HEAT PUT ON HOUSE OF CORRECTION

The Baltimore County Grand Jury paid a surprise visit to the House of Correction this week and the Maryland Crime Investigation Commitee asked Gov. J. Millard Tawes to permit a review of an ill inmate's death there on Dec. 5.

A four-man committee of Baltimore County grand jury went to the Jessups penal institution Wednesday morning in the wake of a Dec. 28 AFRO story which reported on the segregation of prisoners there after a tour conducted by Warden William F. Steiner.

The Revs. Marion C. Bascom and Robert T. Newbold and Leo Burroughs of the Civic Interest Group reported they found discrimination in housing facilities, jobs, the movies and dining hall.

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THEY charged after the tour that this resulted in severest overcrowding, the hardest and dirtiest work and those places without adesuate bath and service facilities being accirded to colored prisoners.

The Dec. 28 edition of the AFRO also carried the Medcal Examiner's report attributing the death of inmate Braxton Allen, 35, of Baltimore, to hemoperitoneum due to ruptured spleen due to acute lukemia.

That story also told how scores of prisoners write letters to the AFRO and told relatives and other visitors to publicize the fact that Allen had been dizzy and bleeding for several days without being able to get adequate treatment from the institution's hospital.

The story quoted the prisoners as saying Allen was allowed by the officer on his dormitory to visit the hospital four times in one night but all he ever got for his efforts were some pills and cotton stuck up his nose.

One recalled how bloody his pillow was the morning he died.

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IN ASKING Gov. Tawes to permit a review of the matter "as quickly as possible," Alvin J. T. Zumbrun, executive director of the MCIC, said "allegations have been made which demand a thorough review of the incident."

Mr. Zumbrun also told Gov. Tawes:

"When the state sentences a man to one of its correctional institutions, it does so with the grave responsiblity of seeing that the physical well-being of that person is in no way inpaired because of state neglect.

Questions have been raised which can only be answered through impartial investigation.

"If there is the possibility of neglect, it should be made known. If the allegations which already have been made are not true, then this should be made public to protect the innocent parties."

Mr. Zumbrun said an order from Gov. Tawes to the Department of Correction would be required "if we are to conduct the inquiry effectively and adequately."

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THE WEATHER

Snow or rain likely Sunday and Wednesday. Normal high is 45 degrees, while the normal low is from 27 to 32 degrees, but for the next five days temperatures are expected to range from 4 to 5 degrees below normal.

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HOUSING INSPECTOR TRAPPED BY WIDOW, POLICE IN BRIBERY BID

Dr. Long hires Mrs. Denniston

Congressman elect Clarence Long (D., Second) in a precedent -setting appointment, has named Mrs. Arabella L. Denniston, of Washington, D.C. nationally-known women's leader, as a staff aid for human relations.

Congressman Long thus [illegible] Congressman to name a colored person to a post of any significance on his Washington staff.

Mrs. Denniston retired last November from her post as administrative secretary for the National Council of Negro Women.

During her work with the council she was closely associated with the group's past president, the late Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, educator and government official.

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MEMBERS of the colored community hailed the appointment.

"I'm definitely pleased that Dr. Long already has set a precedent for Maryland congressmen by integrating his staff in such a responsible manner," said Dr. Furman Templeton, executive direction of the Urban League.

"His action fully entitles him to continued support and all of us wish him well in his new career," Dr. Templeton said.

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CONGRESSMAN LONG has lived up to what I would expect of him," commented Dr. C. James Fleming, Morgan State College professor of history and political science.

"Before he was a congressman his kind of life and interest included all Americans as Americans," Dr. Fleming said.

"I've always felt that all should share in the significant programs of the nation. So what he has done is living up to his own standards and I'm pleased, but not surprised."

Mrs. Arabella Denniston

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MRS. DENNISTON, who now lives at 1824 Belmont Rd. NW, Washington, was born in Daytona Beach, Fla.

She was educated at Bethune - Cookman College, named for Mrs. Bethune, and Cooper Institute in New York.

Friends of Mrs. Denniston described her as a Christian woman who has "quietly and firmly been saying her piece for the colored movement" throughout her lifetime.

James C. Evans, counsel to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower added that Mrs. Denniston has the "broadest knowledge of colored women of anybody in the United States today."

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FOLLOWING her college education, Mrs. Denniston worked as a secretary for the Brotherhod of Sleeping Car Porters in New York, working mainly with the editor of the union's monthly magazine.

She later was employed by the National Urban League in New York and the Nation-

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The Sun In Katanga

(An Editorial)

A Baltimore Sun correspondent was arrested, confined to a mud hut and beaten in the Katanga province of the Congo this week.

He had been denied permission to enter the province but did so anyway, taking food with which to bribe army or other officials.

His dispatch calls attention to the fact that the soldiers who slapped his face and tore his clothing or threatened to kill him were drunk or smelled of beer.

No doubt. Most people are more violent drunk than sober.

This is the same kind of treatment American newsmen get in China, Russia or in hostile African and South American countries.

They should not be surprised, because some U.S. reporters, colored and white, have had the same treatment in Little Rock, Ark. and Oxford, Miss.

As Americans, we are not a particularly beloved country in many places of the world today.

And we hasten to console the Sunpapers by adding that an AFRO reporter would get the same shabby treatment in Katanga today, if he should attempt to enter that country.

The fact that we and Africans are of the same race is not determinative. The main thing is that we are Americans.

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Grandmother buried today; slayer sought

Funeral services for Mrs. Inez Mobley, formerly of 1602 Gwynns Falls Pkwy., will be held 1 p.m. today (Friday) at the Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion Church.

The Rev. Clinton R. Coleman, pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow at the Carver Memorial Park and arrangements are being handled by Arlington Phillips, mortician.

Mrs. Mobley, 52-year-old grandmother, was found dead in the basement of her home Saturday with a construction pick buried eight inches in her skull.

Homicide investigators said Mrs. Mobley was killed sometime after 10:30 a.m. Friday, when she was last seen alive.

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THEY BELIEVE she was slain by someone known to her because there was no evidence of forced entry to her first - floor apartment and two glasses and a bottle of vodka were found on the table, police reported.

Her estranged husband, Preston M. Mobley, a steel plant worker and part-time shoe repairman, has been cleared of any suspicion, investigators said Thursday.

Mr. Mobley was in New York when the slaying was uncovered.

He was eliminated as a suspect after he voluntarily returned to the city and underwent extensive questioning, it was stated.

At AFRO presstime Thursday, police said they have run into a "blank wall" in search of clues to the holiday slaying.

TOP BRASS — Maryland's new Senator Verda F. Welcome (D. 4th D., Balto.) gets a few pointers from Senator Joseph A. Bertorelli (D. 1st D., Balto.), veteran member of the State Legislature.

Sen. Welcome, delegates make legislature history

By MAX JOHNSON

ANNAPOLIS — Two history making events marked the opening here Wednesday of the new Maryland General Assembly, which convened for a 90 - day session.

State Senator Verda F. Welcome (D. 4th D., Balto.) became the first lady of her race to sit in the State Legislature's upper chamber.

And for the first time, the House of Delegates, which has had two colored members since 1955, now has three.

They are all from Baltimore's Fourth District: Mrs. Irma G. Dixon, beginning a second four - year term; and newcomers Clarence M. Mitchell 3rd, youthful son of the chief of the Washington NAACP and Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, Baltimore attorney, and Ernest D. Young, attorney.

The opening day ceremonies were far less colorful than some in former years, due largely to two factors.

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1. Gov. J. Millard Tawes is beginning a second cut-and-dried term of office, dismissing the speculative interest accompanying a new governor.

2. Almost half of the 171-member Senate and House of Delegates contingent are new faces, and thus prohibiting much of the usual back-slapping comradeship pronounced at such sessions.

Following the swearing-in ceremonies of the General Assembly members and

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William Haile elected to top eastern ILA office

William Haile, 60, 2533 W. Lafayette Ave., is new boss of the International Longshoremen Association's eastern district which runs from Maine to Brownsville, Texas.

The longshoremen, now in a strike throughout the district, named Mr. Haile international vice president for the Port of Baltimore and port organizer on Thursday. He succeeds August Idzik, who died on Dec. 19.

Mr. Haile, before flying back to New York to continue negotiations in the strike, said progress was being made toward the union's demanded 57 - cent package

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$125 recovered after rendezvous

A charming and retiring widow who "got mad" this week ripped the cover off an apparent shakedown racket which was rooted in the Municipal Building of City Hall.

Mrs. Louis Minus of 1033 N. Stricker St., charged a building inspector with demanding $125 to ignore alleged building violations.

The inspector, Sam Woolf, 44, 3900 block Park Heights, was caught in a trap baited by Capt. Wade H. Poole, Western District commander, and Mrs. Minus, Wednesday.

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HE IS charged with demanding and receiving a bribe in lieu of performing his duties as a public official.

The inspector was arrested Wednesday by Northwestern District plainclothesmen when he left Mrs. Minus's home.

He was carrying $125 in cash, serial numbers of which were recorded in Captain Poole's office, police testified.

Municipal Judge Joseph L. Broccolino held Woolf for action of the grand jury and set bail at $1,500.

Mrs. Minus, a widow who shares her three-story home with a friend, told the AFRO she went to police when she "got mad" after the inspector visited her.

In return for overlooking certain alleged violations of the building code, Mrs. Minus reported, Woolf demanded $125.

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THE INSPECTOR then issued this warning, according to the complainant:

"If you ever mention my name, you'll get in trouble, I will make it hard for you."

Although the order roused her anger, the charming home owner said, she decided to "play the game."

The inspector left his card and instructed her to contact him when she got the money," Mrs. Minus reported.

Instead she went to Captain Poole, who arranged the sting.

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SHE SAID the city official came to her house Dec. 28 and claimed she was guilty of numerous housing code violations.

The inspector told her she needed to make extensive renovations, including the installation of "six" fireproof doors to comply with regulations, Mrs. Minus stated.

When she balked, pointing out the prohibitive cost of such repairs, the widow said

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HUBBY WHO 'TRIED TO RUN' CAREER SHED BY DOTTIE

LOS ANGELES — (ANP) Charging that her white husband, John Denison tried to dictate how she should handle her career, singer Dorothy Dandridge last week obtained a divorce from him here.

Appearing in Superior Court, Miss Dandridge, a famous actress as well as a singer, charged Denison "wanted to be a part of everything."

It was not explained whether Denison wanted to control her earnings from show business.

Kennedy calls on nation to observe emancipation

WASHINGTON

President Kennedy has called upon "public officials, as well as private persons, oganizations, and groups" to observe the centennial of the Emancipation Proclamation "by appropriate ceremonies" beginning Jan. 1.

The proclamation, issued from the temporary White House in Palm Beach, Fla., was countersigned by Secretary of State Dean Rusk.

In the document, Mr. Kennedy noted that the Emancipation Proclamation "marked the beginning and the end of the iniquitous institution of slavery in the United States."

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HE SAID it was "a great stride toward the fulfillment of the principles of the Declaration of Independence that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

The President said the 100-year-old Proclamation and the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution "guaranteed to colored citizens equal rights with all other citizens of the United States and have made possible greater progress toward the enjoyment of those rights."

It was the Chief Executive's request that "all citizens of the United States and all officials of the United States and of every State and local government . . . dedicate themselves to the completion of the task of assuring that every American, regardless of his race, religion, color, or national origin" enjoy all the rights guaranteed by the Constitution.

Curlett-Type Plan Fails Test

(See Editorial on Page 2)

A merger of the type proposed in the controversial Curlett Report for the boards of Maryland's teacher college, was adopted by New Jersey in 1959 but now has been termed ineffective "for the foreseeable future."

The State of New Jersey provided that assessment of the new program in the State College Survey of August, 1961.

This report on a nearby state's experience with the idea of lumping teachers state colleges with established liberal arts institutions, in an effort to promote the former to the liberal arts category, has been brought to the attention of Gov. Tawes.

Gov. Tawes has announced his general support of the provisions of the Curlett Report and legislation was introduced on the opening day of the General Assembly to effect them.

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THE STATE COLLEGE SURVEY sizes up New Jersey's experience this way:

"In 1959 New Jersey, following a rather widespread trend, redesignated its State Teachers' Colleges as State Colleges. At that time there were undoubtedly great hopes that they would rapidly become liberal arts colleges.

"In the intervening two years, however, it has become increasingly evident that even with the new physical facilities already added and those still scheduled for completion in the next two years, our State Colleges cannot keep pace with the growing demand for more teachers.

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"THE NET result is that, essentially and for the foreseeable future, our State Colleges will continue to be teacher training institutions."

Opponents of the plan to lump Morgan, an advanced liberal arts college, with the state teachers colleges, see in the New Jersey experience a new and certain threat because Maryland is one of the states with a teacher - hiring problem.

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