Citizens From Every Area Criticize BTC's Service

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than qualified to operate the traffic vehicles."

He condemned the practice of drivers on the Nos. 21, 26, 16, 1, 11, 31, 5, 23 and 339 lines of passing up passengers when the cars are not crowded "for no apparent reason."

Morgan Need Renewed

He also pointed out the unsuccessful endeavor since 1941 to obtain transportation service for Morgan State College students such as is extended to the outlying public schools for white students.

These grievances were compiled after an NAACP Public meeting Sunday, during which citizens expressed their individual gripes. On Monday, Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, NAACP president, attended a City Council meeting at which a report on BTC conditions found by the Police Department was presented.

The Turners Station organization directed its complaint against the No. 26 car which operates between Fayette and Pearl St. and Dundalk and Sparrows Point which is used by 75% of the population as their only means of transportation.

The trolleys were described as drafty, dirty, leaky, unheated, antiquated and worn out.

Workers Made Late

Many of the cars brake down, thereby delaying the riders for more than half an hour in most instances, it was charged. This prevents many of the residents from getting to work on time.

Another complaint aired was that the road bed is so rough that persons suffering from cardic, diabetic and similar ailments must abandon use of the cars for fear of aggravating their conditions.

The Association asked why operators are permitted to be "rude, disrespectful, arrogant, contemptuous, untidy and lacking in sound judgment handling ordinary violations by passengers."

Profane Language Scored

"We see no need for employees to use profane language and racial epithets or in any way go beyond a normal citizen's rights when attempting to operate the car as the public would expect," the complaints declared.

They charged that many of the cars failed to stop at any of the stations between Riverside and Dundalk coming to the city.

The after-midnight service to Turners Station is sometimes a three-hour undertaking because cars marked "Sparrows Point" turn in at Dundalk instead, it was stated.

Positive Suggestions Made

The association recommended that the streetcar loop now used in Dundalk be discontinued in favor of the old loop formerly used at Sollers Point to provide continuous and more adequate service.

Grievances similar to the ones related have been expressed by a constant parade of indignant and dissatisfied streetcar riders since the hearing began on Tuesday in the PSC board room in the Munsey Building.

Citizens Protest Convulsion

Much criticism is directed against the BTC's general plan of conversion to busses instead of streetcars which are more roomy, safer in inclement weather and longer lasting.

The Baltimore Transit Company is expected to present its side of the situation when the complaints are finished.

The PSC members hearing the case are Charles B. Bosley, Arthur H. Brice and Thomas Elmo Jones.

Get a "SS" Card

If he does not already have one, a worker should obtain a social security card when he is about to take a job.

Show the Boss Your Card

When a worker starts on a job, he should show his social security card to the employer. The employer will then be able to enter his exact name and address on her in the company's pay records so as to be paying for social security benefits that may be earned.

Expert Says He 'Couldn't'

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that Brillhart is not a dangerous individual, Judge Moser released the man in $4,000 bail pending sentence next week.

In another instance, Dr. Freedom observed that Brillhart "is a 'hand-washing' man which symbolizes washing away from his soul the guilt or fear of punishment."

Meanwhile, court psychiatrists and probation officers are preparing additional reports on Brillhart, who was said to have been involved in another case with a colored woman last year.

Other Woman Present

As a matter of fact, sitting in the courtroom during Brillhart's trial Tuesday was the mother of 11 children who named the white man on an attempted attack charge last year, when he was a meter reader for the Gas and Electric Company.

No charges in that former case were ever preferred because the Turners Station matron was persuaded to drop charges before the NAAC intervened in her behalf.

Victim of the latest assault in which occurred on a darkened No. 26 bus on the early morning of Dec. 30, the 33-year-old Mt. Winans housewife stood up this week under the grueling cross-examination by Michael Freedom, attorney for Brillhart.

Put Lights Out

Her story on the witness stand had set forth that on the early morning of Dec. 31, she stood at a transfer corner, Fremont Ave. and Ridgely St., and boarded the BTC bus when Brillhart drove up.

On Russell St. near Ridgely, the matron continued, Brillhart informed her, the bus's lone passenger, that that was as far as he was going and turned out the lights.

The woman said Brillhart then came to her and tried to force her arms about his neck, but went back to his seat when the lights of another bus came into view.

Three Attemps Made

Telling her to "get down," he drove further to the bridge on Russell St., the mother of four children said, adding that there he stopped again and pulled her down on a seat.

"I pleaded with him to let me off the bus," the woman testified in almost in tears. She then related that the man made one more unsuccessful attempt to force his attentions on her with the statement, "be human and do me a favor."

She was finally allowed to leave the bus about five blocks from her home, the woman revealed. Her husband, who works at night, learned about the incident when he came home later that morning.

Two Days Elapsed

The fact that the complaint did not reach police until an afternoon two days later provided the grounds for Mr. Freedman's cross-examination.

As it developed, the husband and wife lodged a complaint at the Baltimore Transit Company around 1 a.m. on Dec. 31, the day after the attack was made. In an attempt to identify the driver, they sat in their car, and watched buses go past Fremont Ave. and Ridgely St.

Although armed after the woman's identification with the number of Brillhart's bus, the husband and wife were unable to see the proper transit company official until Jan. 2, because of the intervening New Year's holiday.

Sought NAACP Aid

On Jan. 2, the woman also went to the NAACP for legal assistance, which she received from Ernest Perkins, attorney. Her complaint reached the police station that afternoon.

Explaining that she was nervous and upset, the matron said, Judge, Your Honor, I left everything in my husband's hands."

Sgt. Relates Confession

Sgt. Charles J. Lutts of Southwestern police, who arrested Brillhart at the Bush St. terminal, said the driver admitted, "trying to love her a little," when he first talked with him.

The officer said it was at Brillhart's request that this comment was left from a written statement in which he asserted the woman was intoxicated, and denied touching her story, the NAACP was asked to investigate.

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An arrest was made in that case, the suspect convicted in Criminal Court, and given temporary freedom pending the results of psychiatric examinations.

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Hard to Stop Runaway

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Party, Supper Culminate in Slaying of 2 Women

Frolickers Leave Scene at First When Fight Begins; Second Victim Interfered

Vivid descriptions of a wine drinking party and a chicken and collard greens supper that culminated in two slayings were given Thursday at preliminary hearings in Northeastern police court.

When the hearings ended two accused slayers, John E. Butler of 225 N. Montford Ave. and Theodore Colson of 1038 Rutland Ave, were held without bail for grand jury action.

The cases were aired before Magistrate A. A. Kotovsky.

Butler was charged with the butcher knife slaying of his girl friend, Mrs. Lilla H. Grinell, during a fight at the Montford Ave. address.

Colson is being held in the death of Mrs. Anna B. Smith of 805 N. Bond St., during a party at 1407 N. Barnes St.

Party Three Hours Old

Wearing a blue and yellow sport jacket, Butler stood expressionless in the prisoner's dock as a galaxy of witnesses told of the wild wine-drinking party that preceded the fatal fight.

Mrs. Dorothy Miller, who was renting the house "half and half" with Butler and Mrs. Grinell, gave this version of the party.

"Everyone was drinking wine but me; they had been drinking and dancing for about three hours when Lilla, who had been drinking from a water glass, said she had enough and sat down in a corner.

Bottle, Can Opener Used

"Butler put some water on her head and she got hot. He hit her back and she got a beer bottle. He knocked a bottle from her hand and slapped her down on the floor.

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Probers Question Attempt Story of Lass, 16

The story of an attempted attack on a 16-year-old Mt. Winans lass by a Baltimore Transit Company driver two weeks ago is beginning to shake itself into oblivion on the wobbly legs of questionable and conflicting statements.

This situation followed on the heels of a thorough investigation conducted by Det. Sgt. James H. Butler, Policewoman Violet H. Whyte and other detectives.

The probers were ordered into action by Captain of Detectives Henry J. Kriss after the NAACP appealed to Chief of Police M. Joseph Wallace for a top official inquiry.

Encounter Related

The young woman's story was that she was the last passenger to leave a Cherry Hill-bound bus, and as she prepared to transfer to one bound for Lakewood, the driver continued to a darkened area, turned off the lights and made known his intentions.

It was only after a tussle during which she was slapped twice and her ankle sprained that she was able to free herself and escape, the complaint continued.

The matter was reported to officials and an investigation conducted by police of Southwestern district.

When it was charged that officers had attempted to coerce and browbeat the near-victim into changing her story, the NAACP was asked to investigate.

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Satisfied With Probe

Speaking for the NAACP, Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, president, stated that she was satisfied with the results of the police investigation and that the department is to be commended for its work.

"I am led to believe," she added, "that the case will go down on our books as an open one with the answer being the property of the Baltimore Transit Company."

Fights for Life

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at a gambling house on Nov. 50, the night of the attack.

Fortified with gulps of water and a court matron who ran to her assistance when her voice failed, the woman, mother of two children, both of whom are in an orphan asylum, said she did not scream because:

"I knew it was a place where all colored people live, and I knew nobody would come to my assistance, being a white person."

Born on Eastern Shore

A native of Millington, Md., on the Eastern Shore, the woman said she had lived in mixed neighborhoods before. She gave as her present address a number in the 600 block W. Lexington St., where the tenants have to go to the third floor to get water.

Bringing out testimony that the 700 block of Vine St., where the attack allegedly occurred, is one of the "darkest alleys in the city," Albert Blum, attorney for the defense asked the woman:

"You don't know of any other white woman who goes up that alley, do you?"

At first the woman hesitated, then answered in the negative, and later modified it with the statement that she had seen white women go into the street to buy ice at a place there.

Wright, who was rooming in the 1500 block N. Monroe St. at the time of his arrest on Dec. 13, was linked to the attack through a ring and watch the woman said was taken by her assailant.

Pawned in Crap Game

Wright said he first took the ring to a loan office on Pennsylvania Ave. where most of the "guys" pawn their clothes while in the various games and had it appraised.

After purchasing the jewelry from "Little Mike," the prisoner went on, he later sent the ring out to be pawned for additional money when he went broke in another game. The pawn ticket to the watch was found in his room when police arrested him.

Examined Lineup

The woman admitted requesting the men in a lineup room which Wright was picked, to say something, and to turn their hats down before she pointed out the defendant.

According to her story, her attacker, who had a pen knife at her throat, muttered, "I know they can hang me for what I do to you, but they can't kill me twice if I kill you."

Wright declared, "I never saw this woman before in my life until I saw her at the police station," when his attorney asked him point blank if he had committed the crime.

Recently Released

It was revealed that Wright was released from the House of Correction on Sept. 26, where he had served six months for escaping from there on a larceny charge in 1947.

After his escape, the man went on, he returned to his home in North Carolina, married, became a father and obtained a job with the Naval Air Station at Norfolk.

Revealing that he has a 10th grade education and received additional vocational courses in business and mechanics, Wright said he also had worked in New York, and at hotels in Baltimore before he was picked up in North Carolina on the on the escape charge.

It was indicated that during the presentation of additional defense testimony today, witnesses who were allegedly in the gambling game with Wright on the night of the crime will testify. William H. Maynard, deputy State's attorney, is prosecuting.

Calendar of Events

Below is a list of civic and public events scheduled for the coming week. Notices of such programs are printed free of charge. They should be addressed to the AFRO City Editor.

Jan. 24 — Demonstration of Rose Meta Beauty Products at the Charm Center, 1811 Pennsylvania Ave., 7 to 9 p.m.

Jan. 25 — Broadcast by Eastside Community Committee, Station WITH, 10:30 p.m.

—Artists Forum Scholarship Award Forum Series Concert featuring Robert Hayward, baritone, at the Baltimore Institute of Musical Arts, 811 W. Lanvale St., 5 p.m.

—Problems of India discussed by Dr. Eddy Asirvatham, Morgan State College, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

—Annual YMCA Membership Reception, Druid Hill YMCA, 5 p.m.

—Meetings of the Women's Auxiliary of the Monumental Medical Society, 8 p.m. — Enon Baptist Church, Speakers, John L. Proctor, Edwinal N. Wilson, Mrs. Isabelle Clark and others.

—Fellowship Council Services at 4 p.m. — Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church, Park and Laverne Aves. Speaker, Rev. Gloria M. Wysner of New York.

Jan. 26 — Public Meeting, Homewood Friends Meeting House, 3107 N. Charles St. Speaker, A. J. Muste of the Editorial Fellowship of Reconciliation.

—Thursday League Open Forum on Housing, 8 p.m., Madison Ave. YWCA. Speaker, Dr. Frank Horne of Washington.

—Open Meeting of Interdenominational Council of Church Women, 1 p.m., Orchard St. Nursery School, 510 Orchard St.

—All-Day Institute of Public School Teachers at Eastern High School and Junior Institute.

Jan. 30 — PAC Roosevelt Memorial Dinner, 8 p.m., NMU Hall, 1012 E. Baltimore St. Speaker, Dr. W.E.B. Dubois.

Stuffing Ballot Boxes Easy Under Maryland Law

Local politicians say it's pretty easy to stuff a ballot box the way Maryland law works, according to an article appearing in a local daily this week.

The article attributes these politicians with saying they alone cannot be used to such advantages, but the secret to successful ballot-box-stuffing lies in counting the unused ballots.

It is further related in describing how the operation works:

"Assume that you are an election judge in a crucial county precinct of 400 registered voters. You are working with another judge and a clerk of your own party, as well as with two judges and a clerk from the opposite party.

"The polling place is equipped with as many paper ballots as there are registered voters. There are even spares up to 10%.

"Seldom do more than half of the registered voters show up. In this case, it may be assumed reasonably that 200 voters appear and vote, leaving 200 unused ballots.

"Of this number, however, it may be assumed that another 100 are legally disposed of under the classifications of 'spoiled,' 'rejected' or 'not voted.' This still leaves 100 unused ballots.

"It is through this group that you do your trick.

"First, you set your own party to marking surreptitiously 75 of these ballots for your candidate, initialing and folding them and removing coefficients.

"Late in the day, the trickle of voters comes to an end. The two clerks go off to one corner, checking and rechecking each other's PCA's. They do not look up.

"One of the opposition judges happens to walk out of sight to a telephone and begins conversing with the wife, telling her he will not be home for dinner. He talks for several minutes.

"Now is the time.

"You pull out a $50 bill furnished by your local boss, lay it before the one remaining opposition judge. He stares at it a moment, then nods and pockets it.

"Quickly, you unlock the ballot box, pull out 75 unfavorable ballots, and stick them under your shirt. You take less if time is short.

"The other judge from your party throws the 75 (or less) false ballots into the box. You close and lock it.

"The opposition man returns from talking to his wife, and all of you await closing time. As soon as the doors are closed, the remaining 245 unused ballots are sealed up and put inside. They are not counted according to Maryland law.

"Again the ballot box is opened, this time legally, and the ballots are counted. They are added all together and compared with the number of the names on the poll books of those who voted. They check. You are not detected.

A Precinct Stolen

"All 'spoiled' and other such ballots are carefully accounted for, bundled up and placed in the ballot box. This is sealed and countersigned and all equipment is returned to the supervisors of election.

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Forester to Start Work in Haiti Soon

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (ANP) — James F. Johnson, who holds a master's degree in forestry from the University of Washington, will begin work as a forester here this month with the Haitian - American Agricultural Development Co.

Mixed Sports Ban Upheld by Board

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nicipal Stadium. Also present were park policemen in plain clothes, and, later, six uniformed officers, led by a lieutenant.

The hearing grew out of a ban on participation of the Fulton PCA team in city league games sponsored by the Department of Recreation because the PCA team has two colored members.

To "Study" Matter Further

The board heard arguments deploring the ban for an hour and a half, took up other business for more than an hour, then deliberated on the question for 45 minutes, before issuing the following statement:

"The board ruled that the policy of the Department of Recreation and Parks of not allowing interracial activities be continued until further study by this board."

Mr. Robert Garrett, chairman, refused to make a statement on the ruling. The vote of the seven-man board, according to Joseph J. King, secretary, was four to one, with one member failing to cast a ballot and another absent because of illness in his family.

14 Speak at Meeting

Speakers heard by the board were:

Sidney Hollander of the Urban League, William Boucher of the American Veterans Committee, Mrs. Cecil Scott of the Council of Churches, Mrs. Lillian Jackson of Women's Clubs, Phil Boyer, manager of the Fulton PCA team, Hy Gordon, membership director of the Fulton PCA;

Walter M. Cannon of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, CIO; Mrs. Adah K. Jenkins, Baltimore Interracial Fellowship; Jean Camper, School 130; Nixon Camper, exGI; Dr. Albert Burwell, East Baltimore AVC Chapter; Mrs. Marcella Carter, PCA; Rev. T. Campers, PCA; Albert B. Brooks, National Guard; and J. E. McDonald, NAACP.

Mixing Called Democratic

Mr. Hollander, who stated that his was the official opinion of the Urban League, pointed out that one of the most effective ways to better race relations is through recreation.

He urged that the board not oppose the desire of children to play together.

Mr. Boucher cited the success of the war-inspired non-discriminatory program of the AVC, and told the board, "the honest thing for Christian thing to do is to permit city athletics without regard for color."

Dr. Camper pointed out the lack of friction in games played by the PCA team prior to the ban and the participation of colored athletes with white ones in colleges and professional sports played in Baltimore.

He also pointed out the high public interest in mixed sports, indicated by record-breaking gate receipts when colored athletes have appeared in local contests.

"Applause Is Generic"

Much of Dr. Camper's talk evoked applause from the attendants; and Mr. Garrett, irked by the show of emotion, blurted out, "We are not having a demonstration here, we're having an argument."

He later threatened to clear the room.

Mrs. Scott asked the board not to take a step to prohibit children playing together when they have voluntarily sought to do so.

Mr. Boyer stated that any belief that interracial relations might result from the high spirit of competition in the games has been disproved by the evidences of good sportsmanship shown by the mixed players.

"Bullets Don't Discriminate"

Mr. Gordon, alluded to the wartime record of minority citizens, and pointed out that "bullets at the front did not discriminate."

When cautioned that his talk was too long, he informed the board that his impassioned speech was the result "of something that has been welling up in me for 20 years; and 10 minutes' talk for 20 years ought to be fair exchange."

Mr. McManamon cited the friendly relations between members of his union, 60% of whom are colored, saying "we work together, lunch together and visit sometimes and don't want our children kept from playing together."

Hits Oldsters' "Intolerance"

Mr. Brooks voiced a plea for understanding, and pointed out that the men who fought the past war for a better world are impatient with a return to pre-war conditions.

"Don't plant in the minds of young people your own feelings of intolerance," he urged.

Mrs. Jenkins, who identified herself as a fourth generation Marylander, noted an appreciation for the State's veneration of tradition, but urged that the 20-year tradition of banning mixed sports be thrown aside for the 2,000-year-old tradition of Christian brotherhood.

Pupils Resolution Given

Miss Camper, who said she represented the feelings of school children, told the board that continuation of the ban on mixed sports "would be a great injustice."

Mr. Camper, just arrived home on Tuesday after discharge from the 82nd Airborne Division in North Carolina, cited the amicable sports relations of his Army team with Duke University and said "if North Carolina can do it, so can Baltimore."

Dr. Burwell said the board's delaying action on the question "makes it hard for us to explain the last war and easier for us to begin the next one."

Democratic Forebears Cited

Mrs. Avnet stated that the interests of better race relations cannot be served by restrictions on contact children wish to play.

Mr. McDonald told the board that its action must certainly make Hitler laugh, if he lives. He urged that board members follow the tradition of Monroe, Adams and Franklin in making decisions of great democratic import.

Despite these pleas, the board ruled that its final decision be held in abeyance.

Ban Restricts Team

In the meantime, games scheduled by the Fulton PCA team as a member of the city league cannot be played. The board does not meet again before Feb. 3.

Members who handed down the decision are:

S. L. Hammerman, J. Marshall Boone, R. William Marschke, Mrs. H. W. Ford, Dr. Bernard Harris, and Robert Garrett, chairman. Weston B. Seringer was not present at the hearing.

The Women Are IN

Of the approximately 75,000,000 living persons who have wrapped credit accounts toward old-age and survivors insurance, about one-third are women.

CHARLES G. HILLEN

GEORGE T. JOHNSON

PROMOTED — Mr. Hillen was recently promoted to the newly created post of assistant to James H. Murphy AFRO circulation director. Mr. Johnson succeeds Mr. Hillen as circulation manager. This department manager. This position was made necessary by the recent appointment of John H. Murphy Jr., circulation director

Citizens Told to Protest Street Plans

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lar legislation, not organized action usually brings better results.

Citizens To Blame

Too many harmful pieces of legislation have been put into effect simply because citizens regarded the proposals with an "aloof, don't care" attitude and allowed them to be passed without protest.

When the date for hearings on the traffic ordinance is set, residents of the City Council with hearty opponents who neglect to appear before action, need not complain if the bill is approved, and the city's traffic tears past their door with utter abandon for their homes and their children.

5 Held in $1000 Theft From Store

Headquarters detectives this week arrested five men believed implicated in the systematic theft of $1157 worth of miscellaneous articles from a Gay St. department store.

The five were docketed as: Edward Savage, 23, of 1314 Parrish St.; William Woodley, 24, of 1638 W. Lexington St.; William G. Saunders, 24, of 1114 N. Stricker St.; Milton Turner, 27, of 1816 Appleton St.; and John R. Lassiter, 20, of 1502 Owl Lane.

They were held under $2,700 aggregate bail for the grand jury after hearing before Magistrate James H Ellis Jr. in Central police

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