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

# New Hope Seen For Youth Convicted In Assault

## Gamble is guilty of murder

Elwood Gamble, 36, 100 block Bruce St., a cement finisher, was found guilty of second degree murder on Wednesday before Judge Joseph Allen in Criminal Court.

Sentence was withheld pending "serious thought" by Judge Allen.

**Gamble was accused of the Thanksgiving Day murder of William Sedgewick, 45, 2000 block W. Saratoga St., who was identified as a suitor, of Gamble's sweetheart after she and Gamble had broken off a five-year affair.**

The incident occurred in a tavern in the unit block Poppleton St., about 2 p.m. on the holiday.

Sedgewick was pronounced dead on arrival at University Hospital at 3 p.m. the same day.

Mrs. Hattie Glover, 818 W. Fairmont Ave., who received two wounds in the chest from the gunfire was taken to Franklin Square Hospital where she recovered six weeks later after two operations.

Pleading not guilty, Gamble testified that Sedgewick had come after him with a knife.

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**IN WITHHOLDING** sentence Judge Allen said:

"In grave cases like this I like to give them consideration.

**"I don't accept his (Gamble's) version of the incident. He had a gun in his waistloaded.**

"There's no evidence — I can't find it — that the other person had a knife.

"There is strong suspicion that he (Gamble) went home and got that gun.

"He came into the bar with it loaded, ready to be fired."

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**WITNESSES** testified that there was no argument between Gamble and the deceased man prior to the shooting.

However, they stated that Gamble left the tavern before the tragedy occurred, went to his home and returned.

**Mrs. Carrie Terry, 818 W. Fairmont Ave., an eyewitness, said:**

**"All of a sudden I heard a gun. I looked back over my shoulder and saw fire jumping out the gun. Gamble was pulling the trigger.**

"He had it in his hand.

"I ran out with my husband and all the rest of the people.

"I came back in through the cut-rate side of the tavern and everybody was gone. My sister (Mrs. Glover) and Sedgewick were lying on the floor."

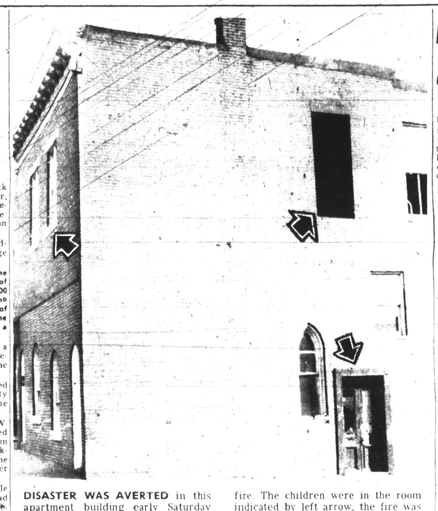
She added: "Gamble said he was going home to get some money to treat Sedgewick, my sister, my husband and me. He changed his jacket. He was wearing a gray jacket when he left, a brown one when he returned."

**Gamble, represented by Leonard Freedman, attorney, took the stand in his own defense.**

He told the court: "An argument started between him (Sedgewick) and Hattie (Mrs. Glover) and I tried to talk to him.

"He pulled a knife out and hit me on my coat. I pulled my gun. I didn't hate much time. I started firing. When I saw him stop coming toward me I stopped firing.

"I didn't mean to shoot Hattie. I was protecting myself. I didn't mean to kill anybody."



**DISASTER WAS AVERTED** in this apartment building early Saturday morning when two unidentified men came to the rescue of Mrs. Earlor Brown, 27, 1411 Presstman St. and her children, Narsha, 6, and Maurice, 5, whose lives were threatened by a fire. The children were in the room indicated by left arrow, the fire was in the room pointed out by second arrow and their mother was in room with upper right window. Two passing men entered door, third arrow, and rescued the children.

## Delicatessen denied new liquor permit

Taking into account the protest of civic groups in the Mondawmin Gwynns Falls Pkwy. area, the Liquor Board on Thursday denied the Arcadie Delicatessen a new liquor permit.

**Sidney M. Green, one of three owners of the delicatessen which is located in a shopping center opposite Douglass High School, had asked for a license to permit the sale and consumption of beer and wine on the premises.**

During the 45 minute hearing, protests were filed on behalf of the Brodnish Ave., Improvement Association, The North Monroe St., Club, and the Dukeland Ave., Neighborhood Club.

Also, the New Ashburton Improvement Association, Walbrook Community Association, the Burleith - Tioga Pkwy., Association and the Liberty Hgts., Neighborhood Club.

In addition, Douglass High School submitted a protest in the form of a telegram on behalf of 2,500 pupils and 167 staff members.

In expressing his displeasure over the application, Earl Kooger, president of the New Ashburton Improvement Association described the move as "morally bad."

**ESCAPE ROUTE**—Separated from their mother, Mrs. Earlor Brown, 1411 Presstman St., Maurice, 5, and Marsha, 6, had to come through this burning room to freedom. Two unidentified men helped them.

## General Assembly told more money necessary for Morgan

ANNAPOLIS — Committees of the General Assembly were asked here Wednesday to approve a budget estimate of $2,883,568 for Morgan State College, an increase of $280,315 over the proposed 1960 appropriation.

**The Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees were reminded that Morgan is now the second largest institution of higher education in Maryland, in terms of undergraduate enrollment — exceeded in this respect only by the University of Maryland.**

The committees were told the increased appropriation was necessary because of these factors:

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1. **PER CAPITA** expenditures at Morgan are below the national average.

2. Income from student fees at Morgan is higher than the national average.

3. Tuition charges at Morgan are higher than the national average.

4. **Morgan is always ranked at or near the bottom of State institutions in terms of financial support from General Funds.**

5. Per capita income from General Funds is lower at Morgan than in any other undergraduate State institution.

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**SPECIFICALLY,** the request includes a net increase appropriation would cover necessary new positions, salary increases, maintenance and additional scholarships.

## Club against license for Dukeland St. inn

The Lanvale Street Community Club has written to the Liquor License Board to protest the issuance of a license now in the application stage for an establishment in the 800 block N. Dukeland St.

**The establishment, the Hollow Inn, has applied for a Class B beer, wine and liquor license.**

Signed by John L. Murdock, president, the letter to the license board complains that the area, which has changed to colored occupancy in the past seven years, is now bordered by a commercial zone and "is more than saturated with establishments" where such beverages may be bought.

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**NOTING THAT** there were not so many such places in the neighborhood six years ago, the club's letter then states:

"It would appear that with the conversion of the neighborhood to colored residents, the establishment of liquor sales places becomes a 'condoned' practice.

**"Such indiscriminate issuance of liquor licenses have not helped our community, which at present displays all the signs and characteristics of what we fear might become the initial stages of neighborhood blight."**

The club said that concerned families recently formed the organization to protect the neighborhood from influences which produce slums.

## Handle death nets attendant 18 years

A young filling station attendant who had been described by friends as "quiet" and "well mannered," was sentenced to 18 years in the Penitentiary Tuesday for second degree murder.

Stephen Bernard Bessick, 22 of the 100 block N. Pearl St., was convicted in Criminal Court on Feb. 26.

**Bessick was found guilty of beating Frank Strothers, 34, of the 700 block Pin Alley to death with a lawn mower handle.**

The case had been held under advisement by Judge Joseph Allen.

The slaying occurred on Dec. 15 at Pearl and Fayette Sts., after a group of men had left a Pine St., restaurant.

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**AT** A preliminary hearing in Homicide Court last Jan. 6, police testified that Bessick had said that he and Strothers became involved in a dispute after the elderly man leaned across his shoulder to argue with a woman.

Following the dispute Bessick claimed: "The guy grabbed me and I told him I was sorry and to forget it.

"I started home and saw this wagon handle. Two men were together and one pointed at me and said, 'Is that him?'

"At his Criminal Court trial Bessick testified to the following:

**"I saw the man when he fell. I didn't know he was guy. My cousin Donald and I left.**

"He (Strothers) had another man with him. He was bigger than me. He called me names and I couldn't finish my meal in the restaurant."

Police said Strothers died at University Hospital after he was struck on the head with a four foot long lawn mower handle.

## Mrs. Welcome sees action on civil rights measure

Civil Rights legislation will be introduced by members of the 4th District delegation to the General Assembly before the close of the 90-Day Legislative session, says Mrs. Verda Welcome, delegate from the district.

Further, Mrs. Welcome says, Baltimore citizens must let them, the three colored legislators, "do it in their own time, let them work it out together."

**She states that visits such as a Baltimore delegation made to Annapolis last week "did us no good."**

The new legislator also announced that she, Mrs. Irma Dixon and Senator J. Alvin Jones "are working together."

**MRS. WELCOME'S** statements came Monday at the regular meeting of the Baptist Ministers Conference.

Her statements also came six days after last Wednesday's heated debate in Annapolis between the 4th District legislators and a delegation of Baltimore ministers and citizens who said they were present in the Capitol "to know the pulse of the General Assembly" on Civil Rights.

**Present at the Annapolis session were Senator Jones, acting as chairman of the meeting, Delegates Welcome, Dixon, Sol J. Friedman and Jerome Robinson, all of the 4th District.**

Included in the Baltimore Delegation were Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, NAACP president; Mrs. Juanita Mitchell, NAACP legal redress committee, and the Rev. O. Sr. Clair Franklin of the citizens committee for civil rights, who presented a prepared bill which would prohibit racial discrimination in public places of accommodation in Maryland and subject violators to $500 fine or imprisonment up to 30 days or both.

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**IN HER** speech Mrs. Welcome said notices "in the press" were not good for "them," meaning the three colored legislators.

She said:

"I come to you because I am disturbed.

"I am working with all my might and strength in Annapolis, getting acquainted, getting adjusted.

**"You can't work down there alone. You can't get along alone.**

"We're getting along beautifully, the three of us. We've made friends.

"You sent us all down there. You must have had confidence in us.

"But, you must remember, we're all new.

"All of a sudden we're expected to introduce Civil Rights.

"The publicity is doing us harm.

**"We have friends. We will make more.**

**"But when things happen like you read of Wednesday, it doesn't help us.**

"When you're going to introduce Civil Rights you have to think how you're going to get it through.

"Our friends say this isn't the time. They tell us it will hurt their businesses and they'll have to fight against it.

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**"SOME** of us say—"introduce it anyhow," but I'm not made up that way.

"When I do go in, I want to win.

"I feel when we work up enough interest we can at least get it out of committee."

Delegate Welcome then stated that she and Senator Jones and Delegate Dixon have joined hands to "do something for Civil Rights."

**"You need a little more God in your hearts — you must change your attitude about him (Senator Jones).**

"I'm going to work with him. We're going to work together.

"He asked me to say to you, give us more time.

"We're there to look after our people.

"Be patient with us. We'll introduce Civil Rights.

"When the time is right, we'll introduce it.

"We hope to get it done before March 17.

"We're going to do our best.

"You sent us down there. You must have confidence in us."

## Crackdown hits 2 more

The heat is still on for persons suspected of performing illegal operation.

With the recent arrest of two women, the total number of persons charged with performing abortions over the last three months has reached 15.

**The latest arrest occurred on Wednesday when Miss Georgia M. Matthews, 32, of the 3400 block Spelman Rd., Cherry Hill, was charged with performing an operation on a 32-year-old woman.**

In Pine St., Police Court Wednesday, Miss Matthews waived a preliminary hearing before Magistrate Vernon Wiesand and was released on $1,000 bail for action of the grand jury.

Miss Matthews was arrested by Sgt. Ethyle Diven and Policewoman Bernice Gross on a warrant. The alleged operation occurred at the Matthews home on Feb. 16 according to police.

**ON FEB. 17,** a similiar charge was filed against a 25-year-old elevator operator.

In that case, Miss Shirley Mae Williams of the 1800 block Durham St., denied that she performed an operation on a 28-year-old woman last Nov. 1.

Miss Williams, who was also arrested on a warrant, was released on $1,000 bail at Pine St. for action of the grand jury.

Police also revealed that as a result of one illegal operation, one woman had died.

## Local asks community aid in organizing

During a luncheon meeting called to enlist the aid of the community, local union officials charged that several members of the laundry and dry cleaning industry have organized their opposition to squelch plans for unionizing their workers.

**Among the officials, the contention was that management has hired "flying squadrons" of personal pickets breakers to cross picket lines to work in their factories.**

Here on Wednesday from the headquarters of the Laundry and Dry Cleaners Workers' International Union, AFL-CIO, in Newark, N.J., Winfield Chasmar, president, told 22 community leaders, "We are going to be here . . . because we are going to win."

He said in his travels he has seen much of undesirable working conditions.

"But none have been as low as these."

Mr. Chasmar also indicated that his office was willing to "do the best we can," in helping finance and giving leadership to the Baltimore local which is still in the process of organizing.

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**GUESTS AT** the meeting represented a cross section of local organizations including the Master Beauticians' Association, the NAACP, and religious groups.

All agreed to give local officials hearing in their groups meetings.

**Oliver Singleton, regional director of AFL-CIO, said the union never called for strikes which are cropping up in Baltimore.**

He said the strikes were voted by the workers.

"This is of concern particularly to the colored citizens of the community," said Mr. Singleton, "because they are the lowest paid and have been exploited too long."

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**PRESENT AT** the luncheon were:

**John A. Hawkins, field representative of AFL-CIO; William Lockett, representing AFL-CIO and CORE; Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, Legal Redress Committee, NAACP;**

The Rev. Samuel H. Carter; Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, president local branch NAACP; the Rev. Marion Bascom; Robert Watts, attorney;

John K. Allen, UAW; C. R. Windson, director, CORE; Md. and District of Columbia John Lorden, AFL-CIO staff; Mrs. Mable Waters, Maryland League of Women Voters; the Rev. Edward G. Carroll, pastor, Sharp Street Memorial Methodist Church; the Rev. Arthur J. Payne, pastor Enon Baptist Church;

John Scalone, Robert Queen, Sidney Caplan, attorney, and Ken Friedman.

## Church shooting case up Monday

Nishaus Utley, 64, 1500 block Madison Ave., comes up for trial in Criminal Court Monday on charges growing out of a shotgun - shooting fracas in the Metropolitan Baptist Church the night of Jan. 15.

**Mr. Utley, a longshoreman, is charged with disturbing the peace and having a deadly weapon in his possession. Complainant in the case is the Rev. John L. Tilley, pastor of Metropolitan.**

Police quote witnesses as saying the shooting disrupted a discussion at the church on whether or not the pastor should serve full or part time.

The defendant has been free on $2,500 bail since a January appearance before Magistrate Linwood G. Koger Sr. in Northwestern Police Court.

## 'Y' talks leadership, forgets integration

Leadership was the theme and integration the forgotten subject as the YMCA of Baltimore held its annual meeting Thursday evening at St. John's of Hamilton Methodist Church.

**The five-group "leadership clinic" with as many areas of discussion covered youth programs, adult programs, physical education programs, women's and girls' programs and managing-financing.**

After the group sessions, the chairman of each participated in a summary session which dwelled on the question of "What are the next steps in providing adequate leadership for a growing YMCA?"

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**POSITIVE** leadership, or lack of it, is one of the things which critics of the YMCA's integration program blame for the slow progress toward integration.

Since the spring of 1955 the Metropolitan board of directors has been unsuccessful in getting all the branches of the YMCA to admit colored members despite a resolution urging acceptance of any qualified member.

**During the 3½ years since the board adopted its resolution, neither of its two important branches, Central or Dundalk, has lowered the traditional bars to colored members.**

No date has been made public by which the branches are hoping to be able to grant membership on an integrated basis.

Judge Charles E. Moylan, associate judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore, received the Service to Youth Award.

J. Cookman Boyd Jr., association president, presided.

**HAVING HER SAY** is nothing new for Mrs. Mary Davis, 1114 Druid Hill Ave., who was voting at School 122 on Tuesday. This was her 20th year voting at the same place.

## 150 calls come to La. 3-5740

Have the 150 or more calls to LAfayette 3-5740 provided new, concrete leads for Mrs. Mildred Smith — new hope for her 17-year-old son, Lemuel?

**This is not likely to be known until the motion for a new trial for Lemuel is aired by Milton B. Allen and Edwin A. Gahring, his attorneys, before judges of the Supreme Bench in May.**

Meanwhile, Mrs. Smith still waits at LAfayette 3-5740 — the home of relatives at 1415 W. Mosher St. — for any calls which will lead to proof of the innocence of her son.

Lemuel has been convicted on a robbery charge with a deadly weapon charge, involving the brutal beating and alleged robbery of a young woman in a Northwest Baltimore clothes cleaning establishment office last July 30.

Despite identification by the young woman and a passerby, in the vicinity of the office at the time of the crime, Lemuel has strongly maintained his innocence.

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**A FACTOR** in his conviction after a four-day trial before a jury of three women and nine men, were small bloodstains on the youth's clothing, when arrested shortly after the crime.

Lemuel contends he was playing basketball with strangers on an outdoor court at the time — and that the blood came from the injured nose of one of the players.

**The players were strangers, he maintains, because he had just been in the city since July 8, three weeks before, on a vacation from his home in Amsterdam, N.Y.**

Lemuel's conviction led to Mrs. Smith placing eighth of a page advertisements in the AFRO, seeking these players, or some person who might remember being with Lemuel at Douglass High School on July 30.

"I have received over 150 calls," Mrs. Smith said at AFRO presstime. "Some have been crank calls, some have come from sympathetic persons, and some have brought much hope."

Meanwhile, officials of Lemuel's high school in Amsterdam —he would have been in his senior year — have sent his attorneys letters, telling of his excellent reputation and outstanding civic status in his home area.

So—this, then, is the current situation at LAfayette 3-5740.

# Hawaii Becomes 50th State Of The Union

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# $86,000 SUIT CHARGES FALSE ARREST

(Story in Col. 1)

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# 'We'll Do It Now'

## False arrest suit for $86G

An $86,000 suit alleging false arrest, and assault, was filed yesterday (Thursday) against three Northwestern District police officers by the father of a 17-year-old youth.

**NAACP attorneys Archie D. Williams and Arthur G. Murphy instituted the action in Superior Court on behalf of William Davis, for his son, Marcellus Ralph Carey, of the 2700 block W. North Ave.**

Carey is a delivery boy for a West Baltimore pharmacy.

Named defendants in the suit are: Sgt. John McLaughlin, Officer Richard Nevin and Officer John Stubins of Northwestern District.

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**THE SUIT,** in three parts, asks $40,000 each on two counts, and $6,000 on the third.

Count No. 1 alleges that on Feb. 28, 1959, while walking in the 500 block Greenwillow St., Carey was, "without cause placed under arrest and was choked and beaten.

**That after his arrest, he was thrown into the patrol wagon by the defendants and maliciously, willfully and maliciously assaulted and battered.**

**That upon regaining consciousness, he discovered that he was locked in a cell at Northwestern Police Station and that he was experiencing "excruciating pain about the head, face and body," and that his jawbone was broken;**

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**THAT HE** sustained multiple cuts of the face and scalp.

**That as a result of these "outrageous acts on the part of the defendants" he has had to be hospitalized and "is, has been, and will be required to endure great and excruciating pain and suffering" and has been and will be absent from his job with loss of pay;**

And that he "has been severely and permanently injured and scarred about the face, head and body."

For this the plaintiff asks the sum of $40,000.

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**THE SECOND** count alleges that while in police custody, he was "in dire need of medicine attention" but the defendants "ignored the requests" and "deliberately and negligently" refused to provide such medical attention.

**For this alleged offense, the plaintiff asks $40,000.**

The third count alleges that "as a result of the act, the father of the plaintiff has lost the services of his son," and will be required to expend large sums of money for hospital and surgical care."

**The plaintiff's father asks $6,000 on this count.**

## Cop says he was arrested falsely; sues for $50,000

Suit for $50,000 was filed this morning (Friday) by Patrolman Charles E. Harold, 3100 block Normount Ave., Northwestern District, charging false arrest.

Through his attorneys, Archie D. Williams and Williams and Murphy, the policeman charges that on February 18, James Haley, 1200 block W. North Ave., ordered his arrest on an assault charge.

At a hearing before Magistrate Linwood G. Koger in Northwestern Police Court, the patrolman was found not guilty and dismissed.

In asking the $50,000 for compensatory and punitive damages, the suit says, Mr. Haley "instituted this baseless prosecution, knowing full well that the Plaintiff was a police officer whose job would be jeopardized by the prosecution of such a charge."

## All-white grand jury

No colored for 1st time in 20 years

For the first time in nearly 20 years, there are no colored persons on the Baltimore grand jury.

**The present jury, selected in December to serve from January to April, originally had two colored persons, but they were unable to serve.**

The alternates selected to replace them were both white.

Result, all 23 members of the present term of the jury are white, as are all 10 alternates named in case any of the regular jurors become indisposed.

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**JUDGE** Joseph R. Byrnes, jury judge of the Supreme Bench, told the AFRO:

"It is not a matter of color. We try awfully hard to get more colored jurists.

**"As you know, the ones we would like to have can't afford the time."**

Judge Byrnes said the names of possible jurors are pulled from a drum in which many names are put.

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**JUDGE BYRNES** said that each person whose name is pulled is investigated so the court can be assured of their good character.

Names are pulled and investigated until there are 23 suit

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**TWO HENRYS** shook hands and agreed there were no hard feelings on Wednesday when Officer Henry Wilson visited the AFRO offices and assured Photographer I. Henry Philips that his arrest while attempting to shoot a picture at a polling place was an honest mistake that won't happen again.

## 'Mistake won't occur again'

The unusual episode that saw an AFRO photographer arrested at a polling place during the Primary election, was marked off this week as a "mistake that will not occur again."

**It began at the polling place at School 118 when Photographer I. Henry Phillips was arrested by Officer Henry Wilson as he sought to make a picture, and marched off to Northwestern Police Station.**

No charges were placed against Mr. Phillips when Northwestern Station commander, Capt. Wade Poole, assured Officer Wilson, of the Southwestern District, that Mr. Phillips had been within his rights in attempting to shoot a picture at the polling place.

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**JAMES D. WILLIAMS,** assistant managing editor of the AFRO, in a letter to Police Commissioner Hephron last week had asked that the officer involved in "the deplorable incident" be disciplined.

Commissioner Hepbron ordered a full investigation and afterwards advised the AFRO that Officer Wilson had been given a stern reprimand which he felt was sufficient punishment.

Commissioner Hepbron said that Officer Wilson "made an honest mistake" and assured the AFRO that such an incident would not occur again.

**Records show that Officer Wilson joined the force in October, 1957 and during that time has won commendation from superior officers who advise that he has an "excellent record" and "the makings of a good policeman."**

He was advanced to second grade rank on Oct. 1, 1958.

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**ON WEDNESDAY** afternoon Officer Wilson himself made a personal visit to the AFRO Office and apologized to Mr. Philips, the photographer, and editor, who assigned him.

**Officer Wilson was accompanied by Sgt. Clarence Eaton of the Southwestern District, who rated him "one of the better officers" under his supervision.**

Officer Wilson said that nothing more than an honest mis-

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## Grand jury facts

AN EDITORIAL

All 23 members of the present Baltimore Grand Jury are white.

Originally, judges of the Supreme Bench included two colored persons on the panel — the Rev. John Tilley and Mr. Fannin Newsome. When they found it impossible to serve this term, two white persons were named in their stead.

We submit there's something radically wrong and antiquated about a system which sharply limits the number of colored grand jurors to one or two a term in a city of a million persons, thirty per cent of them colored.

Under any just assignment, we are entitled to a minimum of seven of the 23 grand jurors. Surely the judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, whom we feel are fair men, will admit that.

If the Supreme Bench will get adequate advisory aides, it would have no difficulty finding competent grand jurors to correct this discriminatory racial imbalance.

**MARCELLUS R. CAREY** 'Severely and permanently injured and scarred about the head, face and body'

## $50 for News Tips

**That's right, the AFRO pays cash for your news tips and news photos. Simply call these numbers and say, "I've got a news tip" . . . MUL. 3-6015, MUL. 3-4016, MUL. 3-1815, MUL. 3-1812. If no answer call: LAF. 3-3024 or WIL. 7-4040.**

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## THE WEATHER

WARM WEATHER AHEAD

FRIDAY, fair weather, highest temperature around 45 degrees.

SATURDAY, partly cloudy and warmer.

SUNDAY, more of the same.

MONDAY, some rain or snow expected.

## Appeal for 3 doomed men

CAMDEN, N.J. — Three Camden men sentenced to die in the electric chair the week of March 15 will not be electrocuted at this time, after all.

Last Friday, E. Stevenson Flaherty, attorney who has taken over defense of the men applied for a stay of execution before Judge Edward Martino, the trial judge.

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**THE STAY** was denied by the judge with County Prosecutor Heine opposing also. Mr. Flaharty immediately served notice of plans for an appeal. That action automatically stayed the execution, the court authorities announced.

The convicted men are Sylvester Johnson, 21; Stanley Cassidy, 25; and Wayne Godfrey, 27.

They were found guilty of slaying Edward Davis, 55, in his Broadway toy shop on Jan. 24, 1955, one year to the day prior to their conviction.

## Strike-bound workers mark 122nd day on picket line

"I suppose we will walk until something gives. The end is not in sight.

The speaker paced slowly back and forth in front of a brick building in the 1200 block W. Fairmount Ave., as she talked.

**She is one of 17 former employees of the Nu-Dy-Per Laundry Service who walked out on strike last October 24th—122 days ago.**

Originally, 20 women were on strike. One has returned to work. Two others have found jobs elsewhere.

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**THE 17 WOMEN** say they are seeking shorter working hours, more pay, hospitalization and insurance coverage.

**In addition to the Nu-Dy-Per** employees, workers at one other plant, the Aristocrat Linen Supply Company in the 3600 block of Washington Blvd., are also on strike.

The laundry workers are represented by the AFL-CIO Laundry and Dry Cleaners Local 283.

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**TYPICAL OF** the women on strike at the Nu-Dy-Per plant is Mrs. Frances Bowers of the 1500 block Baker St.

She said she has worked in the folding room at the Nu-Dy-Per plant for 13 years.

**"After 12-years I only made $37.50 a week and that was not take home pay. Sometimes we worked from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. without overtime and with only a half hour for lunch.**

"I couldn't make ends meet and take care of my two-year-old nephew on that, too," Mrs. Bowers declared.

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**MRS. ALICE CHRISTIAN,** also of the 1500 block Baker St., said she has worked at the laundry for six years, and four year old son on her salary.

**She added: "We had to fold 115 bundles of laundry a day every day. For all over 115**

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**ON STRIKE** for more than five months, at the Nu-Dy-Per Laundry Service, at 1210-18 Fairmount Ave., Mrs. Thelma Gaither, left, of 756 W. Redwood St., and Mrs. Mary Jenkins, 1820 Payson St., pull their tour of duty.

## See Dixon bill passing Council

"It will go through. . . That we do know, it will go through. . . And we will do it now!"

"We will do it while this lame-duck council is in session—before a new council comes in."

**A Fourth District city councilman was speaking Wednesday evening, telling the AFRO of plans to revive and promote City Council passage of the original Dixon public accommodations ordinance.**

This is the ordinance — No. 1652 — introduced by Walter T. Dixon, Fourth District councilman, on October 28, 1957, which would make it illegal for any public place to refuse customers on account of their race or color.

Under provisions of this ordinance, violators who refused such services would be subject to a fine up to $500, or imprisonment up to 90 days, or both.

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**FOR MORE THAN** a year, the Dixon bill remained buried in the City Council's Public Relations Committee.

**Thomas P. Fallon, Sixth District councilman, the committee's chairman, was asked why the matter had been delayed without stated reason; another he said was to be scheduled for opponents of the ordinance.**

**Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., refused to grant an audience to a delegation of city ministers who sought his support for the bill.**

Last December, the committee blew the dust off the ordinance, took a long look at it, and then substituted a watered-down resolution, which merely suggested that public places should be open to all.

And there the matter has stood — until Wednesday.

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**THEN FROM** some Fourth District councilmen, who had a favored the original ordinance, came a lot of pronouncements in rapid succession.

**"We are ready to bring the Dixon bill back to the council, and we are going to bring it back with plenty of teeth in it," said one councilman.**

"I want to see this thing so worded there is no possibility of a slip up.

"The Mayor is on our side now. I am positive of that," came from another councilman.

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**SO WHY** this sudden revived interest in the Dixon ordinance?

Why the strong opinion this ordinance can now get through the City Council?

**The message to the AFRO reveals the whole thing has a basis in the results of the March 3 Democratic primary results.**

This primary brought losing bids for re-electon to Mayor D'Alesandro; Leon Abramson, president of the City Council, and five city councilmen in the Second and Third Districts.

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**THESE COUNCILMEN** voted against the Dixon ordinance. They said they were following the wishes of their constituents.

Now, it seems they are rather peeved about the vote-rejection treatment afforded them by these constituents.

**Mayor D'Alesandro, a veteran politician of the old you-are . . . either-- with -- me or against me school, is said to have little genuine affection at present for the Third District, especially where he ran far behind his opponent, J. Harold Grady.**

Mr. Abramson? Well —what has he got to lose, he is out, a councilman explained.

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**SO WITH** all of this in view the B'Hoys have come up with this bit of reasoning on

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**HERE SUNDAY** — Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, widow of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, will appear at the Baltimore NAACP membership meeting at 3 p.m. at Sharp St. Methodist Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts.

## Hawaii is No. 50

WASHINGTON

By Congressional Action on Thursday, Hawaii became the 50th state of the Union.

President Eisenhower, an enthusiastic supporter of Hawaiian statehood, is expected to sign the admission measure immediately.

The House voted 323 to 88, to admit the Pacific Islands which were annexed to the U.S. in 1898, and became an incorporated territory in 1900. They had sought statehood periodically for the past 40 years.

The Senate on Wednesday had approved statehood for Hawaii by a vote of 76 to 15.

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**THE 15 VOTES against came primarily from Dixie Senators. Only one Republican Senator opposed. He was Maryland's John Marshall Butler, Sen. Glen Beale, also a Republican from Maryland, voted for statehood. All of Maryland's House members voted for Statehood.**

The bill making Hawaii the 50th state makes two new territories that have joined the Union in the past eight months. Alaskan statehood was approved by Congress on June 30 and admission granted by President Eisenhower on July 7.

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**HAWAII, with its 600,000 resi-**

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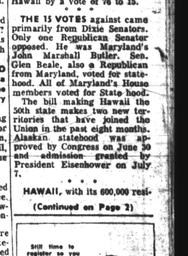


THAT'S RIGHT, if you're not already registered to vote, you can register from now until March 25, and qualify to vote in the May 5th General Election. You can register daily at the Supervisors of Elections, Fayette and Gay Sts., 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturdays until noon. Do it today!