WHEN YOU FINISH READING YOUR AFRO PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

Page boy learns that he is not

by LOUIS LAUTIER

WASHINGTON

Did racial prejudice block the appointment of a colored boy as a page in the House of Representatives or was there an honest misunderstanding about the filling of the vacancy?

—Newsmen were vigorously seeking to track down the truth Wednesday after it became known that James A. Johnson Jr., 16, of Chicago, did not get the appointment that brought him to Washington.

Johnson was photographed on Capitol steps and his mother was interrogated Wednesday morning, but it became known later that the boy did not get the appointment, although he had been reportedly approved by the House Democratic Patronage Committee.

ONE REPORT was that he was not given the appointment because Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas was opposed to a colored boy becoming a page in the House.

If the Johnson boy had been cleared by the Democratic Patronage Committee, the chairman of which is Representative Francis E. Walter of Pennsylvania, he would have become the first colored boy in the 170-year history of the Federal Government to be a page in the House.

Since Chief Justice Earl Warren has headed the Supreme Court, the court has had three colored pages. But neither the House nor Senate has ever had one. So far as could be learned, no colored member of the House has ever had a position as page included in his patronage.

The Johnson boy is nephew of Miss Ethel Payne, a former newspaper reporter, who is now an employee of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations. He and his mother, Mrs. James A. Johnson of Chicago, were stopping with Miss Payne.

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REP. BARRATT O'HARA of Chicago, a liberal Democrat, selected the boy to be a House page. Illinois reportedly has one patronage spot. But Rep. Thomas J. O'Brien of Chicago, dean of the Illinois delegation, had asked the patronage committee to name Martin J. Oberman as a page. The committee approved O'Brien's nominee and he went to work at the start of the new Congress.

O'Brien named Oberman to the page position at the request of Jacob H. Arvey, Chicago Democratic leader.

The mystery in the mix-up is:—How did the patronage committee also approve O'Hara's nominee on any presumption that O'Hara was co-sponsoring the page by O'Brien?

According to Mrs. Johnson, her husband was informed on Jan. 22 that everything was set to have the boy come to Washington. But Walter said he informed O'Hara not to have the boy come here.

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IN ADDITION to Walter, members of the patronage committee are Rep. Prince H. Preston of Georgia and Harry R. Sheppard of California.

One report was that the appointment was embarrassing to Rayburn and otherwise "upset some" to O'Brien. The source said O'Brien regards Rayburn as his dearest friend.

Another explanation was that since the Illinois delegation usually chooses a page jointly with O'Brien, the patronage committee only gave the go-ahead O'Hara's letter and notified him that this boy was approved.

The Johnson boy flew to Washington Tuesday night. In addition to his mother, he was accompanied by a younger brother, Frederick, six.

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THE BOY'S father is a post office clerk in Chicago and his mother is a child placement worker for Cook County (Chicago) Welfare Department. He was notified of the appointment by Miss Payne. Miss Payne said she learned of the appointment from O'Hara.

Fifty pages are appointed in the House at the beginning of each session. They receive a gross salary of $287.25 each and a net of $231.45, out of which they must pay their living expenses. They attend the Capitol Page School in the Library of Congress without payment of tuition.

The school has a Parent-Teacher Club. Each year before the beginning of a session, a committee from the Parent-Teacher Club canvasses the area within a radius of eight or ten blocks of the Capitol to find available living quarters for the pages.

The committee screens such quarters and submits list records recommendations to the group. A list of the available rooms is made and sent to the congressmen who request it. Usually two boys occupy one room.

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—Kids in hurry

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The older boys each got 20 years in the Maryland Penitentiary and the two younger boys received 18 years each in the State Reformatory.

Attorneys, there were nine charges against the four, including deadly weapon, assault to murder, attempted robbery with a deadly weapon, robbery, robbery with a deadly weapon and larceny.

This is the price they must pay for a few months in which they wore expensive clothes and had a few extra dollars in their pockets.

They will have a long, long time to think over the foolishness of their escapade. A few months against many years—and there will be no fancy shoes or jackets in jail.

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ONCE AGAIN, the AFRO went out to talk with the youngsters' parents, hoping that what they would have to say might somehow help some other child see the pitfall before it is too late.

Or maybe help some other family realize that perhaps they need help in getting their own youngster through the "thrill age."

Because every effort is made not to further identify the families of these youngsters, background stories will be given on but three of them.

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NUMBER ONE — Unless yours is the middle class family, the home in which you live and the street on which you live is no better than was his.

He liked the things other kids like—records, other kids, carpentry as a future. He had been taking up the trade.

There was one thing he did not have. Real parents. His mother gave him away when he was just a baby. The woman who raised him, died last summer. Others where he lived did all they could for him.

He had a fair record at school. He was obedient at home. "If he was out he would even call to say he would like to go to his aunts and might be a little late."

Then he started losing his jobs and hanging around the pool hall a lot.

"He got his start down at the pool room last summer," was one opinion.

"He didn't have to want for anything. He just got into bad company," offered another.

Then this from the mother of other children in the home:

"Sometimes when a boy doesn't have a mother he probably stops and wonders, 'who am I?'"

"Then somebody comes along and kind of makes them feel important. They know better but they just want to feel important.

"I think his first tough break in life was when his mother gave him away."

NUMBER TWO — Another child who would obey his mother at home. Gave her part of his money to help with her other six children. His father lives elsewhere.

Left school at a young age. Liked to shoot pool. Had his own record player and bought a lot of records.

His grandmother said: "I just don't understand. They just want listen. It would be something different if they didn't have anybody to tell them better."

His mother's only explanation: "They just get mixed up with the wrong crowd."

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NUMBER THREE — He's out of school, one of six children of a family of modest means. Once before he was in trouble involving an automobile, was still on probation.

If ever a kid had a family going for him, as best they could, Neither Three seemed to have.

In her own words, his mother sums up the whole situation for other kids, for other parents, too:

"The time (the sentence) is not going to break the rest of them (other children bent on doing crime). The only thing they get out of it (crime) is some fancy clothes or a car or something.

"They want money and we give poor people. We just wanted things that we couldn't give. When we only had two children, we could afford better things for them... We kept on wanting.

"My husband always supported the children the best he could; that's what hurt him so bad.

"His father had got him out and made him stay in the house two or three days. I thought he might be shooting craps or something, but this (the other crimes), I didn't have any idea.

"He would do lots of work and we would give him some money. He always had an answer when we asked him where he got his clothes.

"The thing for me to do now is to try to keep the others straight.

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"SOMETIMES YOU think you're doing the right thing and you're doing wrong. Sometimes you think you're helping them and you're doing them harm.

"Social workers tell me when you take your child away from home to stick to it. Maybe I didn't do that.

"It takes time. You can't just feed them and put them in jail. You've got to give them more time and take them places and

FLASH!

Postal clerk gets 3 years in prison

Edward O. Neal, 26, 700 block Dolphin St., a main post office clerk, was sentenced in U. S. District Court today (Friday) to three years in prison for the theft from the mails of $125 in cash directed to a clergyman, the Rev. G. E. Lowman of Norfolk, Va.

Chief Judge Roszel C. Thomsen was told that the thefts occurred over a two-year period and ended with Mr. Neal's arrest the past December. Mr. Neal, who is unmarried and was a three-year-veteran in the postoffice at a $4,400 a year salary scale, was released on bation by Judge Thomsen despite a request by his attorney, Michael F. Freedman.

$137 taken from insurance office

A man entered the Supreme Liberty Life Insurance Company in the 1400 block of Pennsylvania Ave. about 3:30 p.m. Thursday while two women employees were in a rear office and took $137 in cash from a safe, police report.

Officers Lewis Gregory and Donald Snead said Mrs. Mervyn Robertson, 37, 1400 Decker Ave., and Mrs. Sara Terry, 28, 1708 block Park Ave., told them they heard someone come in and only upon checking, found a man crouched beside the safe.

He reportedly walked out after asking if they sold automobile insurance.

No one had been arrested this (Friday) morning.

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—Wrong man

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less driving, four charges each of running stop signs and signal lights, with failing to identify himself and driving without a registration.

After Patrolman Livingston gave his version of the incident to reporters outside the courtroom, Magistrate Dempsey declared that he would "not review the case."

Court officials said Magistrate Albert E. Weir had been assigned to the 8 a.m. court but was late arriving.

At Central police headquarters however, it was disclosed that Chief Inspector Oscar Lusby had ordered Inspector George Murphy to obtain reports from all officers involved in the case, and to submit them to his office.

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Late Thursday it was disclosed that Mrs. Holden was driving on a suspended license and was on probation at the time of the incident.

However, Magistrate Dempsey said he had not known of these facts at the time of the trial.

Meanwhile, Governor Tawes ordered an immediate investigation of the case and said a member of his staff would request a full report from Magistrate Dempsey.

The Magistrate himself broke his silence Thursday and issued a statement in which he said:

"Mr. Holden had been forced to post bail when he should have been just issued a summons; there was testimony that the arresting officers threatened to shoot Mr. Holden and used racial epithets; there was doubt that the defendant could have committed all the alleged acts in the heavy afternoon traffic without an accident.

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MAGISTRATE Dempsey said further: "There were too many inherent factors which rendered the state's case highly suspect, and I was required to resolve my doubt in the element denial of the alleged offendant's favor after his vehemence.

"I would like to stress that no person in authority does not automatically render any defendant guilty, regardless of his station in life.

"The ordinary citizen has definite rights and privileges and those rights will be protected by the court regardless of the race, creed or economic status of those involved . . ."

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IT WAS ALSO disclosed that following the traffic court hearing, Patrolman Livingston gave this version of the incident to reporters.

That he and Detective Patrolman William Jenkins, both of whom were in plainclothes, had stopped for a traffic light at Franklin and Eutaw Sts., in an unmarked police car.

While waiting, a westbound auto allegedly driven by Holden darted through the light although two traffic patrolmen were yelling for him to stop.

The detective stated further that when the traffic officer yelled to him to chase the car, he saw Holden run through red lights at Pace St., and Greene St.

Holden then allegedly drove south on Pine St., went through a stop sign at Mulberry, and pulled up behind three cars that had stopped for a traffic sign at Saratoga St.

Patrolman Livingston then allegedly jumped out of the police car and ran up to Holden and told him to "get over, I'm a police officer. Pull over to the side and identify yourself."

The officer said that when the car in front of Holden suddenly swerved, Holden started off without stopping at the sign.

He then allegedly ran through stop signs at Lexington and Fayette Streets, turned east on Fayette and stopped behind a street car that was loading passengers.

The officer stated that when they caught up with the driver a second time, he obeyed his order to stop.

Holden at the time allegedly had no registration card or proof of ownership.

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AT WEDNESDAY'S hearing Mr. Scherr said that when Patrolman Livingston had at first brought his partner into court, and had only called the charges against Holden, he had been informed by Mr. Holden that he had been beaten by the officers.

Mr. Scherr said he told officer that Holden had just been given a "ticket on the street only because there was no accident involved."

This is the version Mr. Scherr gave of the case:

"Mr. Holden was going west on Franklin St., near Eutaw. There were cars in front of him and there was no way possible for him to pass in the late afternoon traffic without going over them.

"When I asked the detective in court what the weather was he said it was raining and that the windows of his car were closed.

"He said he heard the officer yell to him to stop Holden, although he was more than 150 feet away.

"How could he have heard the office?" the attorney, said.

"Mr. Holden is a very decent fellow and very soft spoken. He and his wife are buying their home.

"You must remember that it's almost impossible to get around traffic around 5 p.m. without hitting someone. You can't be that lucky in all that traffic.

"Mr. Holden uses the same route everyday on his way home from work, and in this day he had on his work clothes.

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"IN COURT, Holden said that because the traffic was heavy he couldn't cut into traffic to make his turn at Greene St. and had to go two blocks before his turn.

"When he reached a pedestrian crossing he said he stopped and a detective's car cut him off.

"The detective told him to get out of here N--- made him place his hands upon the car and searched him.

"He (Holden) didn't show his registration card because he couldn't get it.

"The officer grabbed him by the clothes, said come on ... and threw him in the car.

"At Central they went into a huddle. One officer then said, "Are you sure this is the right fellow?"

"After arranging this trumped up charge, they made him leave his car and he had to pay seven dollars for charges and $22 for 2 bail bonds.

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"THE JUDGE heard the officer admit that there was no accident.

"If the directive thought the case was serious enough, why didn't he bring in his witnesses? They heard what he said. Holden was asked if he would be willing to identify himself, but he did show his operator's card.

"His registration and insurance papers were in the glove compartment of the car but they prevented him from getting them.

"He should have never been brought in. Now they are making a federal case out of it.

"Holden is very upset. Just as good as the officers, why shouldn't the court believe him?" Mr. Scherr concluded.

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can be done for us."

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MRS. I. S. and her husband reside on Childs Court in the Fairfield Homes in the Fairfield section of Baltimore.

They have 10 children, eight of them at home. Twin boys, age 9, are confined to Rosewood Hospital.

The children at home include a two-month-old baby boy, boys ages 3, 5, 8, 11 and 15, and girls, ages 22 months and 12.

Department of Public Welfare spokesmen, police social workers and workers at a local hospital confirm the mother's statement that the home is neat and the children are not neglected. They also agree she is making a sincere effort to keep the family together.

BUT, THE Welfare Department is prohibited by law from providing aid to the family; they can not do so because the father is in the home and receives unemployment compensation.

Miss Esther Lazarus, director of the Department of Public Welfare explains it this way—"Everyone wants to do something to keep the family together. It is a very serious problem but the law is very strict on this. We can not supplement unemployment compensation.

"We are very upset about this case . . . we understand it is a very deserving family."

The mother herself told the AFRO that she is desperate because she understands she can not get welfare aid as long as her husband is in the home.

She said she was advised that she could get aid if her husband deserted the family or if he would consent to give up the children for foster home care.

"But I love my children. I want to keep the family together. I take good care of them. I just need help until this emergency is over. Right now, we're faced with eviction unless someone helps us by February 2."

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THE FATHER and husband, is a construction worker who was injured in August, 1957 while working on a job in the 1000 block of Smith Ave.

He has been in and out of the hospital since that time. Doctors said he was discharged this past October but he has been unable to find work. He is now looking for jobs — city, state, sewer works, the bakery, the dairies," the wife explained.

"He went out this morning, the wife said on Wednesday, and I told him to get any kind of job if it brings in a dollar, have to it. We can use anything. We don't care what it is, but we must keep our family together."

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ARE THERE AFRO readers who belong to clubs or organizations or just individual readers who admire this mother's spunk and would like to help her keep her family together? Here is what you can do — the immediate need is $23 to pay the rent for the week beginning February 1.

Then, of course, the father and husband needs a job at once — he is trained as a construction worker, but he is willing and able to do odd jobs or anything which will bring him a dollar.

And, thirdly, $22 unemployment compensation provides little food or clothes for the new infant and the seven other growing children.

If you can help this family, by paying the rent, helping the father find a job or supplying them with food to carry over until we can get on our feet, as the mother says, call the AFRO-AMERICAN City Desk and ask for the address of the "p" family.

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—Mrs. Raynor dies

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Poppleton St.

OTHERS WHO will assist the Rev. Mr. Boddie in officiating will be the Revs. Dennis Barrow of Fountain Baptist Church, Walter Paige of Faith Baptist Church, and James Wilson, assistant pastor at the Rev. Mr. Raynor's church.

Chatry of Concord Baptist will sing.

Mrs. Raynor's body will be shipped to Goldsboro, N.C. where her services will be continued on Sunday at the Sanders Chapel Baptist Church.

There, the Revs. James Grimes, pastor, will officiate.

A native of Goldsboro, Mrs. Raynor seemed to be improving until a few moments before her death at 11:15.

She had been confined to her home for periods during the past eight years.

THE DAUGHTER of Mr. and Mrs. Sancho Sutton (Hettie), Mrs. Raynor was a graduate of Fayetteville Teachers College, Fayetteville, N.C.

She met and married her husband while she was teaching during his pastorate there. He is also a native of North Carolina.

At the time of her death, they were married for 25 years.

The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Raynor came to Baltimore 15 years ago from Goldsboro when he was given charge of Concord.

She is survived by two brothers: the Rev. Sancho Sutton Jr., pastor of Zion Baptist Church in Newport News, Va., and the Rev. James Wesley Sutton of Baltimore, in addition to her husband.

—Cuba has 3 faces

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the indisputable fact that so many white and colored Cubans are actually blood brothers.

SANTA CLARA is the Dixie of Cuba. There colored Cubans are prevented from using many public facilities and are barred completely from privately owned places of public accommodation.

The life of a citizen of color is made so unpleasant that many of those of brown hue practice the deception of calling themselves "Chinese."

Under this label they escape the handicaps placed against persons of obvious African ancestry.

Havana, the capital, and the most cosmopolite part of Cuba, is a combination of Orleans and Santa Clara.

The principal handicap placed against the citizens of color there is the restriction on jobs. The majority of the women are employed as domestic servants, but as they are in the United States.

AND MOST of them men find no employment opportunities open to them except the back breaking, sweaty, hold-labor occupations and mop-swinging janitorial positions.

Assurance has now been given by Dr. Fidel Castro that all of this will soon be changed.

Not a dreamer or an idealist, although he has been described by Dr. Castro as a revolutionist enough to know Cuba's economy can never reach a high level until Dr. Castro's revolution is 40 per cent of its people are given equal opportunity.

That is why hope for a better day has been kindled anew in the breasts of Cuba's two and one half million people who classify themselves as colored.

—564 register

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in Maryland before, persons who will become 21 years of age before the May General Election, may register now.

THE LIST of schools where new voters may register today (Friday) and tomorrow (Saturday) from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. follows:

No. 229—Charlotte and Cardiff Aves.
No. 407 — Howard and Centre Sts.
No. 211 — Belair Rd. and Frankford Ave.
No. 48 — Midwood Ave. and The Alameda
No. 118 — Argyle Ave. near Lanvale St.
No. 14 — Mosher St. and Wheeler Ave.
No. 241 — Fallstaff Rd. and Glen Ave.
No. 248 — Frederick Rd. and Beechfield Ave.

PRINTED BELOW is a table showing the day-by-day registration for the period Jan. 19-23, the total number registered and how they registered:

Date	Total	Colored	White	Total Dem.	Col. Dem.
1/19.	517	151	366	19	131
1/20.	555	114	441	13	58
1/21.	395	104	291	19	85
1/22.	346	102	244	19	101
1/23.	402	115*	287	26*	88
Total	2215	564	1664	99	443

The two ** indicate the voters who "declined" to be registered before Nov. 4, 1958 General Election.

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—The school front

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folk, Senator Joseph Hutcheson of Lawrenceville, Delegates Jack Dashiel of Charlotte Court House, James Thomson of Alexandria, and C. Stuart Wheatley of Danville.

Developments elsewhere in the state's school desegregation picture were as follows;

ARLINGTON

THE LONG, drawn - out fight to block desegregation in Arlington public schools came to a legal dead - end Thursday afternoon.

U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Judge Simon E. Sobeloff, sitting in Baltimore, Md., turned down a plea by school board attorneys to delay admission of four colored students to a junior high school.

In denying the plea, Judge Sobeloff told school board attorneys:

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"GENTLEMEN, this isn't even close. You can't shut your eyes to what's gone before.

"These four (children) were picked from 30. Now you say there are disparagements in the schools.

"The longer they are kept out, the longer you will have this situation.

"I see no grounds on which I can give you a stay."

James H. Simmonds, Arlington school board attorneys appealed to Judge Sobeloff after a motion for delay had been denied by U.S. Federal Judge Albert V. Bryan on Wednesday.

The motion by the school board was to delay admission of four colored students to Arlington's Stratford Junior High School on Monday.

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IN DENYING the plea, Judge Bryan said:

"The court does not feel that there has been a showing of a change of circumstances."

The jurist said he had carefully weighed all factors when he set the Feb. 2 date.

In opposing the motion for delay, Frank Reeves, one of the NAACP attorneys for the students, accused the school board of bad faith.

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MR. REEVES said school attorneys had "used every device and strategy" to avoid compliance with the Supreme Court's 1954 school desegregation decision.

Following the hearing the NAACP attorney said two of the colored children had been assigned to one section of Stratford School and two to another section.

CHARLOTTESVILLE

JUDGE SOBELOFF granted a stay in starting integration in two schools in Charlottesville.

Both schools, Venable Elementary and Lane High were closed by "massive resistance" laws after a Federal court ordered the admission of colored students.

John S. Battle Jr., attorney for the Charlottesville school board, asked for the delay on the grounds that a desegregation plan submitted would become effective next September.

Opposing the motion were attorneys for the plaintiffs, Oliver W. Hill and Spottswood Robinson 3rd of Richmond.

Judge Sobeloff's order stated:

The appellates have indicated their purpose to effect expiditions and complete compliance with the decree of the District Court, and their desire to purpose a plan to this end.

"Being satisfied of the defendants' good faith, the said decree is hereby stayed; provided the defendants submit their plan to the District within 20 days."

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PRIOR TO the ruling, Mr. Battle informed the AFRO that Charlottesville schools would not be opened on Monday, regardless of the decision reached by the court.

The reason he said, was because of the great amount of work that has to be done to get the schools in shape for operations.

NORFOLK

LATEST INDICATIONS were that the padlocked six junior and senior high schools in Norfolk would be reopened on a desegregated basis.

The board met Thursday afternoon to set opening date. The schools have been closed since September.

Federal Judge Walter E. Hoffman today struck down the last apparent barrier in the way of racial integration in Norfolk public schools.

Judge Hoffman ruled that the Norfolk City Council may not close junior and senior high schools in the city because it fears violence. He said the council had "perpetrated an evasive scheme" to avert integration.

The council had voted to cut off funds to all classes above the sixth grade, thus closing the schools.

The city school board took an opposite stand, saying it was ready to operate all schools in this city —largest in Virginia —even on an integrated basis.

The judge, who earlier had directed the admission of seventeen colored students to the white schools, said he would issue an injunction forbidding the planned closing Monday of the schools.

His ruling followed by eight days the overthrow of Virginia's "massive resistance" laws. It cleared the way for admission of colored students to six schools closed last fall by the state under the now defunct anti - segregation laws.

Paul Schweitzer, school board chairman, called for a joint meeting of the City Council and the school board to reopen the closed schools and insure that all classes will operate. Mr. Schweitzer, in a statement prepared in anticipation of Judge Hoffman's injunction, hailed the ruling.

"The decision just rendered by the court indicates we can now leave the rough and rocky road we have been traveling for the smoother highway of tolerance, good judgment and community cooperation," he said. "All our children must be given the opportunity to attend free public schools in Norfolk if they wish."

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Thomsen ruling due on workers

Chief Judge Roszel C. Thomsen in Federal Court last week announced he would deliver an opinion soon in the case brought by four discharged steelworkers against the Bethlehem Steel Co. and the United Steelworkers Union.

The men charged they were fired in May 1957 after taking the Fifth Amendment before a House Un - American Committee hearing when asked about their affiliation with the Communist Party.

They are Joseph Henderson, 700 block N. Avondale Rd.; Benjamin M. Pino, 3100 block Mondawmin; William H. Wood, 3000 block Keneck Rd.; and Aaron Ostrofsky, 3300 block Oswego Ave.

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THEY HAVE asked the court to compel the company to take their discharges to arbitration and to assess damage of $100,000 each.

They charge that their taking the 5th Amendment was the sole reason for their discharges.

Judge Thomsen's opinion is expected to determine whether the union must arbitrate with the discharged steelworkers or whether the court itself will take the matter into arbitration.

Mrs. Dickerson dies at 86

CAMDEN, N.J. — The Waples Funeral Service was in charge of funeral arrangements for Mrs. Mamie Dickerson, 86, of 2225 N. Bancroft St., Philadelphia.

The aged widow, born in South Carolina, lived with a daughter, Mrs. Anna Dricker. She died in the Philadelphia General Hospital Saturday, Feb. 17.

Services were held in the Union Baptist Church, Philadelphia, last Wednesday, Jan. 21. Burial was made in the Evergreen Cemetery.

"OUR BOYS DIDN'T DO IT," declare Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Twiggs, parents of the two tots who are accused of placing nine-month-old Taylor Carter atop a stove where the baby burned to death. The accused youngsters are Gregory, 5 and Larry Twiggs, 4. Their parents, shown here with two of their other youngsters, Nathan Jr., 2, and Itzebue, 1, point out that the accused tots have never played any such dangerous game at home with their own baby brothers.

—Infant burned

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brothers, they wouldn't hurt any other baby.

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"THE DETECTIVES told me that the baby's brains were found on the floor and in the kitchen sink and that fragments of the brains were on one of my son's shoes.

"But how could two children do this in 20 minutes and also ransack the house.

"Mrs. Twiggs said her children are always playing with the Carter children in their house and they come in here to play.

"And someone told police that they were playing on the Carter porch that afternoon.

So on Friday when I heard Mrs. Carter out in the street screaming I thought something had happened to one of my children.

"But Mrs. Carter was screaming for her mother, Mrs. Cabell. She was crying, 'somebody has been in my house and burned the baby up.'

"So when I went in the house the baby was lying on the dining room table wrapped in a blanket.

"I told her to take the blanket off of the baby so the skin wouldn't stick to it.

"Then I went out and called the police. And when I got back she was holding the baby in her arms.

"But those kids can't even put anything on top of our stove, because it's too high for them to reach. And their stove is like ours. The stove is an old one that stands on legs, but yet it has an automatic pilot.

"I QUESTIONED them about it and they said they didn't do it. If the police found part of the baby's brains on the floor and in the sink they would have had blood on their clothes."

The friends of the Twiggs family were continually dropping in to see them on Sunday afternoon.

They too didn't believe that the two little boys had fatally burned the infant on the gas range.

Det. Samuel Powell of the Homicide Bureau said, "There is no doubt that the two boys did it.

"They restricted the crime for us with a doll baby.

"They showed us how they took the baby off the couch, smacked and then kicked the infant. That accounts for the fragments of the baby's brains that were found on Gregory's shoes."

"Then they put the baby on the stove and turned on three jets. Then they took the baby off the stove and put it in the sink, and then put the baby on the stove again.

"The stove is 36 inches tall. Larry is 43 inches and Gregory is 45.

"There is no question whatever about them being able to reach the stove. They were little to say concerning the tragedy.

However, Mrs. Carter told AFRO photographer that she had gone to the store with her mother when he left the baby alone.

Mr. Carter said, "I don't have anything to say."

The Carters have two other children.

At AFRO presstime, the accused children were still confined to the Youth Center.

Their parents will see them for the first time since the tragedy at a Juvenile Court hearing on Tuesday morning.

HAMPTON INSTITUTE

HAMPTON, Va. — The Association of College and Research Libraries has awarded Hampton Institute's Huntington Memorial Library a grant to establish a collection of music, drama and poetry records. The library plans to purchase some 100 such records.

4 UNCF choirs on air in Feb.

NEW YORK — Four member colleges of the United Negro College Fund will present varied programs of choral music over the ABC Radio Network during February.

The Tuskegee (Ala.) Institute Choir will open the month's radio broadcasts Feb. 1. Relford Patterson is the choral director.

Dillard University's Choir of New Orleans, led by David L. Rutledgh, will be heard Feb. 8.

Johnson C. Smith University Choir, Charlotte, N.C., is scheduled for Feb. 15. Christopher W. Kemp is the director. And Morehouse College of Atlanta will present its all - male chorus, directed by Wendell Whalum, on Feb. 22.

—Get 72 years

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der, attempted robbery with a deadly weapon, robbery, robbery with a deadly weapon and larceny.

Judge Byrnes was told that they operated with a different combination of their personnel in a majority of the cases.

Anderson was charged in one case of the $55 robbery of a shoe store proprietor in the 600 block W. Lexington St. on October 28, operating with a 12-year-old boy assisting him.

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IN ANOTHER case, Anderson, Phillips and Gardner were charged with the attempted robbery of a shoe store in the 2100 block Edmondson Ave. on October 31, during which the proprietor was shot at and missed a bullet wound in his abdomen by inches.

Other cases involved:

1. The attack on and theft from a woman grocery store owner on November 1 of $500 in the 300 block Myrtle Ave.;
2. The $18 robbery of a realty company official in her office in the 1200 block W. Fayette St. on November 7;
3. The $55 holdup of a store in the 700 block W. Pratt St. on August 8;
4. The theft of $300 in cash and $500 in checks from a realty office in the 1300 block Linden Ave. on August 1;
5. The theft of 8 watches valued at $721 from a store in the 700 block W. Baltimore St. on November 1;
6. Deadly weapons, including the arrest of Gardner on November 15 in the 800 block W. Fayette St. with an automatic revolver in his possession;
7. The theft of a TV set from an appliance store, 800 block W. Baltimore St.

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