Ike asks for civil rights

WASHINGTON

In a broad and comprehensive State of the Union message, delivered in person, Thursday, to a joint session of the House and Senate, President Eisenhower urged prompt action on Federal aid to school construction legislation.

He again, however, went on record as being opposed to the so-called Powell amendment which would deny Federal funds to school districts which are not complying with the Supreme Court decree to desegregate public schools.

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REP. ADAM C. POWELL (D., N.Y.), who supported Mr. Eisenhower for re-election, has said he will offer such an amendment again to federal aid to school construction legislation.

He said he will also propose a similar amendment to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare appropriation bill.

President Eisenhower also urged enactment of the four point civil rights program which Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr. submitted to Congress last year.

The bills passed the House, but were kept bottled up in the Senate Judiciary Committee, headed by Senator James O. Eastland, Dixiecrat of Mississippi.

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THE TEXT of Mr. Eisenhower's recommendation for school aid and civil rights follows:

"High priority should be given the school construction bill. This will benefit children of all races throughout the country—and families of all races need schools now.

"A program designed to meet emergency needs for more classrooms should be enacted without delay.

"I am hopeful that this program can be enacted on its own merits, uncomplicated by provisions dealing with the complex problems of integration.

"I urge the people in all sections of the country to approach these problems with calm and reason, with mutual understanding and goodwill, and in the American tradition of deep respect for the orderly processes of law and justice.

"I should say here that we have much reason to be proud of the progress our people are making in mutual understanding—the chief buttress of human and civil rights.

"Steadily we are moving closer to the goal of fair and equal treatment of citizens, without regard to race or color. But unhappily, much remains to be done.

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LAST YEAR the Administration recommended to the Congress a four-point program to reinforce civil rights. That program included:

"(1) Creation of a bipartisan commission to investigate asserted violations of civil rights and to make recommendations;

"(2) Creation of a civil rights division in the Department of Justice in charge of an Assistant Attorney General;

"(3) Enactment by the Congress of new laws to aid in the enforcement of voting rights; and

"(4) Amendment of the laws so as to permit the Federal Government to seek from the civil courts preventive relief in civil rights cases. I urge that the Congress enact this legislation," the President concluded.

Senate battle over filibuster appears to be gaining ground

By LOUIS LAUTIER
For the NNPA News Service

WASHINGTON

The fight to adopt new Senate rules, and thereby change the filibustering rule, does not appear to have been entirely in vain. Several significant developments resulted.

Among them: Vice President Richard M. Nixon opined that any provisions of Senate rules adopted in a previous Congress which has the effect of denying the majority of the Senate the right to adopt new rules for procedure is unconstitutional.

Although it was only Mr. Nixon's personal opinion, it sustains the point of view of the 28 Senators who voted against the motion of Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, the Majority Leader, to table the motion of 31 Senators that the Senate proceed to adopt new rules.

In future Congresses, if the filibustering rule is not changed —the ruling will serve as a guide to other presiding officers when the question of adopting new rules at the beginning of a new Congress arises anew.

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ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT development was the suggestion of Sen. Everett M. Dirksen, (R., Ill.) who sided for John son's tabling motion, that the Senate ought to modify its discharge rule.

Senator Dirksen is a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, of which Senator James O. Eastland, Dixiecrat, of Mississippi, is chairman.

The Illinois Senator disclosed, that the Judiciary Committee has a "gentlemen's agreement. If a member wishes to hear a certain witness, we try not to be arbitrary or capricious," adding:

"It might be said that the real filibuster comes in committee, rather than on the floor of the Senate."

OBSERVERS AT the Capitol have known this for years, but it is the first time that a Senator has frankly admitted that filibusters are conducted in committees by prolonging hearings.

It was such a filibuster that Senators Eastland, Olin D. Johnston and others used during the 84th Congress to delay confirmation of Justice John Marshall Harlan to the Supreme Court and Judge Simon E. Sobeloff to the United States Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

It was such a filibuster they used to keep bottled up in committee four civil rights bills which had been approved by a subcommittee and the Administration's civil rights program.

A THIRD development was the indication that there would be a fight made to change Rule 22 (the cloture rule) through the normal legislative method. Senator William F. Knowland, leader, who supported the motion to table, promised to introduce a resolution to amend Rule 22 by making it possible for a vote of two-thirds of Senators present to shut off debate on any matter and to repeal section 3 of that rule.

He said he will ask all Republican Senators to join him in sponsoring the resolution and will welcome Democrats as sponsors.

Section 3 of Rule 22 exempts from cloture (the shutting off of debate) any proposal to change Senate rules.

It was this section which Vice President Nixon declared unconstitutional. Senator Knowland's proposal would repeal it.

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SENATOR DIRKSEN said he will introduce the Administration's civil rights program calling for:

1. The creation of a bipartisan civil rights commission.

2. The establishment of a civil rights division in the Justice Department.

3. Strengthening existing Federal civil rights laws, and

4. Giving the Attorney General the authority to bring suits for injunctions or damages for violations of the right to vote.

At his press conference on Friday morning, James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, was asked what were President Eisenhower's views on the fight to adopt new rules.

"That is entirely a matter for the United States Senate," replied Mr. Hagerty.

He pointed out that Senator Knowland, after the meeting of Republican Congressional leaders with the President on Dec. 31 had said that the question of changing Senate rules was not even discussed.

REV. RALPH D. ABERNATHY
Out of city when home was bombed

—FBI probes bombings

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made of dynamite, tore the front part of the Rev. Mr. Abernathy's home and heavily damaged the church.

The Rev. Mr. Abernathy, who said he was in Atlanta attending the Southwide Ministerial Conference, stated that his wife and 2-year-old daughter were alone in the home when the 2 a.m. blast rocked the house.

"Luckily, they were asleep in a back bedroom," the minister said, adding that his wife was "suffering from shock."

He said that the bomb hurled at the church did "a great deal of damage" to the first floor and basement, "so much so that we will not be able to use them for meeting purposes."

The worst damaged of the bombed edifices was the Bell St. Baptist Church, of which a whole corner of about 20 feet, containing the choir loft, was blown off.

"A miracle saved my life," the Rev. Robert J. Graetz, white pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, at whose home two bombs were thrown, only the smaller of which exploded.

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"THE LARGER of the bombs," the Rev. Mr. Graetz told the AFRO, "contained 11 sticks of dynamite wrapped around a chunk of TNT. This was enough explosive to destroy a 15-story building," he pointed out.

The Rev. Mr. Graetz chuckled as he stated that the bombing culminated threats that "I have been receiving all the time since I assisted the bus boycott leaders."

He said the small bomb tore up his porch and damaged his front door. He, his wife, their four-small children and his mother, all asleep in the house were unharmed.

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ASKED IF he had been promised police protection, the young minister recorded that he had not even talked to the police. "What good would that do?" he asked.

Indicating that violence directed at him would not drive him out of town, the Rev. Mr. Graetz asserted: "The Lord will protect me. He is a lot stronger than anything they (the would-be assassins) can throw at me."

Churches bombed other than the First and Bell Baptist were the Hutchinson Street and Mount Olive Baptist Churches, all of which had been headquarters of the bus boycotters.

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THE REV. MR. GRAETZ told the AFRO that the violence culminating in the bombings was an extension of the defiance of the segregationists who were "so mad" at the necessity of accepting the integration they wanted "to kill us—anyone who had any part in it."

"They're like cornered rats," he said, "so mad they'd rather stop the buses than running than accept desegregation."

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AS A MATTER of fact, Mayor W. A. Gayle of Montgomery ordered bus service halted "until further notice" as a precautionary measure, announcing that an informal emergency meeting of the city council would be called later.

Gayle said he had talked to Gov. James E. Folsom about the situation. "I told him I didn't think we need any help (the National Guard). I think we have the situation in hand."

Governor Folsom offered $2,000 reward for information leading to the conviction of one person or persons who carried out the bombings.

In Washington a spokesman at the office of the FBI said the agency was investigating the Alabama bombings. He added that it is routine for the FBI to investigate all bombings, but otherwise had no further comment.

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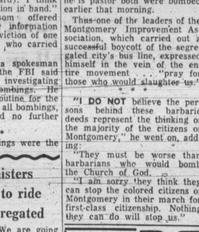
THE SIX bombings were the most violent outbursts of trouble since racial segregation was ended on buses in Montgomery Dec. 21 under a Federal court order.

According to a spokesman of the Montgomery Improvement Association, the bombings were a part of a pattern of attempting to keep other cities in the South from desegregating their buses.

Other cities which are in the throes of desegregation include Tallahassee, Fla.; Atlanta, Ga.; New Orleans, La.; Beaumont, Texas; and Mobile, Ala.



REV. ROBERT J. GRAETZ
Life "miraculously" saved

Pastor prays for bombers of home, church

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — "I have an aching heart for those responsible for these reprehensible bombings," the Rev. Ralph Abernathy told the AFRO, Thursday, after his home and the church of which he is pastor both were bombed earlier that morning.

Thus one of the leaders of the Montgomery Improvement Association, which carried out a successful boycott of the segregated city's bus line, expressed himself in the vein of the enlightened proverb: "pray for those who would slaughter us."

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"I DO NOT believe the persons behind these barbaric deeds represent the thinking of the majority of the citizens of Montgomery," he went on, adding:

"They must be worse than barbarians who would bomb the Church of God.

"I am sorry they think they are stop the colored citizens of Montgomery in their march for first-class citizenship. Nothing they can do will stop us."

Atlanta ministers determined to ride buses unsegregated

ATLANTA — "We are going to ride the buses unsegregated in the heart of Atlanta or we'll ride chariots in heaven or push wheelbarrows in hell."

This is what the Rev. William H. Borders, leader of Atlanta bus integrationists, declared before a crowd of more than 1,000 in Wheat St. Baptist Church, Wednesday night.

He said they would ride in seats reserved for whites "each day of the week" and that the ministers of his group would not go to church Sunday "until we've had our ride."

Atlanta's first attempt at racial integration came shortly before noon Wednesday when a host of colored ministers, members of the "Love, Law and Liberation" movement, boarded a bus in downtown Atlanta and took front seats.

The move prompted all but one white passenger (except reporters) to leave the bus and accept transfers to another from the driver, who called a transit co. supervisor, who, in turn, took the bus out of service.

The white man who remained on the bus despite the abrupt integration attempt identified himself as M. Egleka and said he "did not have the time to be concerned" with whether the bus was segregated, the Rev. Mr. Borders said.

REV. WILLIAM H. BORDERS

The leaders, called together by the Montgomery leader, the Rev. Martin L. King Jr., opened their conference on schedule despite Mr. King's absence and the arrests of six Atlanta leaders.

The Rev. Mr. King was called back to Montgomery in the wake of six pre-dawn blasts that dealt heavy damage to four colored churches and the homes of three ministers-leaders, Thursday.

THE REV. C. K. STEELE, leader of the Tallahassee, Fla., bus integration movement, presided in the absence of Mr. King.

A conference spokesman told the AFRO that the conference would do two things:

1. Plan strategy for carrying on the struggle in dealing with violence; and

2. Develop and issue a statement to the South and the nation.

The conference, closed to reporters, announced that it would release a statement to a meeting of the press Friday afternoon.

Ethiopia receives $12 million in aid

LONDON (ANP)—The Ethiopian embassy here announced last week that Ethiopia has received $12 million in U.S. aid for defense and technical assistance purposes.

A joint communique issued at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia's capital city, said the money was alloted for the Ethiopian Ministry of Defense and Department of Marine and Air Force Academy.

The dispatch added that the money was also for "technical assistance to develop education, town planning, national health, water supplies, and agricultural projects."

LA. CITIZENS TO ACT

BATON ROUGE, La. — The Rev. T. J. Jemison, head of the Baton Rouge Christian Movement, newly formed protest integration group, said last week his group would go into Federal court this week to get a ruling ending bus segregation here.

—Arrest 6 pastors

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Wednesday, when, led by the Rev. Mr. Borders, a host of ministers, all members of the LLL movement, boarded a local bus in downtown Atlanta and took seats which state laws reserve for white people.

The six arrested, except the Rev. Mr. Johnson, were holding devotionals along with dozens of other ministers of the movement when warrants for their arrests were served on their attorney, Austin T. Walden.

WALDEN CAME to the church and notified the five, who left the church and boarded police wagons stationed outside the church.

The Rev. Mr. Johnson, who was visiting his wife who is ill at a local hospital when the warrants were served, received notice of them later, and surrendered voluntarily at the Fulton County Jail.

The serving of the warrants by Atlanta Police Chief Herbert T. Jenkins relieved speculation as to whether local officials would take steps to enforce the state law.

THE CITY of Atlanta does not have a law requiring bus segregation.

The arrests were seen as the desired answer to the movement's hope to get a judicial review of the Georgia bus segregation law.

Mr. Walden was not available for comment, but spokesmen for the group said that they were pleased that those arrested were charged with violation of the segregation statute rather than "the usual disorderly conduct" charge.

MEANWHILE, scores of segregation leaders from 10 southern and borderline states met at the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Baton Rouge group seeks bus bias ban

BATON ROUGE, (ANP)—The leader of a newly-formed protest integration group here, bent on bringing an end to segregation on this city's buses, warned that he would go into Federal court this week in an effort to kill Baton Rouge bus bias.

The Rev. T. J. Jemison, head of the Baton Rouge, Christian Movement, said he expected his group to meet with a special City Council committee named to deal with bus segregation.

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CONGO SCENE—Isaac Kalonji, business and political leader from Belgian Congo who is visiting in America for the first time, brought the painting above to present to President Eisenhower. It depicts the tropical beauty of Mr. Kalonji's native Congo.

House gets eight-point rights bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. (NNPA) —Representative Emanuel Celler, (Dem.—N.Y.) introduced in the House Monday an eight-point civil rights bill.

In offering the measure, Mr. Celler, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said he is certain the House would pass a civil rights bill during this session of the 85th Congress.

Mr. Celler described his bill as "more comprehensive than the four-point civil rights bill which passed the House last year but which reportedly has the backing this year of the Eisenhower Administration."

The Celler bill would create a civil rights commission in the executive branch of the Government, create an additional Assistant Attorney General to head a civil rights division in the Justice Department, protect the right to vote by providing civil and criminal penalties for violations, amend the old Ku Klux Klan Act to protect rights relating to education, judicial process, employment, housing, and so forth.

In addition, the Celler bill would:

1. Strengthen existing Federal civil rights laws by increasing the punishment where death or bodily injury result from violations.

2. Clarify such laws to facilitate prosecutions under them.

3. Provide for judicially enforced preventive relief against both criminal and civil, in cases of segregation in interstate travel.

4. Create a joint Congressional committee on civil rights with subpoena power.

CHAIRMAN CELLER indicated that legislation to prevent race or religious discrimination will have "top priority in the 85th Congress."

In the Senate, Senator Everett M. Dirksen, Republican, of Illinois, introduced the Eisenhower civil rights program, which passed the House last session but was kept bottled up in the Senate Judiciary Committee of which Senator James O. Eastland, Dixiecrat, of Mississippi is chairman.

THE EISENHOWER program, submitted to Congress last April by Attorney General Herbert Brownell, calls for:

1. The creation of a bipartisan commission on civil rights in the executive branch of the Government.

2. The creation of an additional Assistant Attorney General in the Justice Department to head a new civil rights division.

3. Giving the Attorney General authority to bring civil suits to prevent or redress violations of civil rights and providing for officers and giving the Attorney General authority to seek injunctions to prevent violations of the right to vote.

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JANUARY 13

Great Hymns Choir sings at Christ Methodist Church, Washington and Chase Sts., at 4:30 p.m., sponsored by the Women's Society of Christian Service.

An historic celebration at Bethel AME Church, Druid Hill Ave. and Lanvale St., at 2:30 p.m. The 94th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. Dr. Gardner C. Taylor of Brooklyn, N. Y., will be the speaker.

Gloria Lockerman, she is of TV and spelling fame, is the guest of Grace AME Church, 671a Winters Ave., Catonsville, at 5 p.m. as a talent program is presented.

JANUARY 15

Mezzo-soprano Betty Allen sings at 8 p.m. in the Kiah Auditorium of Maryland State College.

Polio shots available at 626 N. Caroline St. at 12:30 p.m. and at 1313 Druid Hill Ave. at the same time.

JANUARY 16

Polio shots at University Hospital at 12:30 p.m.

Carolyn Hill Stewart is the monologist at Morgan State College at the College Assembly Series, 10 a.m. in Hurt Gymnasium.

JANUARY 20

In one of his first appearances since his retirement from baseball, Jackie Robinson will be on the platform at Sharp St. Memorial Methodist Church at 8 p.m. This is the NAACP Youth Sunday.

Metropolitan Baptist Church is the scene of a recital by Miss Veronica Tyler at 4 p.m. She is a soprano and a student at Peabody.

FEBRUARY 10

Eastside Singers appear in a recital at "Pink Tea Party" benefit of Trinity AME Church, Linden Ave. and Biddle St., 4 p.m.

FEBRUARY 21

Eastside Community Singers in recital at the Christ Methodist Church, 1300 Washington Sts., 8 p.m.

(For all information to be included in this column please address Coming Events, AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore 1, Md.)

AWARDS OF $1 each were for the following: second tip on coal, gas ignition accident at Fremont and Lombard, mock-ing birds in January, and the robbery of Goldman's grocery.

Any of the listed tipsters might get a little consolation from the fact that had they not been so many of them, he would have received a larger award.

As it is, our sincere thanks go out with the Newstip checks. Keep calling — it's worth it.

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Newstip numbers are: MU. 5-6015, 6016, 1812 and 1813. If no answer, call LA. 3-2811.

COMING EVENTS

Beaten Path

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

An awesome sight—look out upon the Baltimore skyline from the Orleans and Broadway hill at sunset. There, below, is a panoramic picture of a great city, the sixth largest in the United States, in its entirety, before your very eyes.

Rising majestically, is the Civil War Shot Tower almost midcenter. The skyscraper Lafayette apartments twinkle hundreds of lights. On each side of them, in the background, are the well-known tal, buildings of the metropolitan area, forming the core of the picture.

On the left is "the port that built a city," ships and all, on the harbor is misty, like an Old English seascape, but with sound-effects, as a tug-boat's guttural horn blasts in the distance.

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AT THE FOOT of Division street, looking southeast, there is the Gas and Electric building, appearing like the Acropolis in ancient Greece, fantastic, and almost close enough to touch.

Castle Street, the 1600 block, has front steps one-story high by which you ascend to the first floor.

Lamont Ave., Federal St., Hoffman St. and Eutaw Ave. together in a diamond-shape to form a little cement island upon which is situated a diamond shaped building.

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1228 FEDERAL ST., evidently a place of business, has but one door, is two stories high, has no windows on this street side.

Register St. near North Avenue has exactly one entire block of perfectly white steps, identical, sparkling like snow.

A SMORGASBORD OF STREET FACADES

East St. crosses West St.; Hope St. crosses Lanvale, ends at North Ave.; East Ave. crosses Eastern Ave.; Tiffany Alley crosses Preston, Hoffman Sts., ends at Dolphin. Stoddard Alley is off Druid Hill near Biddle; High St., crosses Low St. Yan and Mosher Sts. cross on Biddle St.; "The Bull's Den" is a stag bar near Charles; a barber advertising odd-size mattresses is off Pa. Ave.; an entire egg nest recipe is on a sign board, a billboard, while the "Green Room" is a Central Ave. pool room painted blue.

A sky-blue pink house sit sideby-side in the 2200 Block of Division St. Crazy—No?

Dunbar '47 class plans a reunion

The June 1947 graduation class of Dunbar High School is planning to hold its class reunion on its tenth anniversary of graduation.

All members of this class have been asked to contact the following:

Charles H. Wilson Sr., 3110 Piedmont Ave.; Wilkens 7-1538; Mrs. Margaret Edmonds Holt, 32 N. Rosedale St., Edmondson 6-2945 W.

"Mrs. Coleman gave us diapers, night gowns, baby clothes of all kinds, clothes for the other two girls, a bassinet, a bottle warmer, food, milk, and some money too."

A happy grateful couple, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Poole, Jr., 529 East Biddle St., were excitedly telling the AFRO this week about the gifts they had received for their new baby, Herbert, Jr., who was Baltimore's first born in 1957.

Mr. Poole, a truck driver has a greater salary with which he has to take care of his wife, the new youngster, in addition to his two little girls, Elvita, 2 and ½ and Angelita, 18 months.

"We were so sorry we missed our baby, but Mrs. Coleman has made us very happy indeed," Mr. Poole told the AFRO.

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MRS. Anna Belle Coleman, 700 Appleton St., is the "Mrs. Santa" about whom the AFRO told in a pre-Christmas feature story.

She has supplied over 1,000 needy persons with food, clothing, and toys for Christmas and continues to do so even though Christmas has past.

Said Mrs. Coleman: "I have a promise of some bottles, some additional clothing, a crib and some other things which I think the Poole's will be able to use.

"Mr. Poole is a devoted father, greatly concerned about his young family, and I think he deserves our help."

Mr. Poole stated that prior to the birth of the new baby he was the victim of an accident in which his thumb was broken. Missing several weeks of work, he got back in his bills, he said, was unable to catch up before the baby arrived.

Mrs. Coleman was also able to assist Mrs. Leon Gulliver, 650 Smithson St., who is the mother of the twins born December 22.

"Said Mrs. Gulliver: "Mrs. Coleman is the kindest woman I know."

Mrs. Iris Finney, 2126 E. Federal St., gave Mrs. Gulliver her twin carriage Tuesday, saying: "I have twins and I know what Mr. Gulliver is going through." The carriage is just sitting idle and I am glad Mrs. Gulliver can use it."

Tipsters on their toes, call in 'newsie' items

In an eventful week, as this has been, Newstippers have really cashed in on their alertness. The budget was strained to the breaking point and compromises had to be made but all good tipsters got paid.

One lucky tipster called in three different newstips and collects a total of $5.50.

A spectacular five-way tie for second - place honors resulted when tipsters called on:

Female post office workers made permanent; first tip on family overcome by coal gas fumes; the sudden death of Miss M. R. Hurry; the Masons withdrawing an invitation for Senator Butler to speak at Emancipation Day observance and the fire in the 1700 block of Pennsylvania Ave.

Two tipsters got $2.50 each for their calls on: a man killed in a collision of an automobile and a garbage truck and the fire at Pennsylvania and Laurens St. Receiving $2 was a tip on a fire at Pinkney's cleaners.

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Provident has holiday party

Provident Hospital sponsored its recent annual Christmas party for employees at the YMCA which had been decorated for the occasion.

Service pins were awarded to the following persons for faithful service of five years and over. The employees honored were:

Mrs. Euphites Bowie, ten years; Mrs. Estelle Tilghman, 20 years; Mrs. Harriett Shearn, five years; Mrs. Lucille Johnson, ten years; Dr. Dudley Lee, five years, Mrs. Shirley Thornton, five years.

Members of the committee responsible were:

J. Lipsey, E. C. Roberts, Mrs. A. Coombs, Mrs. A. Dickens, Miss J. Walker, Mrs. E. Bowie, Mrs. T. Waters, Mrs. B. Fields, Miss I. Sellers, Mrs. R. Tibbs. Hostesses and hosts were:

Mrs. B. Johnson, Mrs. M. Carroll, Mrs. V. Macer, Mrs. S. Roberts, Mrs. T. Adams, Mrs. H. Shearn, Mrs. L. Regustus, Miss F. Seay, Miss E. Shaw, Miss B. Watson, Mrs. Richardson, R. Bonaparte, C. Bonaparte, W. Cromwell, J. Young, L. Young.

Theodore D. Perkins is administrator and William T. Lafayette is assistant administrator.

Democratic Viewpoint

By ROBERT WATTS

This column has not been printed for a couple of weeks because it was felt that during the holidays we would all take vacation from politics.

However during that time an event of major proportions took place in Washington and that was of course the vote on the filibuster.

Several Democratic Senators, led by Senator Paul Douglas of Illinois started this fight to bring an end to the so called Rule 22 which requires the vote of two-thirds of the Senators before a filibuster can be ended. Several leading Republican Senators joined these men in a strong bid to change to a majority rule.

THEY REALIZED that this rule 22 had been used for years by Southern Senators to block civil rights legislation and they were determined to stop this practice.

You have to give credit when it is due and so I must admit that Vice President Nixon performed in a manner that compels admiration.

His opinion in answer to a parliamentary question from Senator Humphrey of Minnesota with respect to whether the Senate was a continuous body endeared him to many.

One reporter even went so far as to predict that his stand on that day insures his chances as the next Republican candidate for President.

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OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE to us in Maryland is the fact that Senator J. Glenn Beall voted with us and Senator John Marshall Butler voted against us.

I mentioned in this column of several weeks ago that it will be interesting to see how Senator Butler votes.

He has been urging us to vote for him and has talked civil rights all during the campaign. Now when the very rule that stands as an obstacle to civil rights is up for complete destruction, he voted for the rule.

Our hats are off to Senator Beall.

In a news release he said: "Only in such a way (removal of rule 22) will the citizens-at-large know how their elected representatives feel about the pressing issues of our time, and only in such a way will civil rights legislation and other issues which affect so much of our citizens be brought into the open for the decisive action too long delayed and which they are entitled." We should all send Senator Beall our expressions of appreciation for his stand on this issue.

I don't know what Senator Butler's reasoning was but I have little faith in the possibility of passing any effective civil rights bills so long as rule 22 is in effect.

Time Magazine and several writers suggested that the fight last week was a waste of time because civil rights bills can be passed without destroying the rule.

This is poppycock in my view.

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ROY WILKINS, executive secretary of the NAACP, said in New York at a meeting I attended that we should be on guard for the type of civil rights bills they refer to.

One is a bill to investigate civil rights (as if that was necessary) and the committee it proposes to set up has no power to subpoena witnesses and documents.

The other is a poll tax amendment to the Constitution. The former is ineffective for it can be ignored and the latter could take years for an amendment to the Constitution requires ratification by 38 State Legislatures which would take 20 years or more.

Of course these types of civil rights bills can be passed for they are worthless. Let's not be fooled into thinking the fight to end rule 22 was not a fight for civil rights, pure and simple.

Today is deadline to make application for Fire Dept. jobs

Applications for the job of fire fighter are now being accepted by the city Fire Department.

Deadline for filing applications in room 107 at City Hall is Friday (Today).

Men between the ages of 21 and 30 are eligible to apply for the jobs which pay $4,500 yearly.

In addition, firemen are given 22 days vacation, 13 holidays, pensions, promotions and allowances for uniforms.

"IT HAS VARIETY" — Patrolman Arthur Lee Butler, who has been on the police force for all of 19 months, has this to say about his job. Here he checks with district headquarters for further instructions.

'The person who respects a policeman, respects himself'

"It has variety. You never run into the same thing every day. You never get bored."

Patrolman Arthur Lee Butler, 26, 2700 block Harlem Ave., was explaining to an AFRO reporter why he likes his job on the police force. Patrolman Butler works out of the Northwestern Police District.

Although he has only been on the force for 19 months, he looks forward to a long active career. Officer Butler is married to the former Sylvia Evans, a senior majoring in Chemistry at Morgan State College.

The young patrolman says that he decided to become a policeman while he was in the Army in Korea. "I was an M.P. and just took a liking to it," he grinned.

IT DIDN'T take the Army to interest Officer Le Roy Moody another policeman in the police force. He is very proud of the fact that his uncle, Frank Moody, was the first special colored policeman in Baltimore.

Officer Moody recalls that his uncle was assigned to the Black Sox Baseball Park in Westport and the Star Theatre on Monument St. His father, William, was also a special officer. Officer Moody doesn't remember when, but he knows that it was before World War I.

"I have always wanted to be a policeman," officer Moody explained to an AFRO reporter, and added: "I took the exam for eight years before I was appointed. It was just in me."

He calls the Naylor case the "high point in my career." For his work in this case, he received a Bronze Star from the police commissioner, a Bronze Citation watch from Official Detective magazine and a scroll from the Mutual Broadcasting System and the magazine.

He is too proud of the wrist watch he wear it. It remains neatly packed away.

Officer Moody said the Naylor Case, "A woman was murdered and held up for 50 cents by a young boy from New York."

A check of the records disclosed that the Naylor Case resulted in one of the fiercest crack-downs on crime in Baltimore history.

Miss Lenore M. Naylor, 40, head librarian of the Edmondson Village Branch of the Enoch Pratt Library was fatally stabbed at Lafayette Ave. and Mt. Royal Ave., as she left her car and started to the Lyric Theatre, the evening of January 21, 1953.

At the theatre Mrs. Naylor was scheduled to sing in "Manfred," a dramatic poem by Lord Byron, with music by Robert Schumann.

A boy, later identified as Robert Lee Terry, 17, of New York, N.Y., surprised the librarian and demanded her money and her keys.

He stabbed her five times. The incident occurred at 7:50 p.m. There were only a few minutes later, Miss Naylor died at the Maryland General Hospital.

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THE DYING woman reportedly gave police a full description of her assailant.

The city was aroused. One of the most intensive manhunts in the history of Baltimore was launched. Dozens of suspects were questioned.

Two days after the slaying, January 23, Officer Moody accompanied by Officer John Boyle arrested a light-brown-skinned, slender-some youth, with braids, curly hair, at John St. and Druid Hill Ave., not far from the scene of the crime.

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THE YOUTH, who had come down from Brooklyn, N.Y., to find work so he could help his mother, was subsequently charged with first degree murder and is now serving life in the Maryland State Penitentiary.

The incident which led to Baltimore's crack down on crime, also led to a statement by former Magistrate E. Everett Lane: "I adhere to the policy of hanging in the knife wielders and gun toters and if it means leading up the Pikesville Pike and the tails, we'll have to do it. Now, everybody knows, the heat's on."

Not so exciting as the Naylor Case, but perhaps more memorable are the hundreds of numbers rackets. Officer Moody participated in the raids on the member of the old Vice Squad.

OFFICER Moody has been a member of the force since March, 1945. He was with the Vice Squad for five years. The remainder of his time has been spent at Northwestern Police Station and mostly in plain clothes, a fact that pleases him no end.

Besides the Bronze Star, he has received 12 commendation ribbons, and eight letters of commendation from the police commissioner.

He is a policeman who takes a philosophical view of his job. "You wonder why the kids do some of the things they do," he says reflectively, and then points out, "It's because of conditions at home. You'd be surprised at some of the living conditions at home."

Officer Moody remembers doing a lot of things that don't make the newspapers, for example, getting food baskets to needy families at Christmas and Easter, helping old ladies across the street, and helping some kid get on the right track.

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"WHEREVER I am today, I owe it all to her," Officer Moody said of his wife, Vivian. They live at 2002 Ruxton Ave.

He is very proud of his two daughters, Miss Shirley Moody, a public school teacher and Mrs. Rosalyn Brown. He also has a five-year-old granddaughter.

He is a Mason, belongs to the Chesapeake Club and with his family attends the First Baptist Church in East Baltimore.

John Nelson Fortune, advertising manager for the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, and a lieutenant with the Auxiliary Police during World War II, relates that Officer Moody "made" sergeant while serving with him.

Mr. Fortune recalls: "He was a fine, respectful and loyal officer."

Officer Moody, 45, says of his work: "for a young man with any ability at all, this is a very good job. The average person who respects a policeman, respects himself."

Still another policeman, 32-year-old Patrolman Lawrence Butler has been on the force in the Northwestern Police District for the past four years. He lives at 1718 Ruxton Ave., with his wife, Wilhamae and their two children.

Patrolman Hughes says of the force: "It's got its advantages." After his 1946 discharge from the Army, in which he had served in Europe as a Combat Engineer, he worked on various jobs before deciding on the police force as a career.

The day that stands out in Patrolman Hughes' mind is April 7, 1956. It was a "rainy Saturday afternoon. He was walking covering a gambling gang, when suddenly bullets began falling like rain.

"It was an old-time gun battle between the good guys and the bad guys, between the police and the gamblers, with pedestrians scampering for cover.