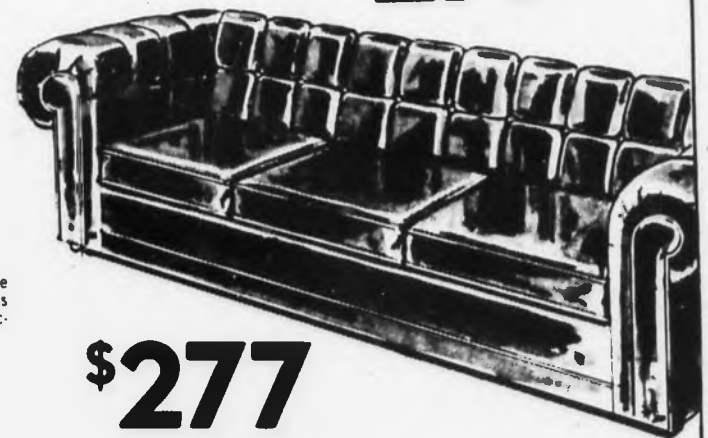
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