Grand jury probes Shriners' raffle

"We are going to present all of the evidence to the grand jury and let the jurors decide what to do.

"At least two more persons are under suspicion. We have reasons to believe the drawing was rigged."

This is what Sgt. B. D. Clark of the police department check and fraud squad said, Wednesday, in describing the latest legal action in the investigation of charges stemming from a Shriner's charity raffle last Dec. 22.

Mrs. June Bernadette Proctor, 3900 block East Capitol St., NW, was held for the grand jury on charges of grand larceny by trick. The charges resulted from the procedure in the handling of a $4,700 check won in the raffle.

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MRS. PROCTOR, a Pentagon employee and Hollywood Grill waitress, was released on $500 bond last Friday pending the grand jury action. Sgt. Clark said the case will not be presented for at least two weeks.

The $4,700 check was presented to Mrs. Lily Waters, 74, 5000 block Fitch Pl., NE, on Dec. 24. Mrs. Waters is a baby sister in the Proctor home. Mrs. Proctor said she bought the ticket in Mrs. Waters' name and then was selected to make the drawing.

Clyde N. Ford, Imperial Potentate of Mecca Temple No. 10, sponsor of the contest, told the AFRO this week that it was not considered unusual for a person who handled the drawing to win the ticket or the ticket of a friend.

"This could have happened to anyone at the drawing," he added.

HOWEVER, Mrs. Waters was later asked to cash the winning check and give the proceeds to two associates of Mrs. Proctor. Mrs. Waters was given a $100 after being taken to the bank by the two associates.

The defendant has declined to give the names of the two men, police said. Sgt. Clark said he had learned the identity, however, and their official connection with the charity raffle.

Police said the grand jury still may not return any indictments in the case since it had not been determined whether Mrs. Waters was legally defrauded of anything.

"If the drawing was rigged, maybe she wasn't the winner anyway," Sgt. Clark said.

Democratic Viewpoint

By ROBERT WATTS

J. Millard Tawes this week sent out a letter to over 4,000 Democrats and enclosed a survey. Both deserve close attention and scrutiny.

In his letter he gives his reason for making the survey. He points out that in the November election, the Democratic Party made a poor showing and that our Democratic Congressmen barely got $6.

He says that since we outnumber the Republicans by 2 to 1 and can't win the top of a ticket, then something is radically wrong. His survey is intended to find out what.

He hopes to reach as many Democrats as possible so that all types of suggestions and opinions are obtained.

I am anxious that as many colored Democrats as possible participate in this survey so I am asking all of those who wish to give their views on this all important matter, contact yours truly or Mr. Tawes himself at P. O. Box 509, Crisfield, Md.

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I HAVE on many occasions in this column expressed myself with respect to what I felt was wrong with our party. I am happy that I will have an opportunity to send my views to Mr. Tawes.

I will also speak with him privately and I hope that we, who have constructive criticism will make known our views.

My survey is divided into three parts, that is, Party, Organization, Issues and Candidates.

He leaves a place for comments although one may merely check what answers he feels are best. You can sign or not sign depending on how you feel.

My chief complaint has been the lack of young leadership and the failure of the party to face the issues squarely.

In the survey he asks you to rate in importance to you 11 different issues. Civil rights, I am happy to see, is one of the issues listed.

He asks your comments about what qualities the candidates should have, and again you may express yourself in addition by checking the list.

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I DON'T know to what use these answers will be put. Mr. Tawes indicates that they will be made available to the public.

I think it is time that the party took stock of itself.

We have lost election after election and we should find out why.

Out in Baltimore County the Democratic party has been completely in control. Yet, last week, four Republicans were elected to the seven-man Council.

We will hear of many curses for our evils but the one we will hear most will be that the party needs a housecleaning from top to bottom.

The day of the machine controlling the votes is on its way out. People vote on issues now and the sooner the party realizes this the better.

I've got my fingers crossed in the hope that Mr. Tawes' survey will be the shot in the arm the party needs.

Any of you who have suggestions should come forward now and make them known. Let's participate in the Tawes survey.

Group to block gas station

The newly-formed United Improvement and Civic Association of Baltimore adopted a resolution Tuesday night asking the City Council to defeat Ordinance No. 963 which would change the corner at Braddish and Gwynns Falls Parkway from a residential to a commercial area.

The group, composed of 19 civil improvement associations, said the passing of the ordinance which they said the block would permit the Gulf Oil Refining Co. to build a gas station on the site which has heretofore served no commercial interest.

Claude (Buddy) Young, Colt executive, is scheduled to be manager of the station.

Tuesday night's meeting at Memorial Stadium and adjacent areas, attracted about 70 persons representing various groups.

Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, attorney for the NAACP's legal redress committee, introduced the motion for the adoption of the ordinance. Opposition was strongly heard by the City Council Monday.

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THE ASSOCIATION was formed Nov. 29, 1956, and comprises many of the City's most influential improvement groups.

Officers for the group will be elected in a few weeks, according to the Memorial Stadium auditorium.

In Tuesday night's meeting, the officers were: Mrs. Lillie Mae Jackson, president; Mrs. Margaret Shapiro, secretary.

Charles Atwater, an attorney who represented the Northwest Improvement Association, will serve the group as temporary chairman until the Feb. 26 election.

LEROY COOPER, who represented the New Area Neighborhood Association at the meeting, said the need for forming the new group was realized a year ago.

He said the formation of the group became necessary when advertisers attempted to test the constitutionality of a city ordinance which made billboards in residential areas illegal.

"At that time, it became apparent that no one organization could successfully defend the ordinance, making it necessary to organize a new one to be put together," he said.

Other representatives at the meeting included: Ben Foreman and Mrs. William J. Gosnell of the New Northwood Improvement Association; Mrs. Ruby C. Gill of Hoe's Height Improvement Association; and Mrs. Lillie Jackson, president of the NAACP, who gave mention of no organizational affiliations.

MOTHER BAKER BURIED — When funeral services for Mrs. Georgia Baker of 537 Orchard St., who died the age of 116 were held at the Samuel T. Hemsley Funeral Home, among the survivors present were her niece, Mrs. Mary Hayes; nephew, William Johnson, and her great-great-nephew, Charles Johnson, who dried his face on the shoulder of Mr. Johnson. The city Health Department said that Mrs. Baker was the oldest person to die in Baltimore in a col cul redevelopment scene—

'Mother Baker,' 116, was oldest resident in city

Mourners braved a cheaky cold as Baltimore's oldest citizen, and had been a resident of this city for 40 years. Born in slavery, she lived most of her life in Louisa County, Va.

While here, she shared her home with her sister, Mrs. May Gipps, 77, whom she reared from childhood.

Other survivors include a nephew, William Johnson, and a niece, Mrs. Marie Hayes.

Mrs. Baker was an active member of the Orchard St. Methodist Church.

Parents in court battle for custody of 11-year-old son

"She had a legal agreement by which she could have had the child for three weeks, but she has not interested herself in him until recently," Emmert D. Madison charged this week, in a suit to regain custody of his 11-year-old son.

The custody suit, filed against the mother, Mrs. Thelma Madison, was the third such suit since their divorce four years ago.

In the latest suit, it is charged Mrs. Madison took their son from the home of his grandfather, William Madison in Cooksville, Md., and brought him to her home here at 152 Payson St.

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THE MADISONS were divorced in 1953, after a court battle in which he charged her with desertion but lost to her on a cross bill that charged cruelty.

At that time the father asked for custody of the child, but the court gave the custody to the mother after an agreement reached by both.

The child at the time of the divorce was living with the grandparents.

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IN TESTIMONY that won her a divorce Mrs. Madison said:

"I left home in 1952 after he had given me a severe beating and locked me in a room.

"He was known to have several occasions but not as bad as that time. I went to my mother and sought her advice. She told me to go back to him and his interrupted his education. I do not believe he is attending school and I do not think he is living under as wholesome conditions as he was in Cooksville."

He has asked that the Court give him custody of the child and that Mrs. Madison be required to return the child to the grandfather in Cooksville.

Owner fined for neglect in housing court

Miss Rosie Jones, 2024 E. Preston St., was fined $25 plus cost by Magistrate Marhall A. Levin in Housing Court Wednesday for failure to make repairs on a house she rents at 1836 E. Biddle St.

Mrs. Jones had been asked to correct conditions at the Biddle St. house.

Sanitation department representatives George H. Ball found the house to have "inadequate plumbing, defective plumbing, defective drainage, fire and safety hazards, structural dilapidation and in need of rat-proofing."

On Oct. 26, and again on Jan. 3, Mr. Ball said he warned Mrs. Jones that the house was "dangerous and detrimental to life and health."

Mrs. Jones said that she had not been able to finance the repairs although she "had started getting the work done."

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TESTIMONY revealed that Mrs. Jones does not live in the house where the repairs are needed, but that she rents the house and collects $60 monthly from it.

It was also revealed that she still owes approximately $1800 on the rented house, and pays $50 per month on the balance.

Mrs. Jones said that she works at "odd jobs" that bring her about $22 weekly. She could not afford to make the repairs, she said.

But where does that leave the tenants in this?" Magistrate Levin asked. "What consideration is due them? What is to be done if a fire gets started and they get burned?"

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MRS. JONES' reply to this was that some of the work had been done without the inspector's knowing it.

She said she did not notify him because "I can't read or write."

"I hear that often," Magistrate Levin said, "but I bet if I held up a $1000 bill, you'd not only read it, but you'd tear my hand off taking it. Now I offered it to you."

Impatient with the debate, Magistrate Levin offered Mrs. Jones a choice. "Which would you prefer — a $50 suspended fine if the work is done by a certain time or pay $25 cash plus court cost now?"

Mrs. Jones paid the court clerk $26.45.

OTHER CASES heard before the court this week undersored the cooperation between the department and police officers who have waged a stiff campaign to "clean up" the areas around Mulberry and Franklin Streets.

Patrolman Elmer G. Gubernatis, who along with sanitation inspector Robert Bray, presented to the court numerous pictures as evidence of the garbage and debris strewn about the streets, particularly on garbage pickup days.

The court found the following guilty and took the action indicated:

Vernon Plitter, 1210 W. Mulberry St., $1 plus cost; Richad Dennis, 126 W. Mulberry St., $1 plus cost; Mrs. Mary Jones, 406 N. Mount St., $1 plus cost; Mrs. Ella Jackson and Miss Louise Jackson, both of 1422 W. Mulberry St., $1 plus cost each.

Ayares Finance Co., Mount and Mulberry Streets, $5 plus cost; Mulberry Food Store, 1633 W. Mulberry, $1 plus, cost; Mulberry Bar & Grill, 1201 N. Washington St., $10 plus cost, suspended; Mrs. Rebecca Mills, 2564 Eutaw Pl., $5 plus costs; Mrs. Deellear Wing, 1820 Clifton Ave., $1 plus cost;

Calvin Harris, restaurant, 500 N. Stricker St., $10 plus cost, suspended; Mrs. Maggie Thomas, 42 W. Franklin, $1 plus cost; James Hall, 875 W. Fayette St., $1 plus cost; Mrs. Stella Levy, 500 N. Stricker, $1 plus cost; the Town Theater, 515 W. Fayette St., $10 plus cost, suspended, and Mrs. Inez Williams, 834 N. Fulton (basement), $1 plus cost.

We were walking one year ago . . .

"Tramp, tramp, tramp."

Through the streets of Baltimore this was the sound that echoed just a year ago this Wednesday.

It wasn't an invading army that made the noise but thousands of striking Baltimore residents who found themselves without any other means of transportation when the employees of the Baltimore Transit Co. went on a 39 day strike.

That was a year ago and by now almost all of the sore feet have rested and most of the ruts and potholes have been forgotten as the buses and street cars roll on, nearly on schedule.

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LAST YEAR'S strike officially got underway at 3:30 A.M. on Monday, Jan. 30, and when the city awoke to start the work week — no transportation did it see.

The basis for the strike was a disagreement between the employees and company management over a new contract.

In the weeks that followed it appeared that it might be a long time before Baltimore started riding again.

Then on March 4 Governor McKeldin went over the BTC as an emergency more and the men went back to work.

There was some grumbling from the BTC workers because the issue at stake had not been solved, but by and large they accepted state control without a protest.

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RIDERS WERE not quite so fortunate for when they went back to the BTC they found had been boosted from 18 to 20 cents.

The state retained control of the BTC until April 25 when negotiations were finally completed between the workers and the company.

Under the new contract the pay was raised from $1.90 an hour to $2 an hour with the rate sheduled to rise to $2.05 this April.

The men also received a number of fringe benefits including additional holidays and vacation period and sick leave.

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IN REVIEWING the past year a company spokesman spokesman said on Thursday that the firm's employment list has shown a decrease and that additional workers are now being sought.

"We have 35 vacancies at the present time that we would like to fill."

He also said that company employee relations have improved since the strike but he wasn't quite willing to give credit to these developments to the strike itself.

"After all," he said, "nobody really gains anything in a strike."

He might be right but at least the people of Baltimore aren't walking, now and they were one year ago.

Hatchett studies civil rights bills

ANNAPOLIS — "I have called in certain Democrats who are interested in such bills and we are going over them to see which has the best chance of passage.

As he settled back comfortably on a chair in the House of Delegates on Monday night, this was what Truly Hatchett (D. Fourth) had to say as he discussed plans to introduce a series of civil rights measures into the House.

Mr. Hatchett said that he had given much attention to the question of civil rights and was under the impression that such bills would stand a better chance of passage if they were than embodied in a single bill.

AMONG THE bills that Mr. Hatchett said he is studying is one that would prohibit discriminations in public places and another that would set up a state fair employment practices commission.

Across the hallway in the State Senate, similar bills have already been introduced. By State Sen. Harry A. Cole (Rep., 4th) but have been reported out of committee as yet.

Defendant in dope case guilty as second offender

"I would assume that one who has used narcotics before would have thoughts of the past every time he saw a teaspoon."

This analogy was drawn by judge S. Ralph Warnken, monday, after hearing a narcotics case in which an admitted former drug addict denied ownership of a heroin capsule, a teaspoon and a hypodermic needle recovered by police in a raid on his home.

The jurist found Earl W. Kutcherman, 30, 2200 block Walbrook Ave., guilty as a second offender of narcotics laws.

Sentencing was withheld when Fred Kolodner, defense attorney said he would file a new trial motion.

SGT. JACOB SIMONSEN, of the narcotics unit, testified that he led a raid on Mr. Kutcherman's home in the 1500 block N. Stricker St. last Feb. 21.

The officer said Mr. Kutcherman escaped after jumping from a second-story window. Sgt. Simonsen related that they recovered the heroin and tea spoon in a second floor room of the defendant's home.

Recovered near the spot where the defendant dropped to the ground was the hypodermic **came here from New York City to visit relatives during the Christmas holidays.**

According to Joseph Koutz, assistant State's attorney, Mr. Kutcherman was convicted in 1951 for violating narcotics laws.

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WHEN JUDGE WARNKEN wanted to know whether the defendant had been using narcotics up to the time of the raid on his house early last year, Mr. Kutcherman replied:

"No, not up to that time. I had a little taste that summer (1955) but I didn't have a habit."

Mr. Kutcherman testified that at the time of the raid on his house two known drug addicts, one of them currently doing a 5 - year term, were staying with him from time to time.

He said he fled when he learned officers were at his house because he had been picked up for investigation by narcotics unit members about eight times.

"Every time they see you they pick you up," he said.

Judge Warnken pointed out however, that unless police found incriminating evidence ur der his control "nothing could be done about prosecuting him.

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Red Carpet for Saud

By LOUIS LAUTIER

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—The welcome which the Federal Government gave Saud ibn Abd al-Aziz Al Saud, King of Saudi Arabia, upon his arrival here Wednesday, made up for the snub given him by Mayor Robert F. Wagner of NYC, Tuesday.

In the eyes of the oldest observers here, the welcome exceeded that given any other monarch or head of state on an official visit to Washington.

President Eisenhower personally greeted King Saud at the Military Air Transport Terminal.

This was the first time he had gone to the Washington National Airport to meet an incoming dignitary. Previously he had sent Vice-President Richard M. Nixon. With the President was Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

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THE PRESIDENT'S plane, the Columbine, swooped down from the sky at noon and taxied to the terminal where President Eisenhower, Mr. Dulles, a group of ambassadors were waiting.

Mr. Eisenhower had sent the Columbine to New York to transport King Saud and his party to Washington.

King Saud, a tall man, olive complexioned and with sharp features, was the first off the plane.

He was followed by his two bodyguards, then his son, Prince Mashhur bin Saud whose age is variously given as 3½ to 6 years. Prince Mashhur was carried in the arms of one of his attendants. Other members of the royal party, numbering about 80, followed.

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AS THE Columbine came down at the terminal, King Saud was given the traditional 21-gun salute due to heads of state.

After President Eisenhower had greeted him, the two stood side by side while a military band played the national anthems of Saudi Arabia and the "Star Spangled Banner."

A majestic figure, King Saud wore a brown robe edged with golden embroidery and a white headdress held in place by gold cords. He is over 6 feet tall and smiled serenely as the crowd at the airport broke into applause.

President Eisenhower and King Saud then reviewed the troops. They were followed by the King's two bodyguards, one of whom was resplendent in a vivid blue robe heavily worked in gold.

They carried scimitars with huge gold handles, which the Arabs call the right hand and dagger under their cloaks, the Arabian name for which is khanjiyas.

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AFTER THE review, the two heads of state stepped up to microphones.

"Your Majesty, on behalf of the American people, I welcome you to this country," President Eisenhower told the oil-rich monarch, adding:

"We were fortunate in calling you our friend.

"And I look forward with great expectation to the conversations we shall have here of problems of mutual interest to our countries because we value your friendship and we believe out of these conversations should come results to strengthen and reaffirm the friendships that we have with your country."

KING SAUD stepped before the microphones. He pulled off the dark glasses he was wearing. Speaking almost inaudibly in Arabic, he held the text a few inches from his face.

"I have the great pleasure to extend to Your Excellency and to the American people the deep gratitude and appreciation of this warm welcome," the Arabian Potentate said.

"I am indeed happy to respond to Your Excellency's call to renew and to consolidate the traditional friendship between our peoples, the foundations of which were laid down by my late father.

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"ON BEHALF of my people, I wish to assure Your Excellency of our desire to develop our relationship with the American people on the basis of amity and mutual interest.

"I look forward to this opportunity provided to me by my visit to understand Your Excellency and your government a discussion characterized by the frankness of complete frankness as indicated by Your Excellency.

"May God Almighty bestow upon us wisdom and sagacity and guide us all towards universal peace and good will."

King Saud also was welcomed to Washington by Samuel Spencer, president of the District of Columbia Board of Commissioners, who presented the mayor with the traditional key to the city.

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IN THE King's party, in addition to his young son, were three other sons, an uncle 20 years his junior and two cousins.

The entire party were colorful robes and white headdresses. Some were street suits under their robes.

They were of various hues. Some were black, others were nearly as light as Rep. Adam C. Powell (D., N.Y.). The King and his young son are olive brown, have dark hair and narrow and prominent noses.

Some of them, particularly the bodyguard, who wore the vivid blue jacket, were dark brown or black and had broad noses. But all of them spoke Arabic.

After the airport welcome, the President and King Saud headed a motorcade to Blair House across the street from the White House, where the King stayed through Saturday.

ALONG THE route of the motorcade troops were strung out on both sides of the steel, near the Lincoln Memorial and along Constitution Ave.

After the motorcade crossed the Memorial Bridge, they were joined by a military band and military units to form a parade.

In front of Blair House another military band was stationed. Prince Mashhur rode in the King's lap from the airport to Blair House. The President was in the back seat with King Saud.

At Blair House the President escorted King Saud into the guest house. King Saud's coffee makers had preceded him from the airport and coffee was ready when the party arrived at Blair House. The President stayed for coffee.

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KING SAUD called upon President Eisenhower at the White House at 2 p.m. The President and the monarch were closeted alone with an interpreter for about 10 minutes.

Then, then went into the Cabinet room. There the King was joined by six members of his party.

Representing the United States in the discussion were Mr. Dulles, Assistant Secretary of State William Rountree, Ambassadors James P. Richards and George Wadsworth, Brig. Gen. Dale O. Smith, military aide to the King, and Gen. Andrew J. Goodpaster, White House staff secretary.

The conference ended at 4:20 p.m. Mr. Eisenhower and King Saud had another brief conference in the President's office.

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AFTER THE CONFERENCE, Murray Snyder, assistant White House press secretary, told reporters that Maj. Gen. Howard M. Snyder had arranged for Prince Mushhur to enter the Red Army Medical Center at Fort Myer Thursday morning for a diagnosis of his ailment.

Abdullah Balkhair, the Arabian director of press, broadcasting and publications, told reporters that Prince Mushhur has 3½ years old by the Arabian calendar. He explained that the Arabian year was 13 days shorter than the calendar year.

Mr. Balkhair said King Saud has 21 children altogether. Prince Mushhur is his 18th child.

He said Prince Mushhur has been examined by many doctors in Saudi Arabia, but King Saud, knowing about medical advances in the United States, thought it a wonderful idea to bring the prince to the United States to see if he could benefit from medical progress in this country.

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THE EXACT nature of the prince's ailment apparently is not known. Mr. Balkhair described it as partial paralysis affecting the right side and the right leg. He has suffered from the ailment since birth, he said.

No special food was brought over for King Saud and his party, Mr. Balkhair said. On the liner Constitution, on which the King and his party sailed from Naples to the United States, American food was served and enjoyed, Mr. Balkhair said.

At luncheon today, "the added, "the food was delicious, a blend of Eastern and American foods, very nicely prepared."

Mr. Balkhair denied that the bodyguards had been brought here to "frighten the people" King Saud. He called their duties ceremonial which in Arabia is a high honor. He said he believed it was somewhat like the Papal guard. He admitted that one has a tommy gun.

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MR. BALKHAIR also said Prince Mushhur is enjoying the trip very much. In New York yesterday, he said, the prince bought a cowboy suit.

At 6 o'clock Wednesday night President Eisenhower gave a stag dinner in honor of King Saud. The two heads of state toasted each other in fruit juices. Out of respect to the Arabian religion, no alcoholic beverages were served.

The dinner menu consisted of wood soup, toasted points, hearts of celery, assorted olives, sweetbreads filet of sole, Danish tomatoes, roast tenderloin of beef, saute mushrooms, diced pepper salad.

Corn pudding, green beans almondine, rolls, winter endive salad, green goddess dressing, cheese straws, savarian (pastry) with fruit, and assorted nuts, candies and coffee.

GUESTS AT the dinner, in addition to King Saud and his members of his party included:

Vice President Nixon, Ambassador Farid Zeineddine of Syria, Ahmed Hussein of Egypt, Moussa Al-Shabandar of Iraq, Abdul Monem Rifai of Jordan, Suleiman Jerbi of Libya, Victor A. Khouri-of Lebanon, Ibrahim Anis of the Sudan, El-Mahdi Ben Aboud of Morrocco and Mongi Slim of Tunisia.

Speaker Sam Rayburn (D., Texas); Secretary of Treasury George Humphrey; Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson, Percival F. Brundage, Sens. Theodore F. Green of Rhode Island, Alexander Wiley of Wisconsin, William F. Knowland of California and Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas;

REP. JOSEPH W. MARTIN JR. of Massachusetts, former Under Secretary of State Dean Acheson, Adm. Arthur W. Radford, Rep. Thomas N. Gordon, of Illinois, Allen W. Dulles, head of the Central Intelligence Agency; John B. Hild-ister, Ahmad Zahrah, charge d'Affairs of Yemen;

George Wadsworth, U.S. ambassador to Saudi Arabia; Ambassador Walter F. George, Ambassador James P. Richards, Stephen D. Bechtel, San Francisco; Fred A. Davies, NYC, chairman of the board of Socony Mobil Oil Co.; William L. Kielty, NYC, president of the Guaranty Trust Co.; Augustus C. Long, NYC; John J. McCloy, chairman of the board of Chase Manhattan Bank;

PRESIDENT GREETS VISITING KING — President Eisenhower is seen escorting King Saud of Saudi Arabia as he arrived in Washington Wednesday for a state visit to discuss the critical situation in the Near East. The king, in dark glasses, is followed by a member of his party as an honor guard from the Army, Navy and Marines stand at attention.

Saud visit to U.S. climaxes efforts for Mid East peace

The arrival in the United States of King Saud of Saudi Arabia climaxes a series of visits to countries of the Middle East, India and Pakistan in an effort to preserve peace and establish a system of security within the framework of the United Nations Charte.

King Saud arrived in New York City Tuesday and was given a harbor greeting arranged by the State Department after Mayor Robert F. Wagner and Gov. Averill Harriman had refused to cooperate in his reception.

King Saud and 16 members of his party were transported from the liner Constitution in the lower bay off New York Tuesday morning to a Coast Guard cutter which delivered the King and his party to Mayor A. Lee, which proceeded to Pier 15 on the Hudson River.

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AT THE pier he was greeted by Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., United Nations representative, who was hailed "Personal Representative of the President" in welcoming the King in New York.

Actually, the Eisenhower Administration did not wait for the Arabian monarch to reach New York before pulling out a welcome sign. Six B-47 jet bombers flew over the liner Constitution several hundred miles at sea and dipped their wings in salute.

King Saud visited the UN Monday. He spent the night at the Waldorf-Astoria in the New York and flew to Washington Wednesday. President Eisenhower personally greeted him upon his arrival at the Washington National Airport.

Senator Jacob K. Javits, (R., N-Y.) Monday issued a statement in which he opposed efforts to organize a boycott against Saudi Arabia until that country ends discrimination against American citizens of Jewish faith.

He suggested that King Saud should be asked why slavery is tolerated in Saudi Arabia and slavery can exist in accordance with either UN principles or international law.

As sovereign of a country rich in oil and geographically at the crossroads of the Middle East and as guardian of the holy shrines of Mecca and Medina—spiritual capital of the Middle East—some 400,000,000 Moslems—King Saud plays a dual role.

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SHORTLY BEFORE Britain, France and Israel invaded Egypt, while Prime Minister Ben Gurion was attending Saud in the Saudi Arabian capital, Riyadh, an official communique issued both Saudi Arabia and Israel as deeply interested in a peaceful settlement of the dispute over the Suez Canal, which is vitally important to the economic well-being of the two countries.

"There can be no settlement of the dispute by methods of conflict or by the denial of the sovereign rights of Egypt over the Suez Canal," said the communique. "The right of all countries to free navigation through the canal and the payment of reasonable dues has been accepted.

At the beginning of hostilities over the canal, King Saud called President Eisenhower and asking him "to check the aggressors" and declaring that "My sympathy is in the maintenance of peace."

Arrest 8 suspects in Ala. bombing of churches, store

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—"Seven or eight" white men have been arrested in connection with the series of bombings of churches and homes here since the first of the year, police revealed, Wednesday night.

According to Police Commissioner Clyde Sellers, the men confessed to the Sunday bombing of a service station here in which three men, including two cab drivers, were injured.

HE SAID the men also admitted the Jan. 10 bombing of the home of the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, one of the foremost leaders in the fight for integrated bus seating here.

Commissioner Sellers said no charge of "a large number" had placed yet against the men, none of whom was identified. It was expected, however, that all of them are local residents.

The commissioner also revealed that Henry Alexander, 27, of Montgomery, was arrested last Sunday in Selma on the charge of firing into a home on Dec. 31—after integration was ordered here by a Federal court.

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THE OTHER men, according to Mr. Sellers, had been picked up since Sunday. He said he hoped to identify the men with "one certain group" so that they may be charged with conspiracy.

According to an unconfirmed report, the Federal Bureau of Investigation is being consulted during the continuing investigation, which is not being confined to the Montgomery area.

Other cities are involved and several other law enforcement agencies are reportedly cooperating in the manhunt. The police department's director of division said he hopes officials will not discuss the case.

However, one or more of the suspects is believed to have "talked," leading to the arrest of the others.

Although all of the current suspects are local men, there are reportedly men from outof-town who have been under suspicion since Jan. 9, when Jr. Brown went to Birmingham on Jan. 17.

THE BIRMINGHAM trip was made to compare a dynamite bomb found by some younger teers near Chalsholm Jan. 13.

It compared in many respects — fuse, caps, masking tape and the type of explosive — with an unexploded bomb found in the home of the Rev. Robert Gratz, white pastor of a colored congregation.

At that time, Captain Brown, Police Chief G. J. Ruppenthal and Fire Chief Jamison, toxicologist, held a press conference to report on the progress they had made up to that date.

Mr. Brown said "several suspects from out of town — presumably — were being carefully eyed by police both here and in Birmingham."

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THEY ALSO pointed out at that time that the type of dynamite used in the bombings was of the "ditching variety," common to South Alabama.

Investigators have since been scouring southern Alabama cities such as Troy, Selma, Prattville and Bruton.

The violence erupted here during the 381-day bus boycott that ended with the Federal court order against segregation on buses. Targets have been buildings, including churches, and people of both races.

Lilywhite bus permit sought in Montgomery

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (ANP) — A charge of "lily-white" transportation system based on a club plan got under way here last week as the Montgomery City Commission petitioned U.S. District court to learn if a "club" bus line can legally be operated.

The action came after six segregationists entreated the City Commission to permit them to form a club known as The Rebel Club." The purpose of the club is presumably to transport white passengers only on a private bus line.

City attorneys petitioned U.S. District Judge Frank M. Johnson Jr., to determine if the city can legally issue a franchise to a private bus system, in the face of the Supreme Court's ban on racial bus segregation here.

THE ATTORNEYS asked for a franchise from the city to operate a non - profit bus line for the transportation of members only.

Although there was no referral of the request, it is possibility that they might be opposed by other candidates.

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Court bill concerns Berry

"We are concerned about colored judges in lower courts and are apprehensive least the new bill' eliminate colored judges."

This was the view taken of the proposed municipal court bill by John L. Berry on Tuesday as he discussed what he considers the merits and demerits of the measure which is now before the judicial proceedings committee of the State Senate.

The remarks of Mr. Berry came as he addressed the weekly session of the Frontiers Club and were cilmaxed by his declaration that;

"I will support the amendments, but if the bill cannot pass with them then I will support it without the amendments."

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THE AMENDMENTS, which Mr. Berry had reference to were designed to increase the chances of the city having colored judges under the proposed new setup that would see the discontinuance of traffic and police courts and the establishment of a new municipal court with full time judges.

May, 1959, is the date set for the start of the new court which would be staffed by a chief and ten associated judges appointed by the governor.

After the judges had served out their respective terms they would have to stand for re-election with the possibility that they might be opposed by other candidates.

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Wins divorce from wife in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Joseph Bullock of 821 N. Bruce St., won a divorce from Mrs. Mary E. Bullock of Brooklyn, N.Y., Monday, when he testified that they voluntarily separated in 1955.

The couple was married in 1950 and are parents of a five-year-old son.

The husband was ordered to pay $15 a week for support of the child under an existing order in the State's Attorney's office.

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"THERE WERE always arments, so we were divorced by agreeing, so we just decided to separate," Mrs. Inez Parker Bullock told Master of Circuit Court, this week.

The wife, who gave her address as 908 N. Wolfe St., was granted a divorce from Willie Parker and custody of their 12-year-old son.

She said that she did not know the whereabouts of her husband.

Mr. Stewart is chairman of the Committee of Management for the North Street YMCA, a committeeman for Boy Scouts, Troop 38; a sunday School Superintendent at the Second Christian Church, and financial secretary of the Elks Lodge, IBPOE OF W.

In the general election which is scheduled for March 26, Mr. Winslow F. Buhans will head the Democratic ticket and Charles L. Mobley was the

Four at Houston Hi show typing ability

The following 9A pupils of Northwestern High have demonstrated the ability to type with reasonable accuracy at the rate of 30 words a minute for five minutes on a typing accomplishment test:

Gilbert McAdoo, 9A210; Robert Blackwell, 9A233, Marvin Floyd 9A233; Janet Scribner, 9A210.

Students obtain certificates to outsmart La. leigislators

BATON ROUGE, La. (ANP) — Several colored students last week astonished Louisiana State University officials by obtaining "eligibility certificates" to outwit segregationists who passed a law designed to keep them out of school.

Albert L. Gary Jr., registrar, last week said that "three or four" of the colored students had found a loophole in the law and had obtained "acceptable certificates" from out-of-state schools.

The 1956 law requiring certificates of "eligibility" or "good moral character" signed by local school officials was passed to keep colored students out of white colleges.

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A FEDERAL Court order directing that LSU register colored students already in school without regard to whether they have certificates as required by the state law is still in effect.

No date has been set for a hearing on a request for a three-judge court to try the case.

The court restraining order directs the university to admit Miss Ateasie Lursley, 23-year old sociology student, and all others similarly situated.

CLARY SAID that the colored students who presented acceptable certificates are residents of Louisiana but attended out-of-state high schools.

He added that the only acceptable certificates he have received are from colored students already enrolled. At far as Clary knows, no new colored students have applied for admission.

Colored students have attended the LSU graduate school since 1950 under a Federal Court order which applies only to Louisiana residents.

Redskin Rap

WASHINGTON

The Washington Redskins received a slap on the wrist from the Capitol this week. Senator J. Glenn Beall (Rep., Maryland) sent the following wire to Skins owner George P. Marshall:

*"Achievements of unsegregated teams in the Olympics and other sports events