

Semi-Monthly Summary...

HISTORY-MAKING BLACK HAPPENINGS:

(For your continuing calendar of major black events. Please cut out this column and keep it in your own notebook. Please mark the date of each entry.)

International news...

Kenya — The fact, as well as the appearance, of a democratic transfer of political power was evident as Kenya's acting President Arap Moi was assured of a unanimous mandate to serve as the late President Jomo Kenyatta's successor.

Moi's not being a member of the Kikuyu Tribe, Kenya's largest and majority tribe, had been seen earlier as a possible hindrance in his political path. Later assessments, however, suggested just the opposite—that his belonging to the small Tugen Tribe, which represented no political threat, was a positive factor in his broad acclaim as Kenyatta's peacefully designated successor in office.

The Dominican Republic — Meanwhile, little hailed in a positive way in the press, was evidence of the influence of U.S. President Jimmy Carter in the peaceful transfer of power in this racially mixed end of an "island-continent" shared with Haiti.

Ambassador Andrew Young's appearance along with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and a substantial U.S. military delegation at the swearing-in ceremonies for the new Dominican Republican President Antonio Guzman reflected a major shift in U.S. policy and represented a major coup for strong Carter pressures for a halt to temporary efforts by the Dominican military to thwart the

mandate of the Dominican people at the polls.

Zimbabwe—Events moved swiftly in this ostensibly "soon to be black-led" African nation. While whites have demanded a war with neighboring Zambia for providing military bases for guerrilla operations against the presently white-led interim government" of Prime Minister Ian Smith, Smith himself shied away from this step, although professing emotionally to share the feelings of his fellow whites.

Mr. Smith has reportedly met with and made some symbolic, even though reportedly hollow, overtures to leaders of the guerrilla Patriotic Front.

The British and American pressures to keep up an embargo have suffered legislative "set-backs," although there were indications that under the official administration policies both in the U.S. and Britain, oil has been allowed to flow continuously to Rhodesia (or Zimbabwe) despite the official imposition of sanctions designed to permit the sale and delivery of oil to this white-minority-ruled African nation.

National News...

Washington, D.C. — Despite continuing reports of cynicism and deception on the part of some Southern Senators who voted for the Constitutional Amendment providing full voting rights and representation for the District of Columbia, black leaders have appeared hopeful of at least the Carter Administration's strong lobbying efforts and a national push for the popular approval of the Amendment.

If approved, the Amendment would practically assure the presence of two black members in the U.S. Senate. Some Southern Senators reportedly voted for the bill to gain needed black support for their own re-election bids, while privately expressing cynicism regarding a favorable mandate for the bill from the American public.

Chicago, Illinois — Liberals and conservatives were condemned — or warned against — as U.S. Senator Adlai Stevenson spoke out against the deceptive tactics of the liberals who are supporting the allegedly empty "full employment" bill bearing the liberal names of Humphrey and Hawkins.

Senator Stevenson said that some liberal-espoused programs such as the Comprehensive Employment Training Act and the proposed Humphrey-Hawkins measure were in the pattern of proven failures or of costly but empty promises.

Meanwhile, blacks were warned that such statements as those of conservative Republican John Connally that "South Africa was a model of black-white cooperation," should serve as an indication of the blinders-on politics which would be the fruit for blacks of any Republican majority in the Congress or of a Republican incumbent in the White House.

(For an in-depth analysis of these and other issues on black and Third World life, please see "The MONITOR Microscope" in the monthly magazine supplement to this paper.)

INGENUITY IN HOME DECOR

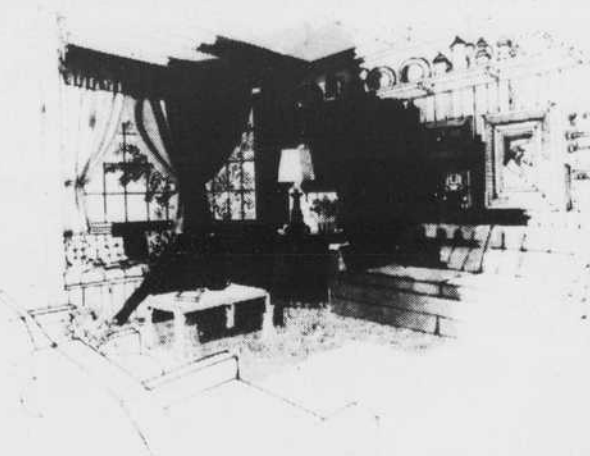
Helpful Tips On Low-Cost Decorating Ideas

Liven Up Your Living Room

You don't have to destroy your budget to bring new life to your living room. Often all it takes is one dramatic focal point to highlight all the room's fine qualities. That fascinating feature can be a view, a wall of books, an arrangement of pictures or a fireplace. Where no architectural or visual feature exists, an effective accent can be created with paneling.

For example, a wall paneled in an antique-finished hardwood veneered paneling, such as Georgia-Pacific's Renaissance Tuscan, can be combined with a plate railing, beamed ceiling and window seat to reproduce the warmth typical of Early American homes. Colorful fabrics, period accessories and the texture of wood paneling all blend to make a living room that's cozy, distinctive, and very inviting.

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brighter; darker panelings add warmth. Paneling serves as a fine frame for pictures and other artful groupings and works well around windows, too.

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