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SLAIN BANANA PIER MONEY LENDER WAS TRYING TO COLLECT $20 LOAN

Poverty Program Probe To Be Sought For City

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

There has been no official announcements since Dr. Melvin J. Humphrey handed in his resignation Tuesday as director of the city's Anti - Poverty Program.

The silence, however, has not put a damper on behind-the - scenes activities, the AFRO learned late Thursday.

Confidential information brought to the attention of the AFRO points to three immediate steps:

1. William F. Haddad, inspector general of the Office of Economic Opportunity, will be requested to investigate the Baltimore program.

2. A director will be appointed with minimum delay.

3. The director will be colored.

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GARY ELLIS, public affairs director of OEI in Washington said late Thursday that the program will be investigated, "If we receive complaints."

It was also learned late Thursday that a formal complaint will be lodged.

As to the new director, Mr. Ellis said the national office is "greatly concerned" about the vacancy and would like to see it filled immediately.

"A long delay in filling the vacancy will not only hamper the program, but will endanger other projects yet to be put into operation," he declared.

He added that "we are extremely interested in Baltimore getting a new director, but we have nothing to do with who is named."

He was asked if OEO will insist upon the director being colored.

"We only insist that all minorities be represented in all phases of the program," he declared.

Baltimore's two associate directors — Dr. Richard Bateman and Stanley Z. Mazer — are white.

The identity of the director is shrouded in as much mystery as the conditions under which Dr. Humphrey resigned.

At presstime several names had been given more than casual mention. Among them:

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SAMUEL T. DANIELS," grand master of Maryland Masons and executive secretary of the Community Relations Commission;

Edgar Ewing, an executive with the Baltimore Ur- Agency;

Dr. Furman L. Templeton, executive director, Baltimore Urban League;

Parren J. Mitchell, executive secretary, Maryland Interracial Commission;

David L. Glenn, administrative assistant to Mayor Theodore McKeldin.

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MAYOR McKELDIN limited his comments to the search with:

"I will consider any candidate that the commission recommends for the appointment."

It is a foregone conclusion, however, that anyone the commission recommends will have the mayor's personal stamp of approval.

The new director will also have to be able to "cooperate" with Morton Macht, commission chairman.

One of the known reasons behind the Humphrey resignation was his rift with the chairman.

For the time being, at least, Mr. Macht will head the commission.

Asked if he was considering replacing the chairman

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NAACP up 44% in year '65

- **Life Memberships 500,000**
- **2,250 Delegates In Denver**
- **Wilkins Douses Weak Challenge To His Leadership**
- **NAACP To Refrain From Endorsing Political Candidates**
- **Alabama Delegates Return After Court Ouster**
- **LBJ Telegram Says Goals Is Equality Of Treatment**

By DAN DAY

DENVER (NNPA) — Delegates to the 56th annual NAACP convention were told Monday the principal task now before them — and all civil rights advocates — is to see that the 1964 Civil Rights Act actually solves the problems that brought it into being.

In a moving keynote address, executive director Roy Wilkins said "no effort must be spared on the local, state or national levels to erase the damaging inequities of past decades."

Changes must be speeded,

—See NAACP Up, Page A-3

DEL. IRMA DIXON

Rites for Del. Dixon

"It has been said that we should give our flowers while the deserving individual can smell them. Irma, like many others, could have received more flowers while she lived."

Sen. Verda F. Welcome of Baltimore's Fourth District paid that tender tribute Wednesday to her fellow legislator, Mrs. Irma George Dixon, who died Wednesday morning at the Montebello Hospital.

Mrs. Dixon, 54, was serving her second term as Fourth District delegate to the General Assembly before she was stricken with cancer several months ago..

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. tomorrow (Saturday) at the Grace Presbyterian Church, with the pas-

—See Del. Dixon, Page A-5

Sonji Hunts Cassius In 4 States; Gets Alimony

MIAMI, Fla., — "Where he is, I go. He won't see me, and leaves, and I follow."

This was the plaint of pretty Sonji Clay, who told Circuit Judge Harold Spaet that she had followed her husband, heavyweight champion Cassius Clay into four states since their breakup three weeks ago.

The 26-year-old former Chicago model put in an appearance here Wednesday and won $350 a week in temporary payments after asking for $1,000 weekly.

Maintaining that her fervent hope is for a reconciliation, Sonji appeared with her attorneys in reply to the suit for annulment, or divorce, bring that, filed by Clay June 22. Clay accused Sonji of failing to keep her promises to adopt his Black Muslim religion.

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"I WANT to live with my husband," said Sonji.

Talking about their life together before the breakup following Clay's successful title defense at Lewiston, Me., against Sonny Liston May 25, Sonji mentioned a $35 weekly cleaning bill and

—See Follw Him, Page A-3

MRS. SONJI CLAY LEAVES COURT WITH LAWYER

Sammy Davis collaspes at show

NEW YORK (UPI) — Sammy Davis, who stars as a prize fighter in a Broadway musical, collapsed during a fight scene in the first act of the show Wednesday night.

The entertainer, weakened by a virus attack which forced cancellation of the Wednesday matinee, was struck in the ribs in the third scene of the first act of "Golden Boy."

He staggered off stage and collapsed in the wings. He was taken to a physician's office and X-ray photos were taken to determine if he had sustained a broken rib.

He was expected to return to the stage of the Majestic Theater Thursday night, a spokesman said. His understudy, Lamont Washington, completed the Wednesday night performance.

SAMMY DAVIS JR.

Guilty man freed with $500 fine

Charles (Chipmonk) Young Jr., convicted of killing a money lender in a banana pier shoot-out last November, walked out of Criminal Court Tuesday a free man.

Testimony showed Young shot William Lee Johnson, 35, 1400 block Myrtle Ave., after the man hit him on the head with the butt of a gun and shot him twice.

Young claimed that Johnson, who came to the pier in his 1963 Cadillac with his son and a woman friend, tried to collect $80 from him for a $20 loan.

Judge James A. Perrott found Mr. Young guilty of manslaughter.

Young was ordered to pay a $500 fine and given a suspended six - month sentence. The fine, Judge Perrott stipulated, is to be paid through the Probation Department.

Nelson R. Kandel, defense attorney, maintained that Mr. Young had acted in self-defense.

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IN HIS CLOSING argument he stated:

"This is certainly a case of self-defense. Young was retreating all the time trying to get away from Johnson.

"It has been proved that two bullets from Johnson's gun entered Young's body.

"It has also been shown that Young had a laceration on his head as a result of being pistol-whipped by the deceased.

"It was only after he had been hit on the head and shot twice that he fired back."

Mr. Kandel stressed, "It is absurd for the court to reason that a man owes a higher obligation to himself or the law in a position of this sort without defending himself or to retreat further."

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JUDGE PERROTT disagreed, declaring that Mr. Young had a greater obligation to retreat and therefore used ". . .far more force than was necessary."

Testimony at the trial revealed that at about 12:25 a.m., a period when the banana pier, 2025 McComas St., was crowded with stevedores changing shifts, Patrolmen Norman Wedemeyer and Robert Smith were called to the pier to investigate a shooting.

On arrival they found Mr. Johnson slumped by his 1963 car, his head cradled in the arms of Miss Margaret Collins, 1200 block Argyle Ave.

Known around the pier

—See Money Lender, Page A-2

City, state fight poverty but pay sub-poverty wages

By BRENDA L. THOMPSON

Baltimore City and the State of Maryland are fighting anti - poverty wars with one hand and contributing to poverty with the other.

Both have a number of full - time jobs for which the starting pay is less than the $3,000 considered the minimun income on which poverty can be escaped.

All either would have to do to get its employees above the poverty level would be to pay about $57.70 a week.

Workers in Baltimore City who are classified as market comfort station custodians are an example.

The female salary is a low $1332-$1732 while the male's is just slighty higher, $1656-$2160.

SALARIES for these low paying City - State jobs are based on the area of work.

For many of them only a physical examination is required. Others call for some skill.

Although the city's maximum wages for many of these sub - poverty level jobs extend to $3660, the minimum is still $2338.

The City's classified jobs that fall in the sub - poverty level include:

Clerk, $2892 - 3660; cook's helper, $2628 - 3336; custodian worker-female, $2892 - 3660, male, $2760 - 3492;

—See Fight Poverty, Page A-3

Knox estate includes farm, homes, savings

Augustus D. Knox, Republican leader, insurance broker, fraternal official and bondsman, who died here, May 27, left his entire estate to Mrs. Leana B. Thomas of 624 S. Paca St.

Mrs. Thomas, along with William H. Murphy, attorney, were designated as executors by Mr. Knox.

The will, drawn on May 19 1959, had, the original copy showed, been altered in several paragraphs by Mr. Knox.

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THE DOCUMENT stipulated that all just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon as possible after his death, and that funeral arrangements be made by Mrs Thomas.

It gave Mrs. Thomas his farm in Monkton, his automobile, and properties at 747 Ryan St., 1534 Clifton Ave., 2623 Woodbrook Ave., 2225

—See Knox Estate, Page A-2

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Tan official named to NFL

SAN FRANCISCO — The National Football League came up with one of the biggest surprises in the major sports field this week when it appointed a colored official to serve in 1965 league games.

The new NFL arbiter — the first colored official in big league history — is Burl Toler, 37, who is employed as assistant principal at a San Francisco junior high school.

Toler was a star linebacker on the University of San Francisco eleyens of the early fifties. He was a team - mate of the likes of Gino Marchetti of the Baltimore Colts, Ollie Matson of Philadelphia Eagles, and Ed Brown of the Chicago Bears.

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BOTH NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle and Toler said Thursday that the new post will not interfere with the latters' teaching career because games are played on week - ends and air schedules permit his traveling to any area and returning home between classroom assignments.

Toler, it was announced, will serve as a head lines - man.

How new housing bill would help poor here

Passage by the House of Representatives Wednesday of the President's housing bill with its new provision for rent subsidies to low income families — will provide more and better public housing for Baltimoreans, if okayed by the Senate, local officials say.

Spokesmen for the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency (BURHA) said the bill would go a long way toward reducing the lists of 3,000 families now waiting for public housing.

The $6 billion bill, which also includes provisions for increased urban renewal, expansions of mortgage assistance and relocation payments to displaced families and businesses, passed the House by a vote of 245 to 169.

AN EARLIER measure to include moderate income families in the provisions for rent subsidies was knocked out.

Bob Moyer, of BURHA, explained that the rent subsidies would enable low income families to live in private housing and pay only what they can afford.

The difference would be met by the government.

Through this section, Mr. Moyer noted, "Baltimore will be able to house decently a broader cross section of its people than with the previous housing act."

"The families that are really hurt," he said, "are those in the 20 per cent income gap (moderate income). Their incomes are too high for public housing and too low to find decent housing in the city.

"The advantage of the rent subsidies for private housing is that it won't be institutionalized-looking as some public housing is."

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BURHA DOES not anticipate problems when the new measure goes to the Senate for consideration, and has al-

—See New Bill, Page A15

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