Hundreds Throng Tawes Inaugration Ceremonies

ANNAPOLIS

The Annapolis inauguration day ceremonies for Gov. J. Millard Tawes, 55th governor of Maryland, saw hundreds of citizens present from all parts of the state.

The Rt. Rev. Edgar A. Love, resident bishop of the Baltimore Area, Methodist Church, gave the invocation at 12:33 p.m., just before the new chief executive delivered his inaugural address.

In the invocation, Bishop Love said "We thank Thee especially for him who this day becomes the 55th Governor of our great state. We commend him to Thy love and care. Bless all who shall work with our Governor in promoting the best interests of all the people. . ."

Taking part in the inaugural parade were the Morgan State College band and ROTC Pershing Rifle Unit; the Maryland State College band, drill team and ROTC Angel Flight; Also, the Maryland State Board Transportation Bn.; the Monumental Elks Antlered Guard; the Douglass High School band and majorettes from Upper Marlboro, Md.

Also present were members of the Affiliated Democratic Club of Maryland.

AMONG THOSE in Inspector George J. Murphy's group of detectives on duty was Sgt. Hiram Butler.

Members of the Baltimore Northwestern District policemen on duty included Officers Smith Jr.

More than two hours before Gov. Tawes took the oath of office shortly after 12 noon, many persons filled the State House corridors and the Senate Chamber balcony.

AMONG THOSE present in the Senate Chambers to witness the swearing in ceremonies were Bishop and Mrs. Love.

Bishop Love was among those in the official party and entered the Senate Chambers in the line of march with Mayor D'Alesandro, as his partner.

Mrs. Love entered the Senate Chambers along with Mrs. Tawes, Mrs. Theodore McKeldin and other women members of the official party.

She was escorted by Capt. Jesse Peaker of the Richmond Market Armory Company, Maryland Guard.

Mrs. Love was seated beside Mrs. D'Alesandro.

WITH Senate Chamber seats taken on a first-come-first-served basis and members of the Senate and their wives given first preference, few seats were left for observers.

State Senator J. Alvin Jones was present at his official desk.

Mesdames Verda Welcome and Irma Dixon, members of the House of Delegates were among those seated on the floor of the Senate.

Also on the first floor were Truly Hatchett, former Delegate and Howard Murphy representing AFRO President Carl Murphy.

Among those in the balcony were William B. Dixon and Mrs. Berenice Burrows, Baltimore.

Seen in State House halls and attending the ceremonies at the East Portico of the State House were:

Dr. J. T. Williams, president, Maryland State College; Dr. G. D. White, Salisbury, Md. physician; and Lewis H. Ice, Princess Anne, Md.;

Also Luther H. Stuckey, NAACP president, Pisgah, Md.; Roy A. Ferrell, businessman and owner of the Blue Jay Hotel, Waldorf, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ditcher, and Ben H. Walton, Indian Head, Md.;

And, J. Oliver Hill, attorney, Prince Georges County; Benjamin F. Sears, attorney, Eagle Harbor, Md.; John Cephas, Freetown, Md.;

Charles Cornish, County Commissioner; Hassel Green, Cambridge, Md.;

Baltimoreans present include Mrs. Hazel Washington and Mrs. Vashti Camp, Carlton C. Douglass, Joseph H. Henry, U. Theodore Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyal Randolph, Calvin Douglass, Theodore A. Dawson, Charles Davis, the Rev. Samuel Anderson, Dr. Robert L. Jackson, Dr. Bernard Harris, Dr. Thomas J. Pitts, Dr. Effie Ellis, Dr. Eugene Byrd, Gerard L. Alston, Charles A. Gross Sr., Howard Mason, Noah Thompson and Aubrey Briscoe, Charles Dortery, Joseph T. Smith, Herbert Briscoe and Mrs. Fanny Hamilton.

SAYING FAREWELL to out-going Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin is John Sims, 91, who has witnessed the inauguration of 17 governors.

—John Sims, 91

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are but not yet arrived on the way.

Word soon spread around the State House Circle that the incoming governor was waiting with Mr. Sims. As many spectators looked on the 91-year-old man got out of the cab and met the new governor at the mansion house gateway.

Breathless with excitement, Mr. Sims said: "If I had known I was to have my picture taken with Gov. Tawes, I would have been here long before now."

MANY UNUSUAL incidents have come to Mr. Sims in his 70 years around the State House.

When he stopped work as custodian at the governor's mansion, the State House, the Hall of Records and at Government House, he decided that he would sell newspapers.

Members of the Senate and House of Delegates passed a bill to allow him to have a newspaper concession in the State House corridor.

Mr. Sims has been confidant and "consultant" to each governor, his cabinet and many of the State Senators and Delegates.

On Wednesday he told the AFRO: "I've known their secrets, always kept them to myself and I always helped out with what wisdom I had."

IN 1892 Mr. Sims was aboard when the U.S. Naval Academy made a Summer Cruise and he served as waiter in the officer's dining room.

When Carvel Hall, the famed Annapolis hotel, opened he was chief cook.

When Fort George G. Meade opened during World War I, Mr. Sims was recommended and dispatched to teach mess sergeants the art of Maryland cooking.

He says: "I rarely stayed away from the State House more than six months at a time although I did have one or two jobs on the side."

BORN MAY 3, 1868, Mr. Sims is the only survivor of the three children of the late Lizzie Hawkins Sims and William Sims who operated an oyster-house and restaurant on Main St. in the 1880's.

Twice married, Mr. Sims widowed twice. His first wife, Mrs. Mamie Miller Sims died 38 years ago.

His second wife, was Daisy Smith Sims.

The three Sims sons now live: Louis Sims, of Oakland, California government worker who has two sons, Billy, an Oakland senior high school student and Louis Jr. who attends college in Oakland.

William Sims who is employed at the US Navy Officers Club in Annapolis, and

James, is an Annapolis Education Department custodian.

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Norfolk act robs 7,200 of school

NORFOLK, Va. — "The council action leaves me in a sort of a state of shock."

Mrs. W. T. Mason, a prominent civic leader and one of many stunned Virginians here Tuesday, gasped these words unbelievably after the Norfolk City Council ousted 7,200 more children from school by voting to cut off operating expenses of all city secondary schools, effective Feb. 1.

The council action, aimed at escaping integration, increases Norfolk's list of schoolless children to 17,200.

AT THE same time, it closes the sole white junior high school open in the city, shuts down three colored high schools, padlocks the seventh grades in 22 white elementary schools and closes 10 colored elementary schools.

It is one of the most sweeping acts to avoid integration that the state has witnessed. Six white high schools affecting 10,000 pupils, have been closed since last September under Virginia's massive resistance laws.

Observers here surmised that the council took the drastic action in the belief that the state's massive resistance laws would crumble under court tests scheduled this week.

The fund curtailment is tantamount to closing the schools. The colored schools were shut down apparently in retaliation for white schools being shut.

NORFOLK MAYOR W. F. Duckworth said the action means all secondary schools would be closed. It was Duckworth's resolution that the council acted on.

The council move came just as Federal and state court tests on the constitutionality of the massive resistance laws were to be held.

Two attorneys who brought the Federal court suit attacking the validity of the Virginia laws were present at the council meeting.

One of the lawyers, Edmund D. Campbell of Arlington, declared the City Council action would be tested by law.

"IT CLEARLY violates the state constitution and the City Charter," Mr. Campbell said.

The most immediate public reaction was that "severe economic damage" would be done by the council action, which went far beyond the expectations of many persons.

The council resolution says the city will pay off teacher contracts in effect on Feb. 2.

Norfolk city fathers voted six-to-one in approving the resolution that will curtail school funds.

Bishop to address hospital parley

ST. LOUIS (ANP) — Bishop Matthew W. Clair Jr., resident bishop of the St. Louis Area of the Central Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church, will be one of the four prelates who will appear on the program of the annual convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes here Jan. 27-29. The sessions will be held in the Sheraton-Jefferson hotel.

"Christianity in Action" will be the theme of the convention, which is expected to attract hundreds of administrators, staff people, and board members from the 213 Methodist hospitals and homes in the United States.

Here is prayer offered by Bishop Love at inauguration

Here follows the complete prayer offered by the Rt. Rev. Edgar A. Love, resident bishop of the Baltimore Area Methodist Church, at the inauguration of Gov. Millard Tawes on Wednesday:

Almighty God unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy holy spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee and worthily magnify Thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, be merciful to us and bless us. As Thou hast made our nation mighty in this world, so make it a source of wisdom and truth, justice and honor, and worthy to be the moral leader of our world.

Bless this our State, called upon to play so great a part in the affairs of our nation. May it be indeed a free State free from all pettiness and prejudice, attitudes which fetter the minds of men.

Grant unto all Legislators and leaders Thy wisdom and grace. Give them understanding and Godly judgement. Enable them to rise above all selfishness and serve the common good.

WE THANK THEE especially for him who this day becomes the 55th Governor of our great State. We commend him to Thy love and care. We pray for him that he may seek wisdom of Thee the all wise God our Father. For who is sufficient for so great responsibility?

May he realize "that our sufficiency is of God." May he be aware always of his dependence upon Thee and in every situation involving the welfare of the people seek divine guidance to the end that Thy name may be glorified and the welfare of the people enlarged.

We thank Thee for the long line of distinguished men who have served in this office and the heritage they have bequeathed us. Ours is a tranquil State, with an ever enlarging understanding of our responsibility to make real equal opportunity for every man to share in the benefits which derive from our common labors.

Bless all who shall work with our Governor in promoting the best interest of all the people. Grant that they too may realize that they are workers together with Thee for the promotion of human welfare.

And now, our Father, create in us the splendor—that dawns when hearts are kind, that knows not race nor station—as boundaries of the mind—that learns to value beauty—in heart, or brain, or soul—and longs to bind God's children — into one perfect whole. AMEN.

EARLY ARRIVALS for Wednesday inaugural services were J. Oliver Hill, right, and Benjamin F. Sears, attorneys, Prince Georges County, Md., who were first to enter State House doors, about 8:45 a.m.

Georgia slams all college doors to halt integration

ATLANTA, Ga. — Georgia moved Monday to keep its 19 colleges and universities while by agreeing to discontinue registration in the face of court orders that segregation at the Georgia State College of Business Administration was unconstitutional.

U. S. District Judge Boyd Sloan held segregation invalid at the school in a suit brought by three colored women seeking admittance to the college.

Then, at the suggestion of the new Georgia Governor, Ernest Vandiver, the State Board of Regents consented to halting registration in all schools to keep them all-white.

UNDER Georgia Law, the whole school system could be shut down if a school is ordered integrated.

Vandiver said he would ask the current legislative session for power to close only the white school that is integrated rather than the entire system. He also wants the authority to close the school that a colored applicant may come from.

In outlawing segregation in Georgia State Business Administration College, Judge Sloan ruled that the plaintiffs were barred from enrolling because of discrimination.

ROBERT ARNOLD, chairman of the Board of Regents, indicated that the Regents would close school doors temporarily to additional students to stave off the enrollment of colored persons.

Vandiver, who took office Tuesday, vowed to "exhaust every resource of the state to sustain and uphold Georgia's way of life and her sacred traditions."

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TAKES OATH — View of the Annapolis State House Senate Chamber scene where Gov. J. Millard Tawes took oath of office Wednesday at 12:10 p.m. Extreme left is Theodore R. McKeldin, out-going governor. Present in the state capitol for inauguration day program were more than 2,000 persons, who witnessed parade, heard the inaugural address and attended open house at the governor's mansion.

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RINGING APPLAUSE greeted the Douglass High School, majorettes and band of Upper Marlboro, Md., who captured the inauguration day spectators with their peppy drills. Photo was made as they passed the reviewing stand.

PRAYERS FOR A NEW GOVERNOR were offered by the Rt. Rev. Edgar A. Love, resident bishop, Baltimore area, Methodist Church. Governor Tawes, left, looks over his shoulder.

WATCHING THE PARADE at the reviewing stand are Gov. and Mrs. J. Millard Tawes and grandsons, David, 3, (with Gov. Tawes); John Willard, 7, center, and Philip Wesley, Jr., 12.

TAWES SUPPORTERS attending the inaugural ceremonies included Josiah F. Henry and Lloyal Randolph, Baltimore. They are shown here in State House main corridor before ceremonies began.

SPECTATORS at the inauguration included the Rev. Samuel Anderson, Baltimore, left, and John Cephas, Freetown, Md., right.

MRS. EDGAR A. LOVE, wife of the Methodist bishop who gave inaugural invocation, is shown here with Mrs. Thomas D'Alesandro, wife of Baltimore's mayor.

ONE OF THE FEW lucky spectators to have seats for Wednesday's inauguration was Mrs. Margaret Crowner of Galesville. The youngster standing beside her chair is Beryl Chase. Lady in glasses is Mrs. Harriet Hull, whose daughter marched with the Morgan majorettes. Others in the photo are left to right, Arthur Tink, Mrs. Mary Wilson and Mrs. Nannie Crowner.

OFFICER GLEN BUCHANAN, member of Baltimore's Northeastern District police squad, gets instructions from Inspector George J. Murphy.

AMONG HUNDREDS of persons in Annapolis for the Tawes inauguration were Mrs. Hazel Washington and Mrs. Vashti Camp, both of Baltimore.