TURNER STATION Y BOARD HITS INSULT TO CHILDREN

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Typewriter Swindle

Turner Y board hits race insult

"We're having a conference with some of the representatives of the Turner Station branch. We're trying to work at this thing conscientiously. .."

W. Gordon MacGregor, general secretary of the Baltimore YMCA, on Thursday was referring to a strong protest against discrimination faced by colored delegates to last month's Central Atlantic Area Hi-Y Conference at the Dundalk Y.

The protest was in the form of a resolution sent to J. Cookman Boyd Jr., president of the board of directors of the Baltimore YMCA.

The resolution, signed by Howard Flournoy, chairman of the Turner Station board of managers, contended that colored delegates were barred from two of the planned activities of the conference meeting Nov. 29 to Dec. 1 because of their race.

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THE RESOLUTION condemning the racial insult in which Turner Station Y board members say has given them "a problem on our hearts" follows in full:

"J. Cookman Boyd Jr., president board of directors, Baltimore YMCA, Baltimore Life Building.

"Dear Sir: As we approach this season when every professed Christian should be rejoicing in the birth of our Savior, the board of managers of the Turner Station YMCA has a problem on its heart.

"At the December meeting, after having heard a report on the recent youth conference for which the Dundalk branch was the host, this board unanimously agreed that some form of a formal protest be made to the

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CALLED TO HEARING — Summoned to Philadelphia for a hearing involving charges of fraud growing out of the sale of typewriters here in Baltimore were these three city residents. Standing to the left in the picture is Mrs. Rose Barnes, 1407 W. Saratoga St. In the foreground are Ralph Moore, 734 George St., and Mrs. Esther Tascoe, 904 Dallas St. Photo was made in a Philadelphia courtroom. See other photo, Page 2.

McKeldin to save Braxton?

Will Governor Theodore McKeldin save Alvin Braxton's life?

This is the question which comes to the minds of many persons now that 1958 is here and the 17-year-old boy faces death in the gas chamber sometime during the week of January 13.

At AFRO presstime word from the Governor's office was that the Chief Executive was still studying the facts in the case and there would be no information available this week on what conclusions he has reached.

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IT IS KNOWN, however, that interested citizens and relatives of the youth have appealed to the Governor to commute the death sentence.

Among those who wrote such letters to the Governor was Mrs. Rudolph Redd, 2763 Rayner Ave., who lives opposite Lutheran Hospital where Braxton was allegedly beaten by police on the night of the killing.

In her letter, Mrs. Redd told the Governor that there was police brutality in his arrest as she had testified during Braxton's trial in November, 1956.

She wrote that as long as there was some doubt as to

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IN NEW POST— Miss Esther McCready, who was the first graddate of the University of Maryland Nursing School, was made head nurse of the gynecological recovery room of the new New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center in Manhattan which opened December 3. The hospital is popularly known as the Lying-In Hospital, and has 1,000 beds. Before her promotion, Miss McCready was a staff nurse at the same hospital. She is the daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth McCready, 2107 Ellamont St., here in Baltimore.

Charge 3 men in typewriter swindle

Like to have a new typewriter for just $1 (or better, nothing) down and just $1 a week?

A number of Baltimoreans were making this quite a popular method of buying new portables during recent months.

They didn't worry too much about the fact they would be paying for them over three years—166 weeks — but then there came a bigger worry.

They began losing the typewriters in what police have described as a swindle that might reach the million dollar mark.

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IT WAS a Baltimore matron who blew the whistle on the operators who were allegedly bilking typewriter companies and easy-to-sell buyers.

Because Mrs. Ellen Rose, 335 E. 22nd St., balked at paying some $300 dollars for typewriters she didn't have, the reported swindle was brought to light and three men arrested.

The trio, all from Philadelphia, are:

Monel Leo (Birch) Birchard, 54, salesman, 7200 block Alderbrook Rd., who was arrested in Baltimore and held on $3,000 bail on a larceny after trust charge.

Charles McGlynn, 38, 2500 block Irvington Rd., Drexel Hill and Joseph P. Scullion, 30, Scottsdale Rd. and Lansdowne Aye., Springfield Township, Delaware County.

The latter two were released by Philadelphia Chief Magistrate Joseph J. Hirsch in $500 bail each on charges of receiving stolen goods, grand larceny and conspiracy.

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SGT. James Kemple, head of the Northeastern Division's detective squad, spearheaded the local investigation.

Working in close harmony in Philadelphia were Asst. Dist. Atty. Edward Rosenwald and Detectives John Benedetto and John Penico.

Sgt. Kemple told the AFRO:

"These men would sell the typewriters, then they got the bright idea of going back and getting them on some pretense.

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In a nutshell

A Baltimore woman's call to police has led to arrests in an alleged large-scale typewriter swindle which could involve a million dollars.

Det. Sgt. James Kemble said the Baltimore-Philadelphia operation worked this way:

1. Door-to-door salesmen would sell the typewriters on the $1 down or nothing down and $1 a week plan.

2. Member of the gang would come by and pick up the machine on the pretext of having it serviced.

3. The typewriter was then taken to Philadelphia and sold or pawned right here in the city.

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No honeymoon for Nkrumah

ACCRA, Ghana—Busy Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah slowed down long enough Monday to take unto himself a wife, but press of duties hardly left him enough time to seal the union with a kiss.

Dr. Nkrumah, a Lincoln (Pa.) graduate, was married at high noon to Fathia Halen Ritzk, a lovely Egyptian student of Cairo.

But immediately after the ceremony, he doffed his wedding clothes and returned to official duty. He announced he wouldn't have time for a honeymoon.

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THE BRIDE, 24, is an Arabic student at Cairo University and is expected to return to her studies after a brief stay with her husband.

Attending the ceremony was Dr. Nkrumah's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Kewku; the bride's uncle, Adley Sadek of Cairo, who accompanied her on the air trip from Egypt; cabinet ministers and Acting Chief Justice W. B. Van Lare, who performed the ceremony.

Dr. Nkrumah is 48 years old and has never been married.

AME church trial now in recess

CLEVELAND, Ohio—Considerable speculation was aroused here last week as to the defense AME Bishop R. R. Wright may make before the Judicial Council of his church, Jan. 16, 1958.

Bishop Wright was asked to appear before the Judicial Council on Dec. 27, 1957, to answer a charge that he had:

"Without a vote of the Council of Bishops, ruled that Bishop D. Ward Nichols was suspended from office."

Bishop Wright is president of the Council of Bishops.

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WHEN THE Judicial Council, 13 black-robed members, with Judge Perry B. Jackson presiding, met here Dec. 27, Bishop Wright was absent. It was reported that notice of the hearing sent him Dec. 16 had not reached him in time.

Judge Jackson told the press

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AFRO's '58 baby arrived at 12:01

Seems Baltimore hit a double jackpot in New Year's babies.

Weighing in at seven pounds twelve ounces, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ingram, 2103 Poplar Grove St. hit Baltimore at one second after midnight.

Born at University Hospital, the infant's precise timing not only gained for him the distinction of being Baltimore's first 1958 babe, but also the first New Year's baby in the country.

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THIS STROKE of luck, entitled him to the AFRO's $100 check reserved for the first Baltimore baby whose birth was reported to the AFRO desk in the New Year of 1958.

Mrs. Ingram, 35, a native of Valentine, Va., said Thursday she had no idea hers would be the first baby of 1958 when she walked into the hospital at

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SINGER OLGA JAMES informed relatives via Intercontinental Telephone that she is "safe but jittery" in revolution-torn Venezuela, where she is filling a night club engagement. (See story Page 3.)

'Unlawful arrest' suit against cop to be filed next week

A suit charging unlawful arrest will be filed next week on behalf of Dr. Benjamin G. Gordon, a Northwest Baltimore dentist who was dismissed on disorderly conduct charges in Northeastern Police Station on Dec. 21.

His attorney, Charles P. Howard, told the AFRO on Thursday: "Yes, Dr. Gordon has instructed me to file suit. It will be in the courts next week. We are convinced the arrest of Dr. Gordon was a clear case of unlawful arrest."

In the meantime, Capt. Millard Horton, commanding officer of the Northeastern Police District announced Thursday:

"I am making an investigation of the case and my report will be turned over to the chief inspector."

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THE CAPTAIN and several of his top aides were present when a 40-minute hearing involving Dr. Gordon's case was heard by Magistrate Simon Schonfield.

At the hearing the 35-year-old dentist was cleared of the charge.

Testimony was given that he was arrested shortly after he walked from a telephone booth at Orleans and Ann Sts., and overheard Patrolman Walter Holtz order a group of men to move off the corner around 2 a.m.

When one of the men, Robert Bracey 33, of the 300 block N. Ann St., moved too slowly for the rookie patrolman, the officer is alleged to have said, "When I say move, I mean run," and then grabbed Mr. Bracey by the belt.

Dr. Gordon was arrested aft-

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A HAPPY ENDING:

Divorced couple renew their vows

A couple who ended their marriage in the divorce court six years ago have renewed their promises to love and honor each other and this time they have decided it is for keeps.

Mr. and Mrs. William Edmonds (Katie), of 2327 Barclay St., were the two united in a post Christmas marriage on Dec. 28.

They were taking up where they left off in 1951 when after 16 years of married life and two children they came to the parting of the ways with Mrs. Edmond's filing suit for divorce on grounds of desertion.

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THE EDMONDSES were united the first time in Halifax, N.C., on Christmas Day. They rode to Richmond and back for their honeymoon.

Mrs. Edmonds confided to a

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Little Rock terms AFRO fair, constructive, humane

"I could not let this year end without letting you know how much we appreciated the AFRO-AMERICAN's fair, constructive and humane reporting of the Little Rock story.

"You described accurately the drama, tensions and principles involved among nine colored students who seek to exercise their lawful rights as free American citizens.

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No bathtub but a water closet in kids' bedroom

Picture a water closet located in a bedroom between two beds which are occupied by children.

This is not a scene in some remote hamlet — this is Baltimore in the year 1958.

The house which shelters this bathroom - bedroom arrangement is at 942 Burgundy St.

It was one of the homes visited this week as the AFRO continued its survey to determine whether Health Department regulations on sanitary facilities are being observed.

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THE arrangement at the Burgundy St. address was apparently in violation of Regulation II of the Ordinance and Regulations Governing the Hygiene of Housing, as issued by the Baltimore City Health Department.

This regulation states:

"Every dwelling unit shall contain within a room which affords privacy, a water closet and a lavatory basin in good working condition."

However, at 942 Burgundy St., the location of the water closet between the two beds made it appear that privacy was a difficult thing to assure.

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CONTINUING the survey it was discovered that out of some 50 homes checked, in the southern section of the city, 29 were without bathtubs or showers as required by a Department of Health regulation in effect for the past two years.

The survey itself covered the 400, 500, 600 and 700 blocks of Eisen St.; 500, 600, 800 and 900 blocks Burgundy St., and the 500 and 600 blocks S. Greene St.

Located in the area are a number of homes which have been listed as blighted and are included in the Area 7 Urban

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COMING

More homes which violate the bathtub law;

Who the landlords are who own homes with no bathtubs or water;

How much rent they collect for tubless homes;

What the people who live in tubless homes feel and say;

What the city is doing to eliminate homes with no bathtubs and running water;

Who the stumbling blocks are to this program which has been law for two years.