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WASHINGTON

The American Jazz Festival at Newport is still in progress.

I have word Chico Hamilton quintet crashed the sound barriers of ultra modern music. It was also said that Anita O'Day, accompanied by an all-star group was a smashing success.

But for the real cut and dry info on this occasion, follow me next week.

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HERE ARE some late recordings that I invite to your listening attention: Donna Brooks, a top-coming songstress, has one out called "I'll Take Romance." Buddy Rich Sings Johnny Mercer" is the new album that unveils the multi-talented Mr. Rich as a full-fledged vocalist.

"Piano Interpretations" by Bud Powell is something new on wax. "The Swinging Count" features Count Basie and his sextet.

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"HI-LO'S and Jerry Fielding Ork" is a fresh-out LP. "Recital By Oscar Peterson" is one by the fabulous piano player that is sure to reach the top. The Modern Jazz Sextet has a new release which features Sonny Stitts and Dizzy Gillespie.

Miss London records another "Lonely Girl With Little London." The new singing sensation, Ethel Ennis, who made the recording "Off Shore," was seen enjoying an informal social gathering recently in Baltimore.

A former member of the Four Freshmen singing group, Ken Errais, who recently announced his withdrawal from the music business, has now signed with a record company as trombonist vocalist.

June Christy is one of the top names in the field of Jazz singing. She had a part in its origin. For a girl who has a singing career covering more than a decade, June has lost nothing of her impeccable style.

HER STYLE, a much imitated one, was designed by another all time great in the musical world, Stan Kenton. The two have been closely associated throughout much of their careers.

As a fresh new singing voice, June was noticed by Kenton quite early in her career. She was taken on as a vocalist in the Kenton Ork. After some polishing up in vocal techniques and training in conceiving a song under Kenton's keen instructions, June's name long held top ballot for creative singing.

Until late years when new contemporaries became popularized, June was the girl for interpreting and selling a song.

ON ALL OF her many personal appearances she has been a starting success. Scores of records contain her voice. Most of them are recordings with the Stan Kenton Ork, but still a lot of hits were made after their separation.

Among her records are: "Something Cool" (which incidentally, I think is her best collection of songs.) "I'll Remember April," "Duet," My Heart Belongs To Only You," What Is This Thing Called Love, and "That Ole Devil Moon."

Lester Young drew top card here during his last week's run. Dave Brubeck, Louis Armstrong, and a host of other headliners are scheduled to give the Washington cool music lovers a treat soon.

An array of jazz talent found Woody Herman's Herd following Stan Kenton's crew in successive one nighters at Buckeye Lake in Cincinnati.

Duke Ellington's opening at the San Francisco Macumba nite spot was positively jammed.

Several of the late Fats Waller originals earlier transcribed form player piano rolls made by Waller from 1923 to '27 were previously released on 10-inch records. Now they are reissued on a new LP entitled "Young Fats Waller."

I enjoy reading your cards and letters. Keep them coming.

EXCUSES FOR EARTHAT—American audiences will be surprised to learn that Swedish critics were busy last week explaining why Eartha Kitt's first shows at Myrte Salon, Stockholm, were flubs. "Vaudeville atmosphere after her plush London cafe dates gave

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Poro hairdressers study in Memphis

MEMPHIS — Hundreds of members of the Poro Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association, Inc., attended the 10th annual convention here July 8 to 11.

Mrs. Ernestine Mahan of Cincinnati, Ohio, president, welcomed the delegates who came from many states and foreign countries.

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Guest artists were Evelyn Johnson of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Joseph Mosmon of St. Louis.

Instructors; Eghelin Alexander, Cumbus, Ohio; Clara B. Jackson, Newark, N.J.; Ella R. Martin, Atlanta, Ga.; Corrinne Jackson, Mary Polk and Elizabeth Troupe, St. Louis.

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ALSO LOUISE KING, Cincinnati, Ohio; Idella Black, and Laura Hughes, Indianapolis, Ind. and Newavery Lawson, Baltimore, Md.

of Harrisburg, Pa., and weaving Gluemaking was demonstrated by Mrs. Caroline Diamond, and weaving by Mrs. Corrinne Marshall, Newark, N.J.

The business sessions, demonstrations and style shows were held at Olivet Baptist Church.

The educational classes were held at Ionia's Poro School. Mr. Essie G. Ray of Indianapolis was convention registrar.

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Lodges plan joint session

WASHINGTON

A joint first anniversary celebration will be held July 22 by Lincoln U.D. lodges of Washington and Isaiah 78, St. Luke, St. and New Dawn, 36, lodges of Baltimore of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Freemasons of Louisiana.

The services will begin at 4 p.m. at the Turner Memorial AME Church, Sixth and I Sts., NW, James Copeland, organizer of the District, announced Tuesday.

George Longe, school principal of New Orleans, will be the principal speaker as Sovereign Grand Commander of the order.

Mrs. Lillian Tucker, Worthy Grand Matron of the order of Eastern Star, New Orleans, will also speak.

The fraternal leaders will be introduced by Charles Morris Lieut. Grand Commander of Baltimore, Md. Escoe Lawrence is Worthy Master of Lincoln Lodge.

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Lodge journeys to Baltimore

WASHINGTON

Theodore B. Conway, worshipful master of the Charles Datcher lodge, and several members journeyed to Baltimore last Wednesday to attend communication ceremonies of the Tuscan lodge No. 90, at the Masonic Temple, McCullon and Mosher Sts.

A banquet was served with the neophytes and Washingtonians as honor guests. Willard W. Allen, Grand Master of Maryland, spoke briefly.

Accompanying Mr. Conway were Alvin V. Fields, grand marshall of the District; Past masters Alphonzo D. Jordan, Samuel Green Robert Ingram, Holt J. Gadson, Bert Joyner, John Robinson, Herbert Knox, Rochelle Chandler, Willie Martin, Naudia Jones, Derwood Skeeter, Eugene Johnson and Henry Little.

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ALLAN A. C. GRIFFITH SR., past grand master and a 32 year-member of Charles Datcher lodge, is convalescing from surgery on Ward Six, Freedmen's Hospital.

Mr. Griffith served as master in 1924. Past master John W. Mudd Sr., a 30-year-member of the lodge is convalescing at his home, 614 L St., NE.

Organized in 1900 the lodge bears the name of the late Charles Datcher, who served as the first grand master of Prince Hall Mason in the District, 1848-53.

Women set beach party

The Women's Democratic Campaign Committee will hold its third annual beach party and dance at Carr's Beach, Saturday night.

The affair, scheduled from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., will have Rusty Bryant and his orchestra to provide music for dancing, and will feature door prizes

Mrs. Victorine Adams is general chairman, Mrs. Gladys Barbour is dance chairman and Mrs. Ruth Turner, secretary.

Bus transportation is being arranged by Mrs. Grace Johnson, 1400 Whitelock St.

DR. POINDEXTER HONORED

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, Pa. — Col. Hildrus A. Poindexter, of the United States Public Health Service, and a member of the Mt. Hebron Prince Hall Masonic Lodge of Oxford, was awarded the honorary degree of doctor of science at the June 10 Commencement of Dartmouth College.

VACATIONING — Dancer Lafaithia Elliott and her personal manager, Mrs. Clara Coates, are vacationing in Atlantic City for two weeks. On her return, the curvaceous Lafaithia will resume at a Charles Street night club. Miss Elliott recently appeared on TV's "Fourth Man" program.

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Psychiatric test set for accused blond kidnaper

MERIDIAN, Miss. (ANP)—Arrangements for a psychiatric examination were being made Monday for a 45-year-old white grandfather charged with the abduction Friday o fa seven-year-old colored girl.

The man, Earl Morris, a foreman for the Gulf, Mobile and Ohio Railroad, is accused of abducting Nettie Mae Clark from near "to her home at Collinsville make her repent for her sins."

Officers said the girl told them that Morris demanded that she pull off her clothes in his car and threatened to kill her. Attendants at a local hospital said she had not been molested. She was treated for shock.

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DEPUTY SHERIFF Harry Hughes filed the kidnapping warrant against Morris Friday after receiving report the child had been abducted.

Officers said the child's mother sought aid from a white neighbor after a man drove off with her daughter. The man, Carruthers Carlton, working on the roof of his home, gave chase in his car.

Carlton said he found the man and the child in the car, parked on an old log road in the vicinity.

The girl escaped while Carlton was urging the man to release her, Carlton told officers.

CARLTON SAID he then attempted to get the man to come out of the car. But instead of obeying his demand to get out of the car, Carlton said, the man started the car and almost ran over him.

Carlton said he fired from his automobile at the fleeing man and a bullet broke the rear window of the fleeing car.

The man escaped, despite road blocks set up to trap him. But he was spotted in Medirian later in the afternoon by Officer Leland Williams, who noticed bullet holes in his car.

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MORRIS, WHEN arrested, claimed he remembered nothing from the time he got up Friday morning until his arrest. Later, however, he told officers the complete story, saying that at first he had been "scared."

Morris was identified as the kidnaper by the girl, her mother, Carlton, and Mike Carlton, his son.

The girl said she was walking down a road to her home in nearby Collinsville when Morris forced her into his automobile, drove to the mill and ordered her to disrobe. Carlton reached the scene just as she started pulling off her clothing, and the girl leaped out the car and fled.

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DR. J. S. HICKMAN of Meridian, former head of the East Mississipi State Hospital, examined Morris Last Saturday and announced:

"There is no question but that he is all torn up over something, a victim of psychosis. He needs help badly."

Mrs. Morris has been visiting in Florida since June. They have a son, three daughters and seven grandchildren.

Deputy Sheriff Harry Hughes said the family would request medical examinations.

UNCF leader to be advisor

NEW YORK — Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, president of the United College Fund, left Friday for Herrenalb, Germany where he will serve as a consultant at the World Council of Churches Conference to be held there July 17-23.

Dr. Patterson will act as an advisor to the council's working committee on Church and Society for its program in less developed areas in Asia and Africa.

Among the key issues to be studied will be the movement for emancipation in Asia and Africa from oppressive political and economic systems; mobility of labor to industrialized centers and the changing status of women.

Dr. Patterson, who has been director of the Phelps-Stokes Fund since 1953, was formerly president of Tuskegee (Ala.) Institute. In 1944, he founded the UNCF, an organization devoted to improving higher educational opportunities of colored persons.

'Vote only weapon for justice,' Church Council says as it begins ballot drive

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — "The vote is the only weapon for justice, and we urge all colored persons to meet all legal requirements for voting in elections, and to register at every opportunity."

Thus declared, the National Fraternal Council of Churches, U.S.A., Inc., as it adopted a lengthy 17-point policy statement at the closing session of the organization's 23rd annual meeting here last week.

In addition to encouraging vote registration, the Council lauded the NAACP for its "defense of mankind," and praised the "Christian leaders in Montgomery, Ala., Tallahassee, Fla., Orangeburg and Eloree, S.C.

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THE COUNCIL also condemned segregation in all forms, particularly public housing, schools and federally-impacted areas, and expressed a determination to help wipe out segregation anywhere it exists.

It reaffirmed its stand that put the organization "unequivocally with the Supreme Court decision" on school integration, and urged all Christian leaders to comply forthwith with the decision.

To do this, the Council urged all religious leaders to close ranks and unite toward a more positive approach to the end that the true principles of Christianity which embody first-class citizenship may prevail."

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AT THE same time, the council made plans to initiate a southwide conference of rededication to the principles of Christianity and democracy. It also considered the employment of a full-time executive secretary whose job would be to direct the all-out attack on discrimination and to promote the work of Protestant churches.

The two-page policy statement was signed by the Rev. Andrew Fowler, chairman; Bishop A. W. Womack, Dr. Howard D. Gregg, Dr. R. M. McKenzie and Bishop Sherman L. Greene.

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BISHOP GREENE of the AME Church was elected president of the council.

He succeeds Methodist Bishop Edgar A. Love of Baltimore, who was named chairman of the council's advisory committee. Bishop Love did not attend the meeting because of the death of a brother.

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OTHER OFFICERS elected were Dr. W. H. Borders, Atlanta, vice president at large; AMEZ Bishop H. T. Medford of Washington, second vice president; Carl A. Banks Jr., secretary; the Rev. W. W. Thomas, pastor of Southside CME Church, Birmingham, assistant secretary;

Dr. J. H. Peters of Baltimore, treasurer; Editor E. P. Murchison, Dayton, O., executive secretary; Mrs. C. J. Jernagin of Washington, president; and Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom, president emeritus.

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MRS. C. J. JERNAGIN announced the organization of an Alabama branch at the Wednesday night session.

She introduced as new officers of the branch, Mrs. E. W. Williams of the First Baptist Church, Fairfield, president; Mrs. Bessie Walker, vice president; Mrs. Pearl Lewis, secretary; Mrs. Veela Robinson, assistant secretary; Mrs. R. W. Vaughn, treasurer; Mrs. B. G. King, chairman, membership committee, and Mrs. Lamb, chairman, publicity committee.

Protest semi-nude photos of NAACP pastor-lawyer in Ala. draft exam case

WASHINGTON

Protest against the "humiliation and embarrassment" given Fred D. Gray, NAACP attorney in Montgomery, Ala., was made to the Secretary of the Army this week by the NAACP.

Mr. Gray, who handled the suit contesting the constitutionality of the bus segregation laws in Montgomery and the State of Alabama, recently was reclassified 1A by his local draft board.

Previously he had been given a deferred classification because of his part-time service as a minister. The reclassification was made shortly after he filed the bus suit.

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LAST WEEK he was called by the draft board for a physical examination. During the examination, pictures of him semi-nude were taken and published in Montgomery papers.

This was unusual procedure for persons merely called for examination prior to a draft call.

And this was the basis of the NAACP's protest, filed with Secretary of the Army Wilber M. Brucker, by Clarence Mitchell, chief of the Washington Bureau of the NAACP.

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MR. MITCHELL wired Mr. Brucker as follows:

"Profoundly shocked to learn that Army officers gave permission for photographers to take semi-nude pictures of the Rev. Fred D. Gray during physical examination in Montgomery, Ala.

"Daily press report says Mr. Gray was wearing shorts. Military in Alabama advised photographers that picture would be taken up.

"There is indisputable evidence that White Citizens Councils are pushing induction of Mr. Gray into Army despite the fact that he is a clergyman.

"The latest incident permits the Army to be a party to obvious attempts to humiliate and embarrass Mr. Gray because of his interest in civil rights. Urge that prompt action be taken to discipline those responsible for this misuse of the Draft system and examination process."

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MR. GRAY has worked in the religious field since he was 12 years old and known as the "Boy Preacher." He was serving as assistant pastor of a Montgomery church at the time he was reclassified.

The reclassification was appealed to the State and national Selective Service boards and is currently under review by the Presidential Appeal Board.

BISHOP LOVE IN IOWA

DES MOINES, Iowa — Bishop Edgar A. Love, head of the Baltimore Area of the Methodist Church, is official representative of the Council of Bishops of the denomination to the quadrennial meeting of the North Central Jurisdiction, here, this week.

Harriman says Ike failed

NEW YORK—"It is a tragedy that at this critical time in our history President Eisenhower has not lived up to his obligations, or seized the great opportunity presently afforded him to inspire a universal desire for an advance toward new political morality and social justice."

So Gov. Averell W. Harriman stated Wednesday in a letter released to the press giving his philosophy as to what a President of the United States should stand for and assailing Mr. Eisenhower as "failing to live up to his obligations."

The governor wrote that a President who evades his responsibility for bringing about compliance with the nation's laws violates his oath of office.

Mr. Harriman said that many tensions that had developed in the South and North could have been avoided if President Eisenhower had called together persons of good will and "asked them to work together under the inspiration and leadership of his high office."

THE GOVERNOR repeated his support of a provision in the Federal aid to education bill that would withhold aid from areas in defiance of the Supreme Court school-integration ruling.

Mr. Harriman said he would favor invoking the constitutional provision that requires a reduction of congressional representation in states where the right to vote is denied.

He added that he was sure that if the conduct he had outlined were followed, it "would not be necessary to use the provision of Section II of the 14th Amendment," which reads:

"When the right to vote at any (Federal) election is denied or abridged in any way to any inhabitants of such state over 21 years of age being citizens of the United States, "except for participation in rebellion or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such citizens shall bear to the whole number of citizens 21 years of age in the state."

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