

EACH DAY PEACE

BALTIMORE, MD., AUGUST 25, 1951

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10c IN BALTO.; 12c ELSEWHERE

SEOUL, ONCE DEAD, OUTLIVES WAR RAVAGES: DRUID HILL POOL LIFEGUARD AT FT. SMALLWOOD

RACKET BOYS PROTECTED!

They Gave Testimony in Grand Jury Numbers Probe

60th Year, No. 6







Gambling Crackdown

Followed Expansion

that police staged the raid which

'Little Willie's Inn."

brought about his arrest in Novem-

t is no secret that white resi-

resented the Adamses moving into

Scarlett purchased the rolling farm

operates his exclusive coun

lands in Westminster where he

club, the only one of its kind in

Significantly, Mr. Adams and

Scarlett appear to be

jury investigation into local gam-

main targets of the current grand

of Adams, Scarlett

As the Baltimore grand jury con- tions in the city, witnesses this vice squad; Leroy A. Cooper, ducted its second phase of an week included left to right, Capatterney; and Officer Dennis investigation of numbers operation Alexander Emerson of the Mello, special investigator

NUMBERS PROBE NOTHING NEW:

Oldtimers Recall Investigation of 36

By MAE MEDDERS Oldtimers recall that the current numbers probe is "small fry" when crackdown in Baltimore.

hauled in the late Thomas (Tom) each. c political leader; 26 policemen ed that the probe was a political bers. and 20 civilians, all of whom were move on the part of men who were indicted on numbers conspiracy anxious to replace those who had for a ride," shot to death bling traffic.

Probe Had Informers Like the 1951 probe which al- There was further speculation ready has placed two men under that Mr. Smith, who had the supconspiracy charges, the 1936 in-port of some of the State's and They were four men originally ar- used as a target of persecution.

person trying to muscle in on their for other numbers barons, and no one year each.

The State's Attorney's office, the numbers racket in Baltimore. mentioned during the 1936 probe in-The State's Attorney's office, 8, Four Deuces, Columbia, Liberty, revealed that 12 syndicates were op- however, failed to prove its charge Lincoln, Monarch, Crescent, Cap.

der police protection.

white, and Charlie Gaither, white organized the Lucky Number Syndi-

been acquitted, and three white that Mr. Smith lent a considerable Fifteen years ago this crackdown men were jailed for five months sum to the heads of the syndicates Smith, hotel owner and Democrat- At that time, observers speculat- that had nothing to do with num-

and Maryland for colored citizens. been in control of the heavy gam-dumped out on a road two months

city's highest officials, was being had given the State's Attorney's ofrested on assault charges, but later Those close to the 1936 probe fice, the four men, whose testi-

they told that the white man they speculated too that someone was mony started the probe, were rewere accused of assaulting was a being put on the spot to make way leased from their prison terms of one expected the flare - up to halt The other syndicates that cluded the Bell, C. and O., 6 and

A REJUVENATED METROPOLIS:

Seoul, Once Dead City, Outlives War's Ravages

BY RALPH MATTHEWS SR.

Afro Correspondent in Korea stand at the bedside of a very sick know that much of the power and human swarms who creep up out Oct. friend whom you had given up for steel which caused this havoc came of the ground. dead and watch the slow, valiant from your native land. struggle toward recovery?

Well, that's the way you feel as of bomb-wrecked Seoul and watch the growing evidence of rejuvenation as this once great metropolis

flesh by gathering scraps of shin- talks. gles here and lathes and shutters

their hovels on bits of straw and in Washington. He had lived in the First come the middle-aged, AFRO PRICE INCREASES

have to happen to we who had so more and more activity in the Oct. You don't know the answer so dead and deserted. It looks as Oct. SEOUL, Korea - Did you ever you avert your eyes and move on though the very cracks and crev- Oct.

State's Case Fell

erating in Baltimore allegedly un-that Mr. Smith, Clarence Green, tol Contract and Modern Specialty

shows faint signs of coming back to life. Reporter Dies

The Rev. Charles H. Matthews, American, London to the Englishpower plants, begin to open as the 87, a Methodist clergyman active man, Paris to the French. It's the darkness is penetrated by flicker- in the Maryland area for over 40 seat of learning, the repository of ing rays of candlelight on first this years, died here on Tuesday Aug. Korean culture, the archive of law

But there is little to build upon, of his father's death, however, has always has a magnetism un nal results until August 31. Only the roofless skeleton of wood been forwarded to Kaesong where matched by any other word.

streets which only yesterday were Oct.

You know that under cover of As each day progresses you see darkness they have come down out of the hills and bribed their way across the rivers or had stolen in

Funeral services will be held on to chaos and privation their world-points in the final count.

(An Editorial)

Prayer changes things. In this earnest belief, the AFRO suggests the church bells in the city shall be rung at 12 noon daily as the church a moment and pray for peace.

Because of the present world crisis, such unfied prayer services are spreading throughout the country. They meet the need for renewed hope and courage.

That the President of the United States and the members of his cabinet shall have the help and direction of Almighty God in the government of this country and in their relations with other nations.

Let us pray,

Let us pray, That Almighty God will direct the minds and the hearts of our governors, our mayors, of our county and state officials so that they will understand that every human being must be treated with respect and dignity.

Let us pray, That Americans everywhere shall believe that it is of bondsmen. God's will that segregation, hatred, and discrimination are evils which should disappear from our broad land.

Let us pray, That with the help of Almighty God peace and serenity revenue taken in by the illegal opshall come to each of us in our personal lives.

Let us pray, For the safety of our boys in foreign service. Let us pray,

For a real commonwealth of nations, a real United Na- dens are raided, certain lawyers tions and lasting peace in our time.

sibility of lasting peace. We also should be disturbed about their signatures on the necessary the fate of mankind if peace can not come to us. Have Personal Contribution

No matter how hopeless the present world tension may weekly checks from the combine the side of a prison guard to seem, each of us has a personal contribution to make peace make mistakes and raid one of the the spotlight, this week, in the

might think. Within each man, and woman there is the pow- AFRO reporter in a local police tion for numbers last month. er to reach this ideal. Within all of us, there is the power of station.

PLAN OF ACTION. known that William (Little Willic) Adams had purchased a \$30,000 home in an exclusive white section

If we take time each noon hour to stop for a minute and pray to Almighty God asking that He grant understanding about that. I'll see what I can do among nations, between all races of men, a chain reaction for you. can be set off greater than any exploding atom pile. No Force More Powerful

If the spark of our daily prayers extended beyond our home, our city, our nation, around the world, peace can

No force is more powerful than the will of God, citizens, both in the county and the mankind's belief in God. Since all else has failed, let us appeal to HIM.

We suggest therefore that all churches leave their doors open during the noon hour, so that the passer-by can step

in for a moment of silent meditation. Those of us not near a church can be equally as sincere in our silent prayers at home, at work or at lunch.

No prayers are so necessary, no prayers are so vital, no prayers are so challenging to the world as our prayers

Let Church Bells Ring at Noon Buy Protection

Numbers Operators, Gambling Establishments Provided With Police, Legal and Bail Service

Baltimore's numbers operators, fees. after-hour and gambling place One of the city's better known owners and vice overlords in gen-racketeers was hailed into police tion" through a giant combine, tributing to the delinquency of a which serves as a clearance house, minor.

the AFRO learned this week. ment for the benefit of those who in the company of a 17-year-old subscribe to its services, hundreds girl. Somehow, the case against of beat and precinct police officers, the racketeer was mysteriously a battery of lawyers and a string dropped without ever coming to

The payments, in the nature of underworld insurance, average from \$25 to \$1,000 per week, depending on the amount of gross

Operations Simple

inevitably show up as defense counsel. The same bondsmen lurk Each of us should be greatly concerned about the pos- in the background waiting to affix papers to get the captured culprits

every Saturday. He told me that

was all I had to do.

Magistrate Unimpressed

effort to minimize the defendant's farmer."

run as high as \$3,000 a week. learned, are not above working both-ends against the middle.

combine's payroll, about certain as defense counsel for the enraged operators and thus increase their

Payment of

Racketeer Freed

A police officer had caught him

But the case against the girl (Continued on Page 2)

fairly easy to trace. When numbers writers are caught or vice Probe Spoilight

'Christian' Wife

Indignant at Scandal This hap grand jury's numbers probe.

> It has been Judge Joseph Sher feel like talking to the grand jury, you can let us know." "Can't Serve Your Time"

Judge Sherbow has impressed upon these defendants that "The Cann was the first witness called the second phase of the probe appears to be centered Austin Scarlett, country

went for naught. The magistrate for questioning during the first phase of the probe three weeks ago, was called back this Tuesday, but came the following day. Not Summoned Personally

He denied reports that he had ignored the grand jury summons Mr. Scarlett told the AFRO that it was not until he returned to the farm in Westminster that he saw spots. After the raid, they appear through the door slot of his Mc-

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Lawyers Appearing in Numbers Cases

last three months of 1950. Ernest Perkins and Leroy Cooper are the only two lawyers who have been called by the grand jury during the current lottery probe. Mr. Perkins's name appears only 15 times out of the 256 cases

dled	during this 3-month p	eriod, and Mr. Co	oper's not at all.
te	Defendant	Disposition	Attorney
4	Columbus Cannady	\$250	A. S. Federico
. 4	Clinton Boykin	\$100	A. S. Federico
4	John Sharp	\$10	M. T. Siegel
4	Ruby Wiggins	\$100	M. T. Siegel
2	Charles P. Brown	\$10	W. I. Gosnell
2	Charles Green	\$100	E. E. Lane
2	Charles E. Joy	\$200	E. E. Lane
2	Douglas Thompson	N.G.	E. E. Lane
2	Hanson Cheatham	. v. \$100	U. T. Hayes
2	Begins M Stewart	\$100	U. T. Hayes

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at unguarded points when the sentries' backs were turned. They use every artifice to resettle in the miserable place they once called

they have worked so hard for these, 2000 block of Hunter St., North

searching out the little shops and The price of the Baltimore Biddle, to Bond, N. at Preston, (Continued on Page 2) | (Continued on Page 2) | cents beginning Tuesday. | (Continued on Page 2)

However, they must remember, Greenmount turn right at Belve-

Lanvale, half block to alley, to the

Is Baltimore Probe The following tabulation shows the attorneys who represented clients in numbers cases in the Baltimore Criminal Court during the last three months of 1950.

throughout the nation?

were asking, recalling what had called in Baltimore. happened when similar crime In Chicago, the Cook County probes got under way in Chicago Detroit and New York.

was being done in Baltimore, the testimony of racket kingpins from New York area. He was given grand jury limited its "investiga- all sections of the city. tive" powers to colored operators. Somehow or other there was no interest in the activities of white numbers bankers.

At least 80 per cent of the num-

be the stuation of the local probe and Edward Jones, both colored, who create the wealth. until the AFRO hammered home whose policy wheel on the Souththe noticeable fact that it was an of the total bets placed in a 24to what was tagged as an all-out bers game in Maryland is conduct. The result is that Italian num- But after the smoke cleared away.

Is the present grand probe of of the local probe drew to a close, apparently with the grand jury's the numbers racket in Baltimore still with all colored principles, blessing. following a familiar pattern which the State's Attorney announced. The same story is true of Brooks has developed in other cities that some white sporting figures lyn. The Kefauver Committee previousy questioned by the U.S. staged its television show in New That was the question observers Crime Committee will also be York City. Of the score or more

Jones Brothers Chosen

witnesses who appeared, the grand jury picked only one on whom to grand jury heard hundreds of wit-pin an indictment.

nesses, cross-examined scores of That was Louis Webber, last of In each of these cities, just as police officers, listened to the the colored policy barons in the years in prison for perjury. His lucrative policy business has been split between Jewish and But at the conclusion of its ex- Italian bankers. All of the money haustive probe, only two persons goes out of the neighborhood, none Until this week, this seemed to were indicted. They were Theodore is distributed among the people

FT. SMALLWOOD DILEMMA:

returning refugees seek out what is left of their homes and try to build anew out of the ashes of the past. His oldest son, Ralph Matthews Still if there were none of these things, Seoul would still be home to make their decision. But to more than a million people now scattered to the winds—and home to the And so they come, some legally by permit, others by stealth, back of lagging, it may cost them a few Make loop on Greenmount to

August 25 at Sharp St. Methodist ly goods in packets on their backs A list of some of the top blocks left to 1800 block on N. Spring St. There was nothing racial in the until a life guard was supplied. As a result, no life guard was on Church in Baltimore at 1 p.m. or perched upon their heads to with directions to their whereabouts Continue through the 1700 block to fact that no life guard was on This situation resulted in the serv-duty for the white swimmers, Mon-Lafayette Ave., to Caroline. South duty, Tuesday, when the August at the Municipal beach. to Caroline to Biddle, turn right at "colored" days began at Fort Eden, through 1200 block; Chase to Smalfwood Beach, the manage- According to the management,

retiring. searching out the little shops and remember stalls which once furnished a live- AFRO-AMERICAN will be in- right to alley, one quarter block remember stalls which once furnished a live- AFRO-AMERICAN will be in- right to alley, one quarter block remember stalls which once furnished a live- AFRO-AMERICAN will be inby a succession of invading Rev. Mr. Matthews most clearly as lihood along the market places. creased from ten to twelve (12) down alley to Hakesley Place; see Determined to use the beach, a Naval school, and had notified them den; Mr. and school along the market places. creased from ten to twelve (12) down alley to Hakesley Place; see Determined to use the beach, a Naval school, and had notified them den; Mr. and