Beat in-law, wife, gets suspended term

A Criminal Court judge, Wednesday upheld the conviction of a 35-year-old man found guilty in Northwestern Police Court of striking his wife and sister-in-law.

Found guilty on the assault charges was Joseph Jones, 35 1200 block Dukeland St., who had been sentenced to 30 days in jail on each count by Magistrate Linwood G. Koger Sr.

Chief Judge Emory Niles increased the sentence to 90 days in jail on each count and then suspended it on condition that the man keep out of trouble.

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THE WIFE, Mrs. Almeta Jones, testified that on the morning of June 25, she and her sister, Miss Annie Smith, 2900 block Windsor Ave., were en route downtown when she saw her husband's car parked in the 600 block Fremont Ave.

The woman said that she stopped and blew the car horn because her husband hadn't been home and she needed some money.

Testimony was that the husband came out of a house, grabbed an umbrella from Mrs. Jones and struck both women. During the altercation, it was testified, the sister-in-law's shoes came off and he threw them over a rooftop.

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JONES WHO pleaded not guilty said that he had stopped by the house to play a little cards and when he came outside in response to the horn, his wife began an argument.

The man said that he gave her $60 and she asked: "Is that all?"

When the sister-in-law hit him with a shoe, Jones testified, he grabbed an umbrella from her hand and struck her: His wife fled, the man said.

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JUDGE NILES told the couple: "You ought to act like husband and wife, not cat and dog."

Jones said that everything would be fine, "if her folks would leave us alone."

The man is employed at a chemical company and testified that he earns $80.50 a week.

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$500 bail set for suspect in robbery

Arrested by Northeastern District patrolman shortly after a housewife reported that she had been robbed of $40, Calvin Coolidge Norman, 39, was ordered held in bail of $500 Wednesday.

Norman who was also charged in Northeastern Police Court with being a vagrant without visible means of support and no permanent home, was accused of robbing Miss Rose Lassister of the 1500 block E. Preston St.

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YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE — These youths and their parents, who were among nearly 1,000 who attended the semi-annual meeting of the Juvenile Traffic Court recently, were told of their responsibilities as drivers, by Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin and law enforcement officers. The youths, having been found guilty of traffic violations, are spending a probationary period learning the methods of safer driving. Thirty-one were graduated during the meeting.

Welfare wants less relief

Drop in standards would hurt many

BULLETIN

(See Earlier Story Below)

The State Department of Welfare agreed Thursday afternoon to give the City Department of Welfare permission to lower its standards for the remainder of 1955.

Cuts for some of those now receiving relief from the city will be as high as 30 per cent, it was estimated.

A special meeting was held Thursday between members of the State Department of Welfare and the City Department of Welfare.

The meeting was a result of the 500 needy families which have been slashed from the city's relief rolls because local welfare funds are not sufficient to meet all the demands.

Although officials refuse to state how many colored are effected in the slash from the rolls, it is estimated that the majority of them are colored.

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BECAUSE of the reduced budget, the city welfare department has asked the state department for permission to cut its standards for the remainder of the year.

At a meeting held last Friday it is known that several state board members opposed this move on the grounds that Maryland already has one of the lowest welfare standards among the 48 states.

The City Welfare Department can not cut its standards unless it gets the consent of the State Department of Welfare.

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MISS ESTHER LAZARUS, director of the city welfare department, appeared before the Board of Estimates last month in a fruitless quest for more funds for her department.

"We simply don't have the money," Leon Abramson, president of the Board of Estimates advised her.

"Many private citizens have stated, conspir, that the city could find the money for the needy by cutting expenses in other areas.

If the standards are lowered in the city it will mean that, together with the 500 already lopped off of the public relief rolls, those remaining will receive less assistance than they now receive.

Night court opens to ease overload

Stevedore has 'honor' of paying first fine

Like a man who isn't quite sure whether he is being honored or punished, William P. Taliaferro, 54, 2700 block Winchester St., a stevedore, counted out $10.75 Tuesday night to become the first person to pay a fine in the night Traffic Court.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Taliaferro was the first person to appear before the bar as the court opened up for business with a full roster of dignatories on hand for the event.

Topping the list were Governor McKeldin, Mayor D'Alesandro and Chief Magistrate Stanley Scherr who presided at the session. Also on hand were the Traffic Court magistrates including Magistrate E. Everett Lane.

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THE PURPISE of the night sessions is to ease the overcrowding of the court docket, which now carries about 600 cases daily. The new sessions will be held Monday through Thursday at 7 p. m. and are expected to take care of 200 cases a night.

There were several speeches on Tuesday plus glitter and pomp, but most of it was wasted on a healthy percentage of the spectators, who would just as soon have not been there at all.

Their position was similiar to the one taken several years ago by a Westerner who was about to become the first man to be hanged in the town for horse stealing.

"If it wasn't for the honor of the thing, I would just as soon pass it up," he said just before they pulled the rope.

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LIKE THE WESTERNER, the 40 alleged traffic law violators in the courtroom could do little about the "honor" of being the first.

When Mr. Taliaferro came to the bar as the first defendant, he found himself facing Magistrate Scherr, the governor and the mayor.

In five minutes Mr. Taliaferro's case was over as he admitted that he failed to give the right of way to another car on June 19 at Madison and Lafayette Aves.

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AFTER LEVYING the fine, Magistrate turned in the direction of Governor McKeldin and said: "Here is the man that can pardon you."

All the Governor did was to smile his familiar smile, and Mr. Taliaferro walked to the clerk's desk to pay his fine. He carefully counted out the money and headed for the exit.

"I admit I was wrong but if it hadn't been raining that night it never would have happened," he said.

Mr. Taliaferro could see little honor in being the first but he paid his fine with a smile saying:

"Now everything is straight."

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NEXT IN LINE was Mrs. Lydia Williams of the 1300 block Cowden St., Harrisburg, Pa., who also smiled when she paid a $3.50 fine for driving without her license or registration card.

In opening the ceremonies Governor McKeldin praised Magistrate Scherr for a "tremendous job" and said the night sessions should provide "better service" to motorists.

Mayor D'Alesandro said that considerable trouble and inconvenience was necessary in setting up the court, and he expressed the hope that safety education would in time reduce the number of cases in the court.

Police halt street riot

Youths threw firecracker

Using an elderly man as the butt of their "fun" two youths touched off a near-riot Tuesday in the 100 block S. Carlton St., when they shoved a lighted firecracker into the man's pocket.

Police said the incident was witnessed by Mrs. Catherine Teal who lives in the block, and who called to the youths to leave the man alone. An argument developed and when other neighbors appeared on the scene, the youths fled.

They returned a few moments later with reinforcements, police said, and a fight developed in the street. A riot call brought police to the scene and three youths were arrested.

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IN THE FRACAS Mrs. Teal reported that she had been struck by a bottle, an accusation that resulted in assault charges being placed against the following suspects.

John O. Robinson, 19, 1400 block Lemmon St., Earl Herring, 18, 600 block W. Fairmount Ave., and Ringfield Jefferson, 19, 600 block N. Payson St.

After being told the boys placed the firecrackers in the man's pocket as he sat on a curb and then stood back and watched it explode, Magistrate Howard Aaron convicted all three of assault and disorderly conduct and imposed fines of $77.90 on each.

Youth admits store thefts

A probation report has been ordered for James O. Davis, 18, 400 block W. Biddle St., who pleaded guilty in Criminal Court, Wednesday to a charge of stealing $122 in cash and $305 worth of merchandise from a Read's drugstore at Walbrook Junction.

Chief Judge Emory Niles ordered the report for Davis, who was arrested on June 3 on the complaint of a store official.

Testimony was that the youth had been employed there since 1953 and had taken the money and articles bit by bit.

Suspect in tavern slaying arrested in Raleigh, N. C.

A suspect, wanted for questioning in connection with the fatal stabbing of an elderly East Baltimore man two weeks ago, has been arrested in Raleigh, N. C.

Baltimore police were informed of the capture of George Hilton, 58, on Wednesday morning and arrangements were were made to return the suspect to Maryland.

An all-points bulletin was issued for the arrest of Hilton following the death of John Duff Tucker, 58, of the 700 block N. Spring St.

POLICE FIRST began searching the S. Eden St., area after Tucker was stabbed to death with a 12-inch butcher knife.

The victim died on the floor of a tavern in the 1200 block W. Fayette St. from a stab wound in the chest.

The body was identified by a brother, George Tucker, of the 500 block N. Bradford St.

One jailed, three fined in assaults

One man was sentenced to 60 days in jail, three persons were fined and two others dismissed at Northwestern Police Court Thursday morning.

William T. Gross, 45, of the 1700 block Warwick Ave., received 60 days in jail on charges of assaulting and threatening Mrs. Martha E. Sachs, proprietor of a lunchroom in the 2400 block W. North Ave. A fine of $25 for disorderly conduct was suspended.

Thomas L. Stephens, 24, of the 1200 block Ashburton St., was fined $25 and costs for assaulting and threatening nine-year-old Mary Macer of the 1200 block Ashburton St., following an argument over a ball which struck his car.

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EUGENE HASTE, 29, of the 1600 block W. North Ave., was fined $25 and costs for assaulting and hitting his wife, Mrs. Phyllis Haste, of the 1600 block Bakewary Ct.

Frank S. Teppin, 42, of the 1800 block Ruxton Ave., was fined $35 and costs on charges of assaulting and striking Miss Esther Woods of the same address.

Assault and threatening charges against John H. Cobbs, 45, of the 1100 block Laurens St., were dismissed. The charges were brought by Paul Boyd of the 100 block Laurens St. Cobbs was fined $5 and costs for discharging firearms in the city limits.

Also dismissed were assaulting and striking charges placed against Mrs. Christine E. Holman, 30, of the 1100 block Stoddard Ct., by Mary Williams, also of the 1100 block Stoddard Ct.

Two beers, one fight, one fined

Two beers cost William Robinson, 39, 2600 block Edmondson Ave., $25 in Northwestern Police Court on Wednesday.

The beers in question were consumed at a night club in the 1500 block Pennsylvania Ave., by Robinson and a friend St. Clair Stokes, 47, 200 block Pearl St., with neither of the two coming up with the cash to pay the check.

"Robinson told Stokes to pay the check and when Stokes said he didn't have any money then Robinson hit him," Miss Shirley Charleston, the barmaid, testified.

This action brought police into the act and both men were arrested on disorderly conduct charges.

Magistrate Linwood G. Koger Sr. dismissed Stokes but fined Robinson with the advice "next time you had better leave beer alone."

Youth jailed in car theft

Emory S. Johnson, 17, 2400 block Guilford Ave., was sentenced to one year in the Reformatory in Criminal Court, Wednesday where he was convicted of stealing an automobile.

Chief Judge Emory Niles also fined the youth $100 and costs for the larceny of a license plate. The fine was suspended.

Johnson was arrested on June 17, after an off-duty policeman noticed the car in front of his home. Testimony was that when the officer sought to question Johnson, the youth sped away.

When finally captured, police said, Johnson, recently released from Boys' Village, admitted stealing the car from the Martin J. Barry Co. car lot on June 13.

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Candidate for state police turned down

Maryland may not have a colored state trooper in uniform this year.

Though the lone eligible candidate scored high on his written test over a month ago, his application was turned down this week due to a discrepancy over a driving permit.

David R. Bass, a sophomore student at Morgan State College was informed by letter that he would not be considered for appointment because he secured his driving permit at the age of 14.

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MR. BASS told the AFRO Wednesday that as a minor he set his age at 18 in order to secure the license.

The letter also stated that the applicant had failed to state that he once attended school in Virginia.

One of the questions asked on the application form for state trooper is: "Do you own a driver's permit?"

The applicant is warned not to falsify the record in any way.

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SERGEANT OVER a military prison for more than three years, Mr. Bass said he had completed many of the requirements necessary to become a state trooper while in the Air Force.

He attended the military police school at Camp Gordon, Ga., and was one of five colored men who took the state police examination here. The other four did not pass.

MAN GETS 30 DAYS FOR CUTTING WOMAN

Clarence V. Brown, 35, 500 block Robert St., received 30 days in jail, Tuesday in Northwestern Police Court where Magistrate Linwood G. Koger Sr. found him guilty of cutting Miss Catherine Johnson, 1700 block Druid Hill Ave., with a knife on July 4.

No further examination for the position have been scheduled for this year.

Mr. Bass stated that he would continue with his studies at Morgan. He is a business administration major. His wife, Mrs. Margaret Bass, graduated from Morgan last June.

The Basses have one daughter, Deborah and reside at 2015 Braddish Ave.

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Masked Gang Gets 93 Years

No More Back Seats On Buses—U.S. Court

AFRO REUNITES FAMILY—The joy of at last seeing their brother after 36 years apart is shown by the sisters of William Gresham of Louisville, Ky., who left their Baltimore home when he was 13. The Greshams were reunited through a letter to the AFRO's "Looking For Someone?" column. Left to right, the sisters are Mrs. Erma Woods, 1929 Division St.; Mrs. Lillian Wayman, Essex County, Va.; and Mrs. Rosie Woodfork, 1317 Shields Pl.

BALTIMORE

The fabulous and financially successful career of Austin Scarlett in the United States ended on July 7 as the Jamaican-born ex-numbers banker, gambler and businessman was ignominiously deported from America to his native home in the British West Indies.

Scarlett was removed from these shores earlier than scheduled after Governor McKeldin commuted the remainder of a 180-day sentence he was serving in the Baltimore City Jail.

Scarlett left America by plane, on July 8, from Miami, Fla., unaccompanied by his wife, Mrs. Ella Mae Scarlett whom he had married in jail only last May 28.

Mrs. Scarlett, the former Miss Ella Mae Lee, 40, one time city teacher who is now employed at a rest home in Glen Burnie, refused to state why she had not gone with her husband.

However, in an earlier interview with the AFRO she had said that she was not certain whether she would go with him or not.

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GOVERNOR McKELDIN issued the commutation order July 6. At 10 a.m., July 7, Scarlett, accompanied by his wife and U.S. immigration officers went to the airport.

Mrs. Scarlett bade him farewell as he boarded the plane with the officials.

On July 8, in Miami, Scarlett boarded a plane alone for his native Jamaica, never again to return to the United States which he had illegally entered when he was 20 years old.

SCARLETT'S "rags to riches" era came to an abrupt end in May 1952 when he was sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary and fined $2,000 for numbers conspiracy.

On May 28, 1953, after several unsuccessful court pleas, Scarlett began serving his prison term.

On March 8, 1955 Scarlett was released to immigration authorities on a detainer pending his deportation. He was scheduled to serve 90 days in the City Jail for some fines he had failed to pay.

If Governor McKeldin had not issued the commutation order, Scarlett would not have been deported until Sept. 4.

Seek boys who shot Morganite

- Hit in back while seated in classroom
- Youngsters use area for gun practice

Reports that a group of boys have been using a wooded area near Morgan State College as a shooting gallery since last June, have led police to believe that the shooting of a 23-year-old student on Monday was accidental.

The reports were confirmed by Northeastern District Police Thursday.

Capt. Julian Ferrest told the AFRO that three employees at the school reported that they had heard rifle fire in the area on more than one occasion.

The first shots were heard around the first of June shortly after Baltimore City schools were let out for the summer, it was reported.

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AN INVESTIGATION into the source of the mysterious gun fire was launched after Miss Juanita Watkins, a city teacher and student at Morgan, was struck by a stray bullet while seated near a window in a second-floor classroom at Holmes Hall.

Harry Rogers, a maintenance man, told police that on two occasions preceding the shooting he had heard gun fire around a dump area across the street from Holmes Hall.

Each time he started out to call for the police he said the shooting stopped.

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THE STATEMENT of Mr. Rogers was confirmed by Arthur Hoe, watchman at Morgan and Walter Briscoe also of the school's maintenance department.

Mr. Briscoe added that on several occasions he had heard gunfire near Herring Run, a wooded section near the campus. The area is a sanctuary for birds and rabbits.

Capt. Forrest stated that it is believed that the bullet which struck Miss Watkins was fired from a 22 calibre rifle.

"Our preliminary investigation indicates that the shot was fired from around the dump area," he stated.

"Should it have been fired

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Sonny Pratt's wife sues him for divorce

Mrs. Dorothy Wharton Pratt, 2915 Elgin Ave., who, in Northwestern Police Court, Tuesday, withdrew a warrant charging her husband, Harry T. Pratt Jr. 1406 Madison Ave. with assault, threw the book at him in Circuit Court, Thursday, as she began divorce proceedings.

In a petition filed by Tucker R. Deering, attorney, she augmented the assault charges by saying that he knocked her down, broke her teeth and used vile and indecent language in front of their small son.

The Pratts were married on May 22, 1944 in New York City. They are parents of a son, now **in custody of the mother. A second child, born on Jan. 21, 1954, died at birth. She had two children by a previous marriage.**

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JUVENILES

- The Chinese have formula that works

By BIDDY WOOD

(Tenth in a series of articles.)

The New York Post is currently running a series of articles which point up the success Chinese parents have in curbing juvenile delinquency.

"Parental example and pride play a key part in the good behavior of youth of Chinese ancestry—a group that rarely appears in court for delinquency," the Post says.

This substantiates the AFRO's contention in this series of articles, that "parents whose children are products of broken homes, are placing a tremendous burden on society."

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KOCK-GEE LEE, president of the Chinese Benevolent Assn., says in the Post series: "Parents set the example. They must do so if children are to remain uncorrupted by bad influences around them."

Mr. Lee, father of four grown children, all of them college graduates, continues:

"... First the teachings of Confucius, thousands of years ago, have great effect even today.

"Second, parents are more

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Jailed in daring armed robberies

Defense attorney Watts gets one off, helps 'ringleader'

Members of the "Handkerchief Gang," who were involved in a series of daring robberies in June, were sent to prison, Thursday for a total of 93 years.

HIGHEST TERMS of 40 years each in the penitentiary were meted out to Carlton Haynie, 24, 800 block Hampson St., and Leroy Miller, 23, 1100 block Whatcoat St.

The highlight of the two-day trial in Criminal Court was the **legal maneuvering of Robert B. Watts, defense attorney for all of the six men accused of being members of the gang.**

The attorney was successful in getting a directed verdict of not guilty for William E. Titus, 24, 1700 block Ditman Ct., who was accused of conspiracy to rob.

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MR. WATTS' greatest triumph, however, came in his defense of William Jones Jr., 23, 1500 block Mosher St., who was identified as the leader and "brains" of the gang.

Jones was charged in three cases of armed robbery, two cases of carrying a deadly weapon, and one count of conspiracy.

On a motion by Mr. Watts, Judge Deeley K. Nice ordered directed verdicts of not guilty for Jones in all of the armed robbery cases and one of the deadly weapon cases.

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FOUND GUILTY on the other counts, Jones received one year in the House of Correction and a $500 fine on the deadly weapon count. Sentencing was withheld on the conspiracy charge.

Jones had been fingered as the leader of the gang by Haynie, Miller and Walter N. Gardner Jr., 27, 900 block N. Stricker St., in their statements to police.

Gardner received a 10-year prison term on a conspiracy charge and received one year and a $500 fine for deadly weapons.

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ALSO GIVEN a prison term was Earl Baskerville, 28, 600

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APPEAL

- Clean Block prize fund needs help

Appeals of AFRO Clean Block Director M. Francis Mackay for contributions to the Clean Block Prize Fund brought encouraging responses Tuesday and Wednesday.

The total now stands at $540.75.

Heading the list of donors was a long-time friend of the AFRO Clean Block Campaign, Mrs. Helen Holland of Holland Funeral Home, who gave the prize fund a great big shot in the arm with a check for $50.

Following in a much welcomed second was the donation of $8.50 from members of the newly-organized DeLuxe Waiters Service Club, Inc.

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THE MONEY was brought to the office by Robert O. Mathews, chairman of the board of directors.

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JUST AS welcome were the contributions of $5 from Dr. and

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Letter to AFRO reunites family after 36 years

Three sisters who had not seen a brother in over 36 years held a joyful reunion here last week in the answer to long years of prayer, and to the AFRO's Missing Persons' Column.

The many years that separated the children of the late Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Willie S. Gresham began one morning in 1919, when William Gresham left home for the Druid Hill YMCA.

He never reached his destination. Instead, seized by an uncontrollable desire to travel, Mr. Gresham, at that time only 13 years old, left Baltimore aboard a freight train. From then until March of this year, his family had no word from him.

THE long years of worry and frustration at their inability to locate their young brother were brought to an end by a letter written by Mr. Gresham to the AFRO's "Looking For Someone" column, which appears weekly in the magazine section.

In March, a week-long series of letters written by brother and sisters, began to weave a chain across the space and the 36 years that separated them.

Last week, that chain was finally completed, when the three sisters greeted their long lost

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Baltimorean is top legislator

CHICAGO — William H. Robinson, 46, Republican representative of the third district has been named by 21 newsmen as the outstanding freshman of the Illinois legislature.

His mother and sister came to live in Baltimore from Virginia.

Mr. Robinson topped 41 other first year members.

He has a masters degree from Chicago University in social science, directs the Youth Service Bureau of the Chicago Church Federation and lectures at the university on child psychology.

Newsmen noted that when he infrequently spoke in the legislature the chamber filled. They termed him an orator and a gentleman who sponsored measures of merit.

A BOLD STEP

In the year 1932 the AFRO took a bold step. Despite the fact that depression was at its worst the AFRO ventured to publish a second paper in the fall of this year.

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Md. pleads don't mix, then asks how

The State of Maryland and the City of Baltimore have asked the U.S. Supreme Court to reverse a decision of the U.S. Circuit of Appeals which declared segregated beach facilities were unconstitutional on the grounds that,

1. Close mingling of the races at recreational facilities would cause conflict;

2. The Plessy vs. Ferguson doctrine of "separate but equal" still applies to recreation since the court has not said specifically it does not.

Maryland's contention contained in an appeal filed with the Supreme Court, will be argued during the October Term of the high court.

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THE APPEAL of the State and City, however, gives evidence that state and city officials are aware that the Court's ruling in the school segregation cases outlawed the "separate but equal" doctrine and they have sought further advice in case the court so rules in recreation facilities.

They also ask that, if the court should direct that all city and state recreational facilities be opened to all citizens, regardless of race or color, that the Court specifically spell out how and when such desegregation should be carried out.

"Moderation and steady progress are more desirable than abrupt change which may rebound only to the injury of citizens of both races," the Mary-

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No More Back Bus Seats

RICHMOND, Va.—Racial segregation on city busses is unconstitutional, the United States Fourth Circuit Court ruled Thursday.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is the highest authority next to the Supreme Court in the states of Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North and South Carolina.

The Federal Appellate Court said in a unanimous decision that recent Supreme Court rulings have repudiated the "separate but equal" doctrine.

The repudiation applies to public transportation as well as to other areas — public schools and recreation facilities — and affects transportation within a state as well as across state lines.

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THE MOMENTOUS DECISION came in an NAACP - sponsored suit filed by Mrs. Sarah Mae Flemming against the South Carolina Electric and Gas Co. in Columbia.

Mrs. Flemming appealed from a decision of the Federal District Court of Eastern South Carolina. The Circuit Court reversed the District Court and sent the case back for further proceedings.

South Carolina's segregation laws make bus drivers as authoritative as police officers and are similar to Virginia statutes on local bus transportation.

THE DECISION was hailed by Richmonders as another step toward first-class citizenship.

W. Lester Banks, executive secretary of the Virginia State NAACP Conference of Branches said he was "elated" over the ruling.

The Richmond AFRO received numerous telephone calls from citizens anxious of the body blow to racial segregation was carried on radio news broadcasts. The citizens expressed joy at the ruling.

In its opinion, the three-judge Appeals Court said:

"We do not think that the separate but equal doctrine . . . can any longer be regarded as a correct statement of law.

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"THAT CASE (Plessy vs. Ferguson) recognizes segregation of the races by common carriers as being governed by the same principles as segregation in public schools; and the recent decisions (of the Supreme Court) which relate to public schools leave no doubt that the separate-but-equal doctrine approved in Plessy vs. Ferguson has been repudiated."

The court also referred to its decisions earlier this year in two Maryland cases involving cases in which it held that "racial segregation in recreational activities can no longer be sustained as a proper exercise of the police power of a state."

In Virginia and most of the south, colored citizens are required to sit in the back of buses and whites in the front.

Say Ike lowered civil rights curtain

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — The Eisenhower Administration was attacked by three congressmen, Wednesday, for indifference toward civil rights legislation, as a House judiciary subcommittee held hearings on 53 civil rights bills.

The attack was levelled on two fronts—one at President Eisenhower for not pressing for such legislation, and the other at heads of various departments for declining to testify on the measures.

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REP. EMANUEL CELLAR, of New York, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, opened the attack after he finished reading a prepared statement in which he charged that Congress itself has been "somewhat derelict" in its duty.

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REP. ADAM C. POWELL (Dem., N.Y.), and **James Roosevelt** (Dem., Calif.), continued the attack.

Mr. Cellar revealed that Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell had been invited to testify. He said Mr. Brownell had sent a letter giving his views favoring most of the bills, but he declined to appear and be cross-examined.

"I cannot understand why the Attorney General would decline," said Mr. Cellar. "He has stated that he cannot take action in many cases because existing laws are too weak."

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THE AGENCIES which Mr. Cellar said declined to testify were the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Defense Department, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare,

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