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King backs Va. march

PETERSBURG, Va. — The proposed march on Richmond on the Old Confederate capital on Jan. 1 is gaining momentum as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has given his endorsement.

The Montgomery, Ala., leader has urged Virginia's nearly 1,000 clergymen to give their fullest cooperation with the Pilgrimage of Prayer, being sponsored by CORE, with support of the NAACP and Virginia ministers.

Part of the growing statewide opposition to "massive resistance," the movement is designed to protest the closing of schools to some 10,000 Old Dominion pupils.

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BESIDE receiving support and encouragement from Dr. King, Mrs. Kaile E. Whickam, president of Beauty Culturists League of America, has called her membership to lend support to the march.

From her home in New Orleans, Mrs. Whickam has issued a statement to beauticians and barbers of Virginia urging each member of the organization to publicize the Pilgrimage and be in attendance on Jan. 1.

Dr. King, in his letter to Virginians, stated:

"This is a time for action in Virginia. No person of conscing ility by with public education in such great jeopardy."

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THE REV. Wyatt T. Walker, pastor of Gillfield Baptist Church here and state director of CORE, met with Dr. King in Atlanta on last Wednesday at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference board meeting.

If it were not for a long standing engagement in Alabama, Dr. King said he would join the Rev. Mr. Walker, and others in Richmond on New Year's Day.

He said that Virginians could be assured that they have the moral support and solidarity of the entire Southland.

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THE REV. Mr. Walker also pointed out that additional contributions for the mobilization of the Pilgrimage are needed.

Checks should be made payable to the Pilgrimage for Public Schools, 312 S. Dunlap St., Petersburg, Va.

SCAD ruling irks Thurgood

NEW YORK — Thurgood Marshall, head NAACP counsel, Monday expressed concern over a preliminary ruling of the New York State Commission Against Discrimination in a recent case.

The case had to do with a charge by the American Jewish Congress that the Arabian American Oil Co. had refused to employ Jewish personnel.

Following an investigation, SCAD ruled on Nov. 10 that religion was a "bona fide occupational qualification" for applicants whose employment would require an entry visa to Saudi Arabia, a nation which bars Jews.

Mr. Marshall has asked SCAD chairman Charles Abrams permission to permit a member of his staff to appear at a rehearing of the case to argue for reversal of the earlier decision.

ARIAS FOR AFRICA — Soprano Camilla Williams, waves goodbye at N.Y. International Airport as she boards a Pan American World Airways Clipper for a 10-week concert tour of Africa. A Prima Donna of the Vienna State Opera, Miss Williams will fulfill engagements in Morocco, Liberia, Ghana, Nigeria, Belgian Congo, Kenya, Tanganyika, Uganda, Ethiopia, The Sudan, Egypt and Tunisia, returning to the United States on Jan. 23.

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THIS WEEK IN JAZZ

YWCA jazz club has 2nd workshop

By BAKER E. MORTEN

"What's Stopping the Promotion of Jazz in Baltimore," was the subject of discussions Tuesday in an affair presented by the Modern Jazz Club of the Madison Avenue Branch YWCA.

Kelson Fisher, a radio personality, and Leo Hunt, former Interracial Jazz Society president, moderated a panel that discussed the issue.

The affair was the second such workshop conducted by the club.

The young group of jazzmen let out a pedigreed sounds in modern jazz and then proceeded to talk about it on the panel.

A relatively new organization, the Modern Jazz Club meets on Tuesday nights at the YWCA. Miss Barbara Green, young adult director of the Y, is group adviser.

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THE ATMOSPHERE of the Tijuana Club changed Monday when Shirley Horn and her group opened there.

Miss Horn puts a lot into her work and it generally pays off in audience reaction.

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COMEDY CLUB patrons got a taste of "Sheik" Walker's music and magic last weekend.

Walker, who paraded through the Dixon establishment barefooted several times, said his repertoire consisted of 150 magical tricks that he mastered while in the Middle East.

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THE CLUB CASINO was making ready to listen to the works of Johnny Sparrow and His Bow and Arrows Sunday when the Baltimore Colts lost to the San Francisco 49ers and darned nigh wrecked the sentiment.

Sparrow is still booked at the club and let's hope the Colts are winners of the championship game Dec. 28.

Sounds at the Red Fox Lounge are still modern and palatable, thanks to the progressive efforts of a group called the Internationales.

New Federal Court petit jurors named

The following persons are among those selected as petit jurors for the December term of the U. S. District Court:

Victor Gregg, 1806 N. Caroline St.; Isaac A. Miller, 1024 W. Lanvale St.; Dewitt R. Johnson, 735 N. Monastery Ave.; Mrs. Esther R. Furman, 807 Brooks La., and Mrs. Emily J. Bailey, 2314 Auchentoroly Ter.

Also, Mearland R. Brown, 2309 Auchentoroly Ter.; Miss Daisy M. Moss, 1912 Braddish Ave.; Mrs. Carrie C. Bowie, 2326 N. Monroe St.; Mrs. Maxine Grant, 516 N. Fulton Ave.; John B. Jackson, 1912 Harlem Ave., and Albert M. Moore, 2009 Penrose Ave.

Council agrees on 36-cent property tax hike for 1959

The City Council on Wednesday agreed on a 36-cent property tax rate hike for 1959, to meet next year's municipal expenses, thus raising property tax from a present rate of $3.34.

This means that your next year's property tax will cost you $3.60 more on every $1,000 of its assessment value.

Earlier, the City Council received the 1959 city budget from the Board of Estimates with a recommended $3.36 tax rate. The councilmen sliced this proposed tax rate two cents.

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HONORED ON RETIREMENT — Dr. William T. Parker and Mrs. Parker receive gifts and a Certificate of Appreciation from Dr. Charles E. Burbridge (right), Freedmen's Hospital superintendent, as Dr. Parker retired last week after more than 40 years of uninterrupted service in the Federal government. Ceremony was held at the Hospital, where he served 19 years of service, his last post being public

Dr. William T. Parker retires after 40 years service in Federal agencies

WASHINGTON

Dr. William T. Parker, public relations officer at Freedmen's Hospital, who retired voluntarily recently, was presented the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's Certificate of Appreciation last week.

The certificate, presented by Dr. Charles E. Burbridge, superintendent of Freedmen's, in a ceremony at the hospital was awarded in appreciation "for more than 40 years of uninterrupted and commendable Federal service."

Dr. Parker, who was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Ella Parker, at the ceremony, was also the recipient of many gifts and expressions from the administrative staff of the hospital and fellow workers.

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DR. PARKER, of 1708 First St., NW, had served six Federal agencies during his career, 19 years of which were at Freedmen's Hospital.

He went to Freedmen's in 1938, and except for a brief period when he served as rationing clerk for Board No. 32 under the war-time Office of Price Administration, he has been there continuously.

He first served in the accounting department where he helped change the old ledger bookkeeping system to the machine system. In 1948 he was appointed public relations officer — the post he held at his retirement.

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A NATIVE of New Orleans, La., Dr. Parker has resided in Washington since 1918 and is active in church, civic and social circles. His wife is a retired District school teacher, and with her he plans to play the role of "a gentleman farmer" on their nearby Spencerville, Maryland farm.

At the same time, he plans to continue his many activities in church and civic work and to take a refresher course in his chosen profession, pharmacy, so that he may serve as a "relief pharmacist" in the fast-growing business.

A graduate of the Washington College of Pharmacy, Dr. Parker practiced pharmacy for 14 years before accepting employment at Freedmen's Hospital.

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HE IS anxious to help young people and devotes a great deal of time to assisting in the guidance and development of young leaders in interracial and religious fields. He says "I feel that through fellowship, people learn to know each other and to resolve their differences."

"Any small contribution I may make toward progress in human understanding makes me feel I've done a good job," he added.

Dr. Parker is president of the Washington Fellowship House; a trustee at Asbury Methodist Church and a member of the credit union; alternate delegate to the Federation of Civic Associations from the Bloomingdale Civic Association; member Chi Delta Mu Fraternity and a member of the NAACP health committee.

With these organizations and activities to give attention to, Dr. Parker says "I'll keep busy."

Funeral services held for 87-year-old barber

WASHINGTON

David Bowie, 87-year-old retired District barbershop owner, was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery Thursday.

Funeral services were held at the Johnson and Jenkins Funeral Home Chapel. Father Charles E. Miller officiated.

Mr. Bowie, born in 1871 in Redland, Montgomery County, Md., died last Sunday at D.C. General Hospital following an operation. He earlier suffered a fall in his home at 1158 21st St., NW.

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MR. BOWIE was the first to attend school for colored in Montgomery County. As a young man he moved to Washington and opened his own barbershop at his home address.

Retiring seven years ago, he was a barber for 55 years.

He also trained two nephews in the trade, and brought his nieces to Washington for their public school education.

Two of the surviving nieces are Mrs. Marie Dixon and Mrs. Mary Lancaster, both of Washington.

Objected to ticket from tan cop, gets 60 days

WASHINGTON

A 39-year-old blond man was sentenced to a 60-day jail term Wednesday for assaulting a man whom he attacked in his ire over receiving a parking ticket from a colored policeman.

Municipal Court Judge John Smith imposed the sentence on Herbert C. Bresinger, an employee of the American Ice Company. Bresinger was arrested on a warrant obtained by Amos Chadrick Randolph, 1400 block Moore St., NE.

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MR. RANDOLPH testified that Bresinger approached him and a companion, Edward Stroman, 1600 block Gale St., NE, on August 30 carrying a ticket in his hand.

Describing the policeman who gave him the ticket with a racial epithet and obscene language, Bresinger asked Randolph where the officer had gone who left the ticket on his car.

Mr. Randolph said he told Bresinger that the policeman had something that would "straighten him up."

Bresinger, using more profane language, this time directed at Randolph, struck Randolph with his fist, knocking him down, it was testified.

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RANDOLPH, AN interior decorator, said he was hospitalized for about three weeks with a broken jaw.

Bresinger, who according to testimony had been parked in front of a no parking zone, denied using the language described.

He said he asked Randolph if a policeman had gone by, but did not know whether the officer was white or colored.

"I saw the policeman but I decided not to talk to him," Bresinger stated.

"When I came back, Randolph called me a dumb (censured) and asked me if I wanted to rumble.

"I didn't know whether he had a knife or not, so I hit him."

Gus Poulase, attorney for Bresinger, argued that the defendant had done what any "red blooded man would do" after Randolph called him an unprintable name.

The lawyer contended that Randolph's story consisted of "lies, lies, a fabric of lies."

Ala. officials win vote case hearing

Alabama officials who defied Justice Department subpoenas to testify before the Civil Rights Commission in a Montgomery, Ala. vote case probe, have been granted a hearing before having to produce records.

Federal District Judge Frank M. Johnson, who earlier ordered the officials to answer questions and produce records for the commission, suspended his order Wednesday and allowed the defendants a hearing.

His action came after six defendants, including an Alabama judge, filed motions with him asking for a hearing. The officials have flatly refused to testify before the commission or to produce records requested.

The investigation deals with alleged vote purges of colored persons in several Alabama counties.

The defendants who won the hearing are Circuit Judge George Wallace and the following vote registration officials:

E. P. Livingston and Grady Rogers of Macon County, W. A. Stokes and J. W. Spencer of Barbour County and M. T. Evans of Bullock County.

Livingston and Grady have resigned as vote officials since the hearing started.

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