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Mitchell Files For Congress

Labor Dept. suit aids 250 workers for Miss. farmer

By DAVID E. SLOAN

Federal Judge William C. Keady of Clarksdale, Miss. signed a consent judgment Wednesday ordering million-dollar-a-year Mississippi Delta farmer Joseph Roy Flowers to pay his 250 field workers $50,000 in back wages to be distributed to them by the U.S. Secretary of Labor.

As a result of accusations that had been made in the suit, Flowers was also permanently enjoined from violating the minimum wage, overtime pay, record-keeping and child-labor provisions of the law.

Evidence before the court established that Flowers had been charging field workers as much as $70 per month for shacks the true rental value of which was only $5 per month.

Flowers agreed to lower the rent to $5 monthly.

In addition to the accusation of failure to pay minimum wages to his field hands, Flowers was accused of hiring workers under 16, overcharging tenants for coal and wood used for heating and cooking, and that in many instances, he charged laborers for cotton sacks used for cotton picking.

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AN AUTHORITATIVE source on the Labor Department told the AFRO: "We went in to do as careful a job as possible in order to expose all the problems.

"We were able to amass such significant data (all a matter of public record in a Labor Department Economic Study filed early in

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Poor People leadership changing?

By GIM OKOH
WASHINGTON

Leaders of the Poor People's Campaign met for hours Saturday in an attempt to solve what some of the officials of SCLC described as 'internal suffering of the campaign and conflict in the SCLC leadership."

Some private sources said the cause of a setback in the campaign is lack of white support after the mass arrests on Capitol Hill last week.

Unofficial statements by these sources also revealed there is a serious confrontation in the internal running and leadership within the SCLC.

None of the SCLC officials were available Saturday to make public statements and were fully occupied with the arrangements for some 250 Washington clergymen who have agreed to march Sundays in support of the Poor People's Campaign.

Despite difficulties, more

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NEWLYWEDS — Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rankin, left, were all smiles Sunday at reception following the exchange of marriage vows at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church. Both are members of the Police Department and assigned to the Community Relations Division, headed by Maj. William A. (Box) Harris, who was best man. Mrs. Elsa Douglass Jr., sister-in-law of the bride, served as maid of honor.

Retiring CAA chief opposing Cong. Friedel

By MAX JOHNSON
AFRO Political Analyst

Parren J. Mitchell, who has tendered his resignation as head of the city's anti-poverty Community Action Agency, now has jumped openly into the related business of politics.

Mr. Mitchell is bidding for the 7th Congressional District seat held by the Democrats' veteran Samuel N. Friedel.

He filed late Monday evening in the Secretary of State's office in Annapolis.

A detailed statement, Mr. Mitchell said, giving his reasons and aims will be issued later this week.

Any assessment of his chances against Mr. Friedel in the Sept. 10 primary would be premature.

There were three other Democrat candidates in this district race opposing Mr. Friedel, as of AFRO press time.

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THEY INCLUDE Alan M. Resnick, a veteran House of Delegates member, Henry Millner and St. George I. B. Crosse, who made an unsuccessful bid two years ago for sheriff.

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PARREN J. MITCHELL
In Congressional Race

Dr. Sheldon in hot spot on hot day

Dr. Thomas D. Sheldon took over Monday as head of the city's public school system, and at $50,000 a year becomes Baltimore's and this state's highest paid public official.

Dr. Sheldon came Mon-

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Olympia rocked by boycott fear

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Harry Edwards has the U. S Olympic Committee over a barrel, and he can start rolling it any time he wants.

To make matters even worse for the committee, Edwards has the staves spiked and greased and from here on in, right up to Oct. 12, he's the man who will be calling the turn as far as the 1968 Olympic Games are concerned.

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IF YOU don't think so, just check the options open to the man who is spearheading the proposed boycott of the games, to be held in Mexico City this

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'Peaches-Herb' star shot on motel balcony

COLUMBIA, S. C. (UPI) — A singer with a well-known vocal group was shot and seriously wounded Saturday as he stood on the balcony of a downtown Columbia motel outside his manager's room.

Herbert Feemster of Baltimore, Md., a vocalist with the "Peaches and Herb" recording team, was rushed to Columbia Hospital with a bullet wound in his abdomen. Hospital officials said the singer was listed in "serious, but not critical" condition.

Detective James E. Dennis said Walter Patrick Booth, 29, was arrested and held pending an investigation of the shooting.

Booth, a road manager of the group, told police he had been inside the motel room counting money when

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CUPID RAIDS POLICE DEPT.

Policewoman becomes bride of patrolman in interracial rites

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Policewoman Mercedes Douglass Rawlings, daughter of Del. Calvin Douglass and Mrs. Mercedes Douglass Rawlings Wilson of Elizabeth, N.J., was married Sunday to Patrolman Donald Rankin Jr. of the Baltimore City Police Department's Community Relations Division.

The double ring ceremonies at 2 p.m. at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church were the result of an inter-department romance since the bride is also a member of the Police-Community Relations Commission.

Major William A. (Box) Harris, director of the Committee, served as best man.

The division which has duties of establishing and strengthening relationships between the police and the general public, was recently cited for excellent performance and effective-

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New laws were effective July 1

More protection for the consumer and more money for the state will be the effect of 768 new laws that went into effect Monday.

The laws went into effect on the first day of the fiscal year after passage in the General Assembly in the last session.

Discrimination in taverns and bars is now illegal. The expanded Public Accommodation Law is one of the more widereaching laws that became law this week.

Chronic alcoholics are no longer considered cirminals and kept in jail, but will be committed for medical treatment.

The new law defining alcoholism is being adopted in many states, making it a medical condition rather than a punitive legal situation.

It has not been determined how it will be implemented due to unsettled questions.

Inner city residents compelled to sell their homes to the state for nighway clearance are now able to collect $5,000 above market value so that they may be relocated properly.

Under a new law designed to protect loan customers it is mandatory that a clear and full disclosure of amount of interest in both dollars and per cent be given by the lender before a loan is signed.

The ceiling on mortgage interest is now up to 8 per cent, but extra charges and fees are outlawed.

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ANOTHER law that went into effect this week requires insurance companies to give reasons why they refuse to give liability insurance for car owners when the applicant is referred to assigned risk policies.

Two medical innovations

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IRKED BY ARTICLE — Internationally-famed singer Aretha Franklin, incensed by a cover piece in Time Magazine, told the AFRO she has been promised a retraction of certain objectionable portions and, until then, prefers not to discus the matter in detail. The magazine article, aside from referring to the popular recording artist as "chunky," carried several inferences pertaining to her father's reputation and her marital life.

Favorite Teacher race has its own heat wave

The weather isn't the only thing that's HOT these days. The race for the AFRO's Favorite Teacher is generating quite a bit heat on its own as contestants battle each other for the top spot.

Still leading the pack by a slim margin of 15,000 votes is Mrs. Gwendolyn Andrews of C.G. Woodson Elementary.

Mrs. Hattie Richardson of George St. Elementary added 10,000 votes to her total to retain second place.

Third place currently belongs to Mrs. Ruth Diggs of Harlem Park Jr. High who has 440,200 votes.

THE BIGGEST upset came over the weekend as Harold Brown of Garrison Jr. High added 117,500 votes to his plus column to take over fourth place from Mrs. Francis Austin of Abbottston Elementary. Mr. Brown formerly occupied seventh place.

Those taking a slight dip in the standings were: Mrs. Francis Austin, from fourth

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34th Clean Block year opens with parade

The AFRO Clean Block kicked off its 34th annual campaign Friday with a colorful parade and mass rally at the Crispus Attucks Recreation Center, McCulloh and McMechan Sts.

Assembling in front of the AFRO offices on Eutaw St., the parade groups lead by the Baltimore Fire Dept.'s seven man color guard, proceeded north on Eutaw St., west on Dolphin St., and north on McCulloh St. to the Recreation Center.

Participants in the parade included:

Fire Dept. Honor Guard, Fire Dept. Prevention Bus, S.H.C. Fire Buff Club Serv-

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JOSEPH C. HOWARD
Supreme Bench Candidate

Chuckle

A prizefighter, while going in his first important fight, was floored in the second round by a punch right on the button. He looked from the mat at his trainer with glazed eyes. "Let the referee count," yelled the trainer, "don't get up till eight." The fighter nodded and asked weakly, "What time is it now?"