The General Assembly

The General Assembly opened its 90-day session Wednesday with an agenda scheduled like another hour which offers the Governor and the lawmakers of the State an opportunity to prove their statesmanship to the public.

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The council's judiciary committee recently made no mention of Delegate Sklar's resolution, nor made any suggestions for legislative action. This failure, however, does not let the State legislature off the hook. A large segment of the State population is hoping that the lawmakers will take more favorable action.

However, among proposals the council did make is one which would prohibit State employees from appointments to institutions of the State to include Morgan College.

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The council approved a number of other recommendations made by the Marbury Commission. It is urgent that all of these be passed.

Also on the agenda is a proposed measure which would repeal the Declaration of Intentions Act requiring that voters declare their intentions to vote a whole year in advance. Maryland is almost the only State in the country with such a law. It should be repealed.

Enactment of this section of the agenda now before the legislature will go far toward proving that they have the interests of the State at heart.

But there should be no tampering with the House Act which prohibits introducing in misdemeanor trials evidence obtained by illegal search and seizure.

There are too many policemen in the State who once given the authority to "frisk" people at will, would have no respect for either men or women.

Such a bill can be charged safely: we need better trained police officers who are intelligent and considerate of the rights of all citizens.

Although the program before the General Assembly is far from comprehensive, it is far better than last session. It is to be hoped that this will be remembered during the current session.

Juvenile Delinquency

Commenting upon the circumstances found this week when police investigated a clubhouse operated in the Northwest section by a group of teen-agers, Magistrate Thomas Fitzpatrick made a strong statement against juvenile delinquency.

His denunciation followed testimony by police officers that the alleged clubhouse was a camouflage for what in reality was a meeting place for young boys and younger girls.

Such situations are alarming and must be curbed at once. Many hours are spent by the police in the attempt to curb the growing degree had been called to her attention, and it is the youthful delinquency in the streets and failure in the streets to be drawn by the Legislative Council, does not go far enough.

The significant thing is that this is not the first time that the police have had to break up such a gathering.

Residents know of them. Police know, but do not take action to prove their statesmanship to the public.

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BTC's Obligation

Patrons of the Baltimore Transit Company now are paying more to ride trolleys and busses than has ever been charged in effect with the beginning of the New Year the BTC officials have a right to expect something in return: steady and improved service.

The company officials said members of the Public Service Commission, which granted the increase over the protests of almost the entire population and the City Council dare not merely to solve the alleged financial dilemma of the company, or that it will be accepted as such.

The people who are now paying 25 per cent higher fare will expect and have the right to expect a 25 per cent increase in service.

BTC asked for and got an increase. Its obligation now is to keep faith with its patrons.

CAPITAL'S JIM CROW SCHOOLS

Above is one of the charts contained in the recent report issued by the Carnegie Foundation Committee on Segregation in the Nation's Capital.

Great Changes Urged in Courts' Procedure

Study Group Asks Establishment of a Medical Setup for Psychotics

Establishment of a Medical Court Service to conduct all examinations requested by the courts or referred by the Juvenile Court, Establishment of legal procedure for the treatment of sexual psychopaths and psychotics,