900 At Opening Session Of AME Annual Conference

Bishop Reid heard on 'rights'

"We should not worry about communism, communism is in Russia. Our main concern should be with our own government here."

Bishop Frank Madison Reid, Presiding Bishop of the Second Episcopal District of the AME church, Wednesday night told participants in the opening session of the Baltimore annual conference.

"Civil rights if the number-one business on this country's agenda," he said.

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"IF THE federal government cannot bring the dixiecrats in line and demand that the laws of this land are obeyed, our own government in this country is lost.

"America is at the crossroads. Let us pray here tonight that the right decision is made," he said.

The annual sermon was delivered by the Rev. H. H. Curtis, secretary of the annual conference and pastor of Wright's AME Church at Elkton, Md.

He reminded the audience that all present day Christians are called upon to "go through the storm," and that this task is simplified when "there is communion between God and the soul."

"This realization of the ever-presence of God makes any assignment possible. To deny it is to rob religion of its power and its purpose," the Rev. Mr. Curtis said.

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OTHER SPEAKERS on the program included: the Rev. W. E. Moseley, host presiding elder, Centreville District; the Rev. R. L. Tillery, presiding elder, Easton District;

Also the Rev. John M. Cox, presiding elder, Baltimore District, and the Rev. L. M. Gray, pastor, St. John AME Church, and host to the conference.

Bishop E. L. Hickman, Presiding Bishop of the 13th Episcopal District, which comprises Arkansas and Kentucky, assisted with the Holy Communion along with Bishop Reid and other general officers and presiding elders that were present.

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THE DRAMATIC highlight of Wednesday night's 140th session of the historic Baltimore conference was reached when the Trinity AME Church choir led the congregation in the singing of "Come On My Partners in Distress."

This selection was a favorite of the late Bishop W. Sampson Brooks and veteran members in the conference remarked that the venerable churchman's presence could still be felt despite the many years since his death.

The St. John Church choir sang at the services, with special numbers by the choirs from Bethel and Payne Memorial Churches.

900 officers, delegates and visitors attended the opening session and contributed $94 to the freewill offering.

Sessions of this annual Baltimore Conference are scheduled through Sunday, December 9.

Presiding Elders of the Baltimore Conference are: the Rev. John M. Cox and the Rev. E. L. Moseley, both of Washington, and the Rev. R. L. Tillery of Cambridge.

This conference is a part of the Second District, which includes the Virginia, North Carolina, Washington, and Western North Carolina conferences.

LEE ST. FIRE — This was all that remained of a rag company's warehouse in the 500 block of W. Lee St., that caught fire Monday and sent more than 50 families fleeing for their lives. The building at left is the home of family were without a home for more Mrs. Florida Young. She and her than ten hours.

'I want happiness and you can not buy happiness...'

"I want happiness, and you can not buy happiness," Mrs. Marion E. Woods, 1650 Ashburton St., wrote, as she ended a ten and a half year marriage to Walter E. Woods.

Mr. Woods, 64 suing for a divorce in Circuit Court 2, charging his wife with desertion, filed a letter she left when, he said, "she just walked out" on June 15, 1954. They were married Dec. 9 1943.

According to the husband, 40-year-old Mrs. Woods wrote:

"Dear Walter:

"This is the hardest thing I have ever had to do in my life, but I have to do it. You know we have talked it over about when the time came that we were not like man and wife.

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"WELL, IT has been like that for almost a year. Now I am sure you know what I mean.

"I am young and I can't help it. You can't help your condition either, but I want to always live a decent life.

"And most of all I want to be happy. I am not happy living this way, so I feel this is the best thing for both of us.

"I've wanted to tell you for over a month now, but I didn't know how to start it. So I am writing this letter.

"I am sorry for all the debt you are in trying to make me happy. But money just will not buy happiness.

The letter continued "If you decide to sell the house and pay off all the debt I will sign any papers to that effect.

"I do not want anything but the dining room suite and the car.

"I do have to get back and forth to work and I have no other way. I will finish paying for it, also the dining room suite.

"I hope this will not be too hard on you and that you will understand. Thank you for all you have done for me. I feel this way is best."

MRS. ANNA WILSON of 1626 Westwood Ave. divorced Stewart Wilson, charging him with desertion.

"He said he didn't want the responsibility of taking care of me and the kids," she testified in Circuit Court.

Married on Nov. 20, 1949 and separated Nov. 15, 1952, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have three children. William H. Murphy was attorney for the mother.

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MRS. ANNIE B. CHANDLER of 3302 Auchentorolly Terrace won a divorce from Louis Chandler and restoration of her maiden name, Carter, Monday.

They were marriej on June 2, 1942. He deserted her on Sept. 15, 1945, she said.

"My husband just went to work that day and never came back," Mrs. Chandler said. She was represented by William H. Murphy, attorney.

Mrs. Walton leaves 65 close kin

"She took ill just a week before Mother's Day this year. She was getting ready to go to Virginia for a visit."

Thus Mrs. Flossie Smith, of 1810 N. Washington Street, explained the beginning of an illness that brought death to her mother, Mrs. Sarah L. Walton, last Saturday morning.

Mrs. Walton was confined to the Johns Hopkins Hospital for five weeks prior to her death.

She leaves 65 immediate relatives.

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A NATIVE OF MEHARRIN, Va., she attended the Apostolic Church on S. Caroline street here. She never moved her membership from the Forest Baptist Church in her native Meharrin.

Mrs. Smith explained that her mother lived in Baltimore during the winter, and went to Virginia for the Summer.

Survivers include six daughters: Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Emma Mitchell of New York; Mrs. Sarah Theart; Mrs. Mary Morton; Mrs. Ross Ried; and Mrs. Mabel Hester of Maherrin, Va.

Three sons: Waverly Walton; Emmett Walton of Edgewood, Md.; Robert Walton of Keysville, Va.

Also three sisters: Mrs. Louella Green, Mrs. Patty Cox, and Mrs. Lizzie Williams, all of Meharrin.

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AND, thirty grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

The body was returned to Meharrin for burial on Wednesday.

Cop fired for conduct

"Rookie Patrolman Robert D. Matthews was dropped from the department because of conduct unbecoming an officer.

"Hearings are not held in cases involving officers still on probation but we investigated the matter."

Capt. Joseph Mahrer of the Southern District, and Matthews' commanding officer, was telling the AFRO about the disposition made of the rookie officer's case.

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CAPT. MAHRER continued:

"The officer had been drinking and we had the testimony of the complaining parties and that of a patrolman who was on the scene. Matthews admitted it too."

The former police officer who lives at 2011 W. Mulberry St., was off duty last Friday when a woman reported to Northwestern District that he had threatened her with arrest if she did not pay him 17 cents.

The 24-year-old former police served in the Air Force from 1951 to 1955, and joined the Police Department last May. He is a native of Norfolk, Va.

Under police regulations, no hearings are necessary for actions involving rookie officers during the two-year probationary period.

The former patrolman was relieved from his post because of the condition that he was at his time of the incident, Capt. Mahrer said, not because of the complaint itself.

"There is no question about it. He had been drinking. Witnesses saw him in that condition and he admitted it." Capt. Mahrer said.

Matthews had been a member of the police department on a probationary basis for seven months.

12 Harford pupils appeal to State Bd.

Over a week before the "deadline," attorneys for 12 Harford County children are filing today (Friday) an appeal to the State Board of Education from the decision of Harford County School Superintendent Charles G. Willis limiting integration in the county to the first three grades.

The appeal to the state board is the result of U.S. District Court Judge Roszel Thomsen's Nov. 14 decision to enter a decree dismissing the action of the Harford County plaintiffs unless they appealed to the state board of education on or before Dec. 15.

In its letter to the state board, attorneys for the plaintiffs asked:

"Please set this case for a hearing before the State Board of Education at the earliest possible time on the following issues and facts:

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"WHETHER integration in the first three grades in two schools in Harford County and maintaining segregation in all other grades of the two schools in every grade of the other schools is educationally sound.

"Whether compelling the appellants to travel greater distances solely because of their race while denying them admission to the school nearest their homes is unreasonable, arbitrary and capricious discrimination against colored children.

"Whether compelling the colored children in this area to travel greater distances to school than the nearest school where their respective applications were made is not a violation of the Maryland and federal laws.

"Wherefore we respectfully pray this honorable board to admit the appellants in this appeal to the schools nearest their homes when their several applications are filed."

The letter was signed by the following attorneys: Tucker R. Dearing, Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell and Robert B. Watts.

The letter identified the children appealing to the state board for admission to schools nearest their homes as:

DENNIS B. SPRIGGS, a 12-year-old seventh-grader who travels an eight mile round trip trip to attend Central Consolidated School. He has applied for admission to the Edgewood school, a mile and a half from his home. Mr. and Mrs. James A. Spriggs Sr. are his parents.

STEVEN P. MOORE 3rd, a 8-year-old fifth-grader who daily travels a six-mile round trip to Central. He has applied to enter Bel Air school, four blocks from his home. Mr. and Mrs. Steven Moore are his parents.

EARLINE SCOTT, a 7-year-old second-grader who daily travels an eight mile round trip to attend Central. She has applied to enter Bel Air, a block and a half from her home. The Rev. T. B. Scott is her father.

MONA LISA SCOTT, a 6-year-old first-grader also wishing to attend Bel Air. She, too, is the daughter of the Rev. T. B. Scott.

ROBERT MCDANIEL, a 10-year-old fourth-grader at Central who daily travels 35 miles round trip. He has asked transfer to Edgewood School about one block from his home. His sister has been admitted to the school. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McDaniel are his parents.

DAVID ROLAND BELL, 6, and JAMES BELL, JR. 8, travel 20 miles daily to Central, they asked transfer to Youth Benefit School, a mile and a half from their home.

BERNARD S. BLACKSTONE an 11-year-old sixth-grader at Central who makes a daily ten mile round trip wants to transfer to Bel Air, a mile and a quarter from his home Mrs. Calvinia H. Baten is his mother. His brother is,

LARRY W. BLACKSTONE, a 9-year-old 10th-grader at Central who wants to transfer to Bel Air; their sister is

ELLEN E. BLACKSTONE, a 9-year-old fourth-grader at Central who wants to attend Bel Air.

AURELIA H. BOOSE, a nine-year-old fourth-grader at Central who makes a daily 35 mile round trip who wants to transfer to Edgewood, a block from her home.

MAURICE L. HORSEY 3rd, a 7-year-old Central student who travels 20 miles daily who wants to transfer to Jarrettsville Elementary School, 3 miles from his home. His father is Maurice Horsey Jr.

THE HARFORD CO. case first came to widespread attention on March 9, when a hearing was held in Judge Thomsen's court on the desegregation issue. As the county school board had adopted the resolution of desegregation, no action was taken at that time.

In August, however, the board announced that it would desegregate only on the first three grades. It was then that the plaintiffs reentered suit.

Following the filing of the appeal today, the next stop in the case is up to the State Board of Education. If it upholds the plaintiffs, then the schools will be opened.

If the state board upholds Harford County, then the appellants will have to return to Federal court having "exhausted all administrative remedies."

'So hot it blistered my hands..'

"I touched the living room wall and it was so hot it almost blistered my hands.

"I saw the big light and I was in panic for a while."

That's how Mrs. Florida Young of 519 W. Lee St. learned about a six-alarm fire which forced more than 200 persons to vacate their homes Monday morning.

Her home is connected to a rag company warehouse that caught fire and burned for almost two hours before 150 firemen brought it under control.

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FLAMES FROM the burning warehouse opposite the Josiah Diggs Elementary School, shot more than a hundred feet into the air before the first alarm was turned in a 5 a.m.

As the fire attracted the attention motorists along the busy Baltimore-Washington Expressway, firemen moved from door to door urging families on Lee, China, Montgomery and Warner Sts., to "get out."

Thirty pieces of fire fighting equipment were called to the scene as the fire raced through two-three story buildings and a second two-story warehouse.

Four firemen narrowly missed being buried in the rubble when a two-story rear wall collapsed.

Mrs. Young, her five children and granddaughter were homeless for more than 11 hours before being allowed to move back in.

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IN DESCRIBING the fire she said:

"My children heard the noise first and one of them said, "Mama, something's on fire.

"I got out of bed and opened the front door and the blaze hit me in the face.

"I ran back in to call the children and got out. I didn't take time to get anything out.

"The firemen wouldn't let us go back in so we spent the rest of the day with friends.

"We were lucky. We didn't lose anything" Mrs. Young stated.

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ANOTHER RESIDENT Mrs. Hattie May Jones, said she was in bed when firemen knocked on her door.

"I took nothing but my clothes," Mrs. Allen stated.

Clinton Young, 8, of 535 W. Lee St., said, "I was afraid.

"We didn't take much when they woke us up."

Masonic chief asks Goodwill clothing, toys

Dr. Willard W. Allen, Masonic Grand Master, announced that tomorrow (Saturday, Dec. 8)-will be the closing date for Goodwill Week.

Dr. Allen, a member of the board of Goodwill Industries, said that persons wishing to contribute clothing or toys for the underprivileged can bring them to the Masonic Temple, 1431 McCulloh St., from 10 to 11 a.m. and from 8 to 10 p.m.

E.E.O. Commission to be housed in Peoples Court

Although the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission, may still be without personnel, at least a definite location is now available.

Frank Gallagher, an attorney and Max Alpert, councilman from the Fourth District, are commission members delegated to find a permanent location for the E.E.O.C.

Mr. Gallagher told the AFRO Thursday that he had obtained from George Carter, director of Public Works, a sketch of offices on the top floor of Peoples Court and that space there on the same floor as the Legal Aid Society has been made available to the E.E.O.C.

Mrs. Santa finds many helpers in AFRO readers

"As the result of your article in Tuesday's paper, I have received calls, a lady came and brought me some more gifts, toys and clothing have been coming - I have a beautiful bicycle that just came."

Mrs. Anna Belle Coleman, 700 Appleton Street, whom the AFRO termed "Mrs. Santa Claus" in its last edition, was breathlessly telling how her self - sponsored charity program has received overwhelming public interest since then.

"Mrs. Victorine Adams at the Charm Center has promised me teen-age clothes.

"I can help you out so much in your "Play Santa" idea. If you will mail me names, ages, addresses, I can help you so much," she said.

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IN HER story in Tuesdays AFRO, Mrs. Coleman revealed how she has for 10 years voluntarily gathered gifts, clothing, toys for the needy at Christmas time.

In her dining room she displayed over 300 gifts for persons confined to hospitals and sick at home which her friends, neighbors, and acquaintances donated.

Saying that her central idea to gather gifts has been an annual tea on the fourth Sunday in November, to which the price of admission is a gift for the needy, she told the AFRO that her work continues the year around.

AT EASTER time the price of admission to the tea is a dozen eggs. They in turn go to the needy.

From September to November Mrs. Coleman collects clothing which she and neighbors and friends mend and clean.

"I never give away anything which is not almost as good as new," she declared. "Just today I outfitted a child so that she could go to school."

Mrs. Evelyn White's appeal December 13 in Criminal Court

An appeal by Mrs. Evelyn White, 30, of 1641 W. North Ave., of a $75 fine given her last month for disturbing the peace, will be heard in Criminal Court Part 11 on December 13.

The young social worker was found guilty of the charge in Pine St., Police Court on November 26, after her mother-in-law Mrs. Katrine N. White, well - known musician and widow of Dr. Herndon White, charged her with disturbing the peace at her home at 1014 Bennett Pl.

White Coffee Pot sticks to policy

Representatives of several organizations, including the Committee on Racial Equality and the NAACP, met Wednesday with the owner of the White Coffee Pot chain of restaurants in a futile attempt to negotiate an end to discrimination at an outlet in the new Gwynn Falls Parkway shopping center.

Bowen Jackson, executive secretary of the NAACP, said that while the meeting with Myles Katz was unsuccessful, that his organization was interested in drawing support from other community groups in a continuing campaign against the restaurant's policy.

The White Coffee Pot outlet in the shopping center is the only facility there which refuses to serve colored customers inside the store.

It has been the scene of three "sit - in demonstrations" by mixed groups which remained seated at the booths and tables after they had been denied services, both at the outlet in the new shopping center and at the company's other shops in the city.

Leaders of these demonstrations said they will continue.

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8 Police killings in Balto. area this year

APRIL 19, 1956 — Robert McLain, 14-year-old Dunbar High School student of 404 E. Chase St., shot while running away from a stolen car at Madison and Fallsway by officer Donald E. Mitchell of the Central District. Magistrate Meyer Cardin exonerated the policeman.

JUNE 25, 1956 — Harry Boyd Jr., 27, 1417 N. Broadway, shot in the back by Northeastern Patrolman Charles Fennell, who arrived on scene after a street fight. Magistrate Meyer Cardin ruled the officer acted in line of duty and the killing was justified.

JULY 7, 1956—Robert O. Harper, 34, 1614 Barclay St., shot in leg and bled to death following shooting by Southwestern Patrolman Walter Mina Jr., who told superiors he was breaking up a disorderly crowd. Officer Mina was exonerated of the killing by Magistrate Meyer Cardin, who ruled he acted in line of duty.

AUGUST 15, 1956 — Frank J. Williams, 24, was shot and killed by Sgt. Albert Heck as a suspect in two holdups and the non-fatal shooting of a tailor shop proprietor. Sgt. Heck was exonerated of the killing in Central Police Court by Magistrate Meyer Cardin.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1956—Donald Jackson, 23, 971 Ellicott Dr., shot in the arm and chest by Southeastern Patrolman Benjamin Ledden. Ledden said he shot the man "in defense of my life" in the unit block Gilmor St. Patrolman Ledden was exonerated of the slaying by Magistrate Meyer Cardin.

OCTOBER 15, 1956—Benjamin Brown, 19-year-old patient at Rosewood Training School, shot and killed by Southwestern Patrolman Marshall V. Brewer with rifle he "didn't know was loaded." Magistrate Meyer Cardin dismissed the shooting charge after State's Attorney John Weiss said the State could not make out a homicide or manslaughter case against the officer who said the shooting was an accident.

NOVEMBER 7, 1956—James H. Duggan Jr., 28, white city sanitary department worker, killed by a policeman answering cries for help. Central District Patrolman Joseph Bosse was exonerated by Magistrate Meyer Cardin.

NOVEMBER 24, 1956 — Clarence Wade, 1306 Harlem Ave., shot and killed by a Baltimore County policeman while setting out of a car as ordered. Officer Louis DeManns has been suspended, charged with homicide and released in the custody of his commanding officer.

Love to California

Bishop and Mrs. Edgar A. Love left this week for California for a two-week rest in the West Coast sunshine. Tre Bishop is almost completely recovered after a recent auto accident.

Before he left, Bishop Love, commenting on the seminar conducted this week by local Methodists with Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the Washington area and Dr. Percy Julian, as guest speaker, said:

"Dr. Julian made a fine address. He is not only a great chemist, but a great speaker and is well versed on social issues.

"I heard him in Phoenix, Arizona some time ago, that's why I suggested his name for this conference."

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BISHOP LOVE added: "When Dr. Julian told of friends recently back from South Africa who said that they found that area much like their own Southland, Dr. Julian did not mean that all the conditions in the USA are equal to conditions in South Africa by any means.

"In South Africa it is the national as well as the local governments which imposed disadvantages upon the Africans.

"Here it is not the national government, it is some individuals or local areas that wink at discrimination.

"Some Americans find it just as difficult in our southland as the Africans do in South Africa."

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DURING THE sessions held at Walbrook Methodist Church, Bishop Love introduced Bishop Oxnam as the greatest Protestant statesman in America today.

"I firmly believe that," he said. "Bishop Oxnam speaks out more forcibly and fully than anybody I know of anywhere in the country."

Bishop Love continued, Bishop Oxnam said segregation in the South is a sin. That's speaking straightforwardly. He said we are putting too much of the work of the church below the Mason-Dixon line. That's true.

"Much of the thinking of the Methodist Church comes out of Nashville where is located our Board of Education, Board of Evangelism, TV and radio shows and publishing houses.

"But he spoke out on the question of Methodist jurisdictions involving racial lines."

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Jackie 'Shocked' By Trade To Giants

(Story in Column 1)

Threaten Witness

'Shocked' by trade, Jackie says

NEW YORK — The Brooklyn Dodgers have traded Jackie Robinson to the New York Giants.

The deal announced Thursday morning by the Giants, sent southpaw pitcher Dick Littlefield to Brooklyn, along with an undisclosed amount of cash.

It was easily the most electrifying transaction of the off season, rivaling in the minds of some the 1948 deal which sent Leo Durocher from Ebbets Field to take over as manager at the Polo Grounds.

As was Leo at the time, Jackie has long been a pet target of partisan Polo Grounds fans, and to many it was inconceivable that he should ever don a Giant uniform.

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ROBINSON, playing his 10th year as a Bum, hit only .275 in 1956. Nevertheless, he beat out Randy Jackson, whom the Brooks obtained from the Chicago Cubs last spring specifically for the purpose of playing the position. Robinson was in 117 games as the regular third baseman.

The much-traveled Littlefield, on the other hand, appeared in 40 games last season, most of them in relief. After brief tours with the Pittsburgh Pirates and St. Louis Cardinals, he wound up with the Giants. He posted an unimpressive 4-6 record, with an equally unimpressive 4.41 earned run average.

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"THERE'S LITTLE for me to say about the matter," declared Robinson during the hectic day-long siege of newspapermen, television reporters and newsreel photographers.

"My house has been a bedlam and I have had to try hard to tell these people the same

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CARL SMITH IN HOSPITAL
Cancer victim, 7, wants pretty cards

Cancer victim, age 7, may not see Santa; wants cards

"Carl would like to have some Christmas cards, but we haven't even do much about that for him.

"We have a big hospital bill and since we are trying to make but just enough to keep us warm and a little something to eat, the children won't get anything at all for Christmas."

Mrs. Louise Smith, 31, 2106 Greenmount Ave., was temporately telling the AFRO Tuesday about their dire need for a Santa Claus, because the fact that their son, Carl Bradley, 7, will probably not live until Christmas.

Carl is suffering from a terminal cancer of the stomach and doctors say he may not live through the month.

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THE SON of Mr. and Mrs. William Smith Sr., and the middle child in a family of six, Carl has been ill since January, 1956.

He entered Benjamin Banneker Elementary School 113 at Greenmount Ave. and Federal St. in September, but stayed only a month.

He was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital then, and transferred to Harriett Lane at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

"He was home for about a month and then I took him back to the hospital yesterday (Monday). The doctor said they would have to keep him and then they had no hope," Mrs. Smith said.

Mr. Smith, 34, a truck driver, is a veteran of World War II, with two action from Italy and 1945 in Africa, Germany and Italy.

The other children are William Jr., 9; Eloise, 8; Marvin, 5; Shirley, 2 and Gail, 1.

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"I'D LIKE to have some Christmas cards to hang up on one in school," Mrs. Smith stated.

Mrs. Smith said the hospital maybe they could work it out so that we can pay $5 a week. Carl's bill. It is almost $700.

"People just don't know how tough it can be. I have never seen it so hard in my life.

"The doctor said any time now Carl may just slip away. I'm with him all day and Christmas for us. I wish someone could help," she added.

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EXPLAINING little Carl's condition, a member of the Hopkins house staff told the AFRO that Carl had cancer of the stomach which will end in death.

"Usually, children who are not likely to live are placed in comfort medical care and then permitted to go home until the end comes, but Carl will not get to go home for Christmas, if he lives that long.

"We can not determine just how long he will live," the official stated.

"He is cheerful and alert. Today, he ate his lunch with in-

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Free seven in second Till case

By SAM T. YETTE

BUSHNELL, Fla.—"We do not know why the state was faced with such difficulties, but that is the situation. It has been said that if they (the state witnesses) had testified on the stand as they had sworn to, it would have been different.

"But under the circumstances, I direct Mr. J. H. Sparks, foreman of the jury, to find these defendants, and each of them, not guilty."

Thus ended the case of the state of Florida against seven white men accused of false imprisonment and aggravated assault against Jesse Woods, 39-year-old farm laborer of Wildwood, Fla.

In many aspects, the case has elements of the Mississippi Till case, one observer declared after the suspects were freed.

Fifth Circuit Judge T. G. Futch directed the six-man, all-white jury to return the "not guilty" verdict after the court had been in session only 40 minutes Wednesday morning.

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THE DIRECTED VERDICT came at the request of, first, the prosecution, then the defense, both taking the position that all of the "legal information" that would have bearing against the defendants had been presented.

When the court recessed Tuesday evening, only one of the 14 witnesses for the State (including Woods) admitted in a positive manner that they had seen any of the defendants strike Woods.

Several witnesses, however, said they saw three of the defendants in the scene of the alleged flogging. All witnesses were white except Woods.

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THE STATE HAD SLATED 22 witnesses to appear, and none of the seven defense witnesses scheduled to appear actually took the stand.

The State's only witness to admit seeing Woods struck by one of the defendants was Donald Spurling, a 17-year-old white native of Wildwood.

Spurling testified that he saw two of the defendants, Bob Nesmith and Ezekiel Aldeman, back Nesmith's car up to the jail, take Woods out of the jail, put him in the car and ride "pretty with him on the tight of the alleged beating, Oct. 27.

Spurling, the 10th witness to the stand, further testified under oath that he, Keith Sands (another defendant), and two other boys got into a car and followed a "processional" of cars to a clearing off State Highway 301 where, Spurling

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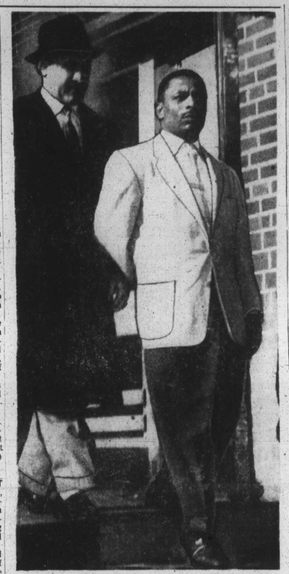

OFF TO JAIL — Percy E. Thomas Jr., Pentagon clerk, is led off to jail after a coroner's court jury ordered him held in connection with the death of Mrs. Doris Morina, also a Pentagon employee. The accused man told police he dated Mrs. Morina twice weekly for approximately a year.

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Matron in lineup case gets threats

"I want to be able to walk the streets with my head up."

This is the sincere conviction of a courageous woman who, though hounded by crackpot telephone calls heaping threats and abuse on her, is determined to see the so-called "phony lineup" case through to the bitter end.

Mrs. Nichols

She is Mrs. Anna Mae Nichols, 29-year-old mother of two, who is the key State's witness in pending criminal cases against two policemen accused of malfeasance and assault, respectively.

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MRS. NICHOLS told the AFRO Wednesday that since Friday when a jury of 11 men and one woman could not decide the fate of Capt. G. Gordon Gaeng, suspended chief of the park police, she has been forced to get an unlisted telephone number because of threats.

This newspaper was also told exclusively that police were ordered to keep a watchful eye on Mrs. Nichols as she attended the final day of the Gaeng trial because of threats she received over the telephone in the early morning hours Friday.

Jurors were dismissed by Judge Joseph L. Carter when they were unable to reach a verdict after five hours deliberation on the fourth day of the multiazane trial of the

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Susan, doomed 3 years ago, now well and happy

"We brought little Susan home from the hospital after they said she wouldn't live but about 4 weeks longer, and we called the family doctor.

"He came but he didn't say anything that first visit. He just went home, and said he would be back the next day, but we knew he was thinking of something.

"My family and friends started making novenas. They went to St. Peter's and St. John the Baptist and our church, St. Katherine's.

"People who read about our child in the AFRO started praying and sending us words of hope and cheer, and pretty soon Susan started to pull through.

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"THE DOCTOR started treating her. He said he wanted to let her be like a normal child—not to pet or pamper her.

"He sat down and talked to us and combined his faith with the medicine.

"That was three years ago. Since then Susan has not had a relapse and she is doing fine."

This was the story of faith and hope Mrs. Doris King told the AFRO Wednesday.

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IN OCT., 1953, little Susan King, then almost three years old, was reported to be "dying from an incurable disease" a brain tumor—and specialists predicted that she would live only four more weeks.

Susan's birthday is Nov. 4 and at the time in 1953, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William King, 2317 Poplar Grove, St., decided to give her a birthday party.

It was to be, perhaps, her last.

Since then Susan has celebrated three more birthdays and furthermore, she is now in kindergarten at School No. 60.

"There's nothing wrong with her now", Mrs. King said happily." just plenty bad, she is.

"They tell me that the teacher had to stand her in the corner the other day. That was

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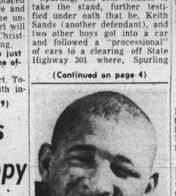

ON LOST PLANE — Calvin Jones, 23, former University of Iowa football star, who was named an All-American in 1955, is listed as one of the 42 passengers of the crippled Trans-Canada airliner downed Monday in British Columbia's forbidding Chilliwack Mountain area. Jones who resided in Steubenville, Ohio, was returning home after playing in the Shriner's East-West All Star game in Vancever, Saturday.

Herb Armstrong top police grad

Herbert Franklin Armstrong, 25, 1015 Brantley Ave., completed his training at the Baltimore Academy of Police with final grade of 93.5 to lead the class of 115 men and three policewomen.

He will join the ranks of the Police Department after the formal exercises which will be held Saturday morning at 9:30 at the Morgan Shaheer Vocational Technical High School, Hillen Rd., and 25th St.

Mr. Armstrong was born in Baltimore and was graduated from the Douglass High School here. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict from 1951 to 1953.

Other members of the current graduating class include: Allen Howard Brown, 2308 Auchentorolly Terrace; John Edward Carter, 2402 Reisterstown Rd.; Milton W. Faulkner, 912 N. Gilmor; James Everett Fields, 251 Pratt St.; Clarence W. Gray, 2015 McKean Ave.; Theodore R. Hall, 105 Honeysuckle Ct.; and Paul S. McMeeken, 3470 Chessell Ct.

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ALSO, Elmer Moore, 1047 Brantley Ave.; Frank Myers, 2739 West North Ave.; Leroy L. Page, 2003 Cliftwood Ave.; Joseph J. Porter, 1622 E. 25th St., and Isaiah H. Pressey, 2617 Boston St.;

Also Walter Billups, 1650 N. Bentalou St.; Mrs. Eliza H. Johnson, 1414 Pressman St.; and Miss Arthalta LeSane, 2600 Francis St.

Mrs. Johnson was graduated from Morgan State College in June, 1955, and Miss LeSane is a graduate of Douglass High School.

Grand jury checks on Adam Powell

NEW YORK — A Federal grand jury investigation into tax returns and payroll "kickbacks" and payroll paddings by Rep. Adam Clayton Powell Jr., (Dem., N. Y.), is now under way here.

The fact that a grand jury was sitting in session on Rep. Powell's financial affairs as a congressman became known Wednesday when Judge S. Ryan of the U.S. District Court directed officers of the House of Representatives to produce payroll records, vouchers, canceled checks, deposit slips and other records concerning Representative Powell and his employees.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas A. Bolan, who won con-

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Waters Catering Co. to be sold; widow, kin, employees willed cash

Mrs. Nellie Wood Waters will receive a third of the estate of her husband, T. Henry Waters, according to a will filed this week in Orphans Court.

Mr. Waters, head of the Waters Catering Co., died suddenly on December 3 at the Lyric Theatre while preparing to serve the Cotillon.

Eleven cash bequests to relatives, employees and his church are also made under the terms of the will which stipulates that the catering business is to be sold, and converted into cash.

The largest bequest, $2,000, is to go to his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Theresa Waters, widow of Mr. Randolph Waters who was associated with his father in the business and will filed this in 1952.

Gifts of $1,000 were made to Metropolitan Methodist Church and to the N. M. Carroll Home for the Aged.

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WITH THE exception of a sister — in-law, Mrs. Maude Simms, willed $5,000; the larger bequests are made to long-time employees of the 40-year-old catering firm, largest in the city.

The bequests to employees are as follows: $1,000 to Andrew Chatman, chef with the firm for 36 years; $1,000 to John Swales, waiter, supervisor for 32 years.

Also, $1,000 to D. Lawrence Pinder, head waiter, 28 years; $1,000 to Thomas Chaney, chauffeur for 20 years; and $500 to Kermit Campbell, head waiter for 20 years.

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THE WILL, drawn on September 14, 1953, says:

"Be it remembered that I, Thomas H. Waters, of 840 North Eutaw St., Baltimore, being of sound and disposing mind, memo-

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