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President Eisenhower signs Hawaiian statehood bill

President Eisenhower on Wednesday put his stamp of approval on the Hawaiian statehood bill five days after receiving the measure from Congress. The first action by the President has made it possible for Hawaii to be officially admitted as the 50th state as early as July.

Court reform bill vote due today

(See other Legislature stories inside.)

ANNAPOLIS—Baltimore City Senators are scheduled to act today (Friday) on the Municipal Court Senate Bill No. 286, which would create a court of 11 full-time judges to replace the present traffic and police court magistrates.

At a public hearing before the City Senators Thursday afternoon, Paul M. Higinbotham, Baltimore attorney, labelled the proposal a "waste of taxpayers' money."

SENATOR J. Alvin Jones, Fourth District, asked why the bill did not provide for judges to be elected on a district basis.

Northwood Arundel is open to all

Student pickets say they will continue until all places open

"I want you to know that you have as much right to come in here and be served as anyone else."

"Whenever you come here, you will be treated just like any other customer, and if any one refuses to serve you, just notify me and it will be taken care of."

The words came from George F. Kerchner, supervisor of the Arundel Ice Cream Company in the center.

Groups of college students sometimes numbering 450 had been picketing the theatre and sitting-in at the ice cream company and the Roof-top cafe of the Hecht Company at the Northwood center since Friday evening.

FRANK GREENE, a student leader present with the group when Mr. Kerchner made his statement and saw that students were actually served, told the AFRO:

"We now have one place open to us. Our other objectives are the Northwood Theatre and the Hecht Company's roof-top restaurant."

"We intend to keep the picketing up until they are open to us, also."

On Wednesday, the AFRO learned that picketing of the theatre had been called off pending the outcome of a meeting to be held on Monday afternoon with members of the Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations and the theatre's management.

However, late Thursday evening, 20 picketers, disregarding "Private Property" signs, started marching in front of the theatre.

"We called police. We hope to be arrested so that we can test in court the private property signs against picketing," a spokesman said as the students went into action.

Later Thursday night the report came:—"The police are standing by. They won't arrest anyone as long as they behave themselves. This has made a farce of the no-picketing thing."

The theatre is owned by Jerome and Joseph Grant.

MEANTIME, on Thursday afternoon a group of students stood by ready to resume the sit-in at the Hecht company's restaurant if an afternoon meeting with the company's board of trustees and a regional representative failed to result in a desegregation policy.



FORMER HEAVYWEIGHT BOXING CHAMP JOE LOUIS and his bride, the former Mrs. Martha Malone Jefferson, revealed their March 11th marriage in Los Angeles, Tuesday. The new Mrs. Louis is a prominent Los Angeles attorney.

Sues 3 cops for 43Gs

A damage suit in the amount of \$43,000 has been filed against three Northern District police officers in Superior Court on behalf of Edward Offer and his wife, Mrs. Bernice Offer, of the 1700 block Poplar Grove St.

The suit filed by Attorneys Arthur Murphy, Archie Williams and Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell names Sgt. Arthur Harris and Patrolmen Robert Burns and Raymond Mooney as defendants.

It charges that Mr. Offer was arrested on March 5 around 4 a.m., at his home and was held incommunicado, at the Northern District police station for approximately seven hours.

The suit alleges that doing that time Mr. Offer, a salesman for a cemetery firm, was not questioned or interviewed by an officer or informed the reason for his detention or the charges which were to be placed against him.

THE PAPERS in the suit state that when the officers entered the complainant's third floor bedroom they advised him that he was under arrest and ordered him to dress in the presence of his wife who was then in bed.

They remained in the room while he dressed, the suit says.

The suit claims that after Mr. Offer was placed in a police car the officer re-entered his apartment where they discovered upon application of Mrs. Morgan.

His new bride revealed that the decree became final last Feb. 26.

Mrs. Joe No. 4 is a lawyer

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — She is a "great girl" and he is "the greatest man in the world."

This was how Joe Louis, former heavyweight champion of the world, and his fourth bride, Mrs. Martha Malone Jefferson, an attorney, describe each other.

The secret marriage of the couple was revealed Tuesday night by friends.

THEY WERE married six days earlier, March 11, in Wintertown, located near Yuma, Ariz. The Rev. Don V. Mitchell officiated.

The wedding, it was revealed, climaxed a courtship of 25 months which started when the couple was introduced by a mutual New York friend by way of telephone.

Mrs. Louis, who has had three previous marriages, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Malone of Pasadena.

"We were married secretly because we felt it was best to do so," she said.

THE EX-CHAMPION also has had three previous marriages. His first was to the former Marva Trotter of Chicago whom he married in 1934 after knocking out Maxie Baer to become top contender for the heavyweight title, then held by James Braddock.

Later, after divorcing her, the couple was remarried. His third wife was Mrs. Rose Morgan of New York City, proprietor of the House of Morgan.

Last fall the wedding was annulled by interlocutory decree upon application of Mrs. Morgan.

He said he is at present providing \$45 weekly for support of his three daughters and \$30 weekly for support of his wife.

He is represented by Dallas F. Nicholas, attorney. Mrs. Bass' lawyer is Warren J. Weinberger.

ASKED TO comment on Thursday, Mrs. Bass told the AFRO the first notice she had of the suit was when the reporter called.

Advised that her husband had charged her with abandonment she declared her intention never to

Last call to register

This is the last call. Just three days left, today (Friday), Saturday and Monday, to become a registered voter in time for the May 5 General City Election.

In the important City Elections, registered voters will select a new mayor and named members of the city council.

Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro was defeated in the Primary this month and voters will elect either former Gov. Theodore McKeldin or J. Harold Grady, state's attorney, to succeed him.

Every good citizen will want to have a part in electing the mayor and the councilmen who will make and administer the laws of the city for the next four years.

ANYONE 21 years old who has resided in Maryland a year or who will have lived in the state a year by May 5, is eligible to register to vote.

The Supervisors of Elections Office, Fayette and Gay Sts., is open from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. today, Saturday and again Monday, March 23.

Residents may also register at the following schools which are open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. today, Saturday and Monday:

No. 1, N.E. corner Fayette and Greene Sts.; No. 407, Howard and Centre Sts.; No. 46, Midwood Ave. and The Alameda; No. 24, Sinclair Lane and Chesterfield Ave.;

No. 59, Keyworth Ave. and Reisterstown Rd.; No. 233, Roland Ave. and Deepdene Rd.; No. 60, 2616 Gwynns Falls Pkwy., and No. 246, Frederick Rd. and Beechfield Ave.

ANYONE MAY register at these points, no matter where he lives in the city.

Also, citizens already registered to vote may change party affiliations at this time or those registered as declined may affiliate with either of the two major parties.

Despite the fact a record 103,382 colored citizens have registered to vote, many of them in recent register-to-vote campaigns, a total of 40,829 still remain unregistered.

"I FORGOT to buy the AFRO on my way home."

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Kenny Bass says the 'Mrs.' deserted him

Kenneth Bass, owner of Gambey's Night Club, filed suit for divorce against Mrs. Evelyn Westcott Bass, city teacher of 2015 Division St., this week, charging that she has deserted him.

The couple, married in 1942, are parents of three daughters. The father asks the court to give their custody to Mrs. Bass.

Mr. Bass' petition says that he was always a kind, loving and affectionate husband, but that Mrs. Bass, without cause abandoned him on July 1, 1957.

MR. BASS SAYS his wife declared her intention never to

resume the marital relationship with him.

He says he is at present providing \$45 weekly for support of his three daughters and \$30 weekly for support of his wife.

He is represented by Dallas F. Nicholas, attorney. Mrs. Bass' lawyer is Warren J. Weinberger.

ASKED TO comment on Thursday, Mrs. Bass told the AFRO the first notice she had of the suit was when the reporter called.



Photo made Monday in Arundel Ice Cream Store in Northwood Shopping Center shows students who staged sit-down. On Wednesday, five days after demonstration began, Arundel management said company would welcome all customers regardless of color.

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