One Dead, One Injured In Curtis Bay Accident

Board lifts suspension of players

The "Easterwood Park Case" took a new twist on Tuesday when a five man board rescinded the permanent suspension of James Woodland, a fullback with the Easterwood football team.

On Thursday, officials of the Easterwood team were formally notified that the two-year suspension imposed on Stephen Wainwright, an end with the team, had also been rescinded.

The two players had been suspended by Department of Recreation officials as an aftermath to a disturbance at Easterwood Park on Nov. 22 that had ended a closely fought game between the Easterwood team and the one from St. Jerome Catholic Church.

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IT HAD been charged that Easterwood players struck an official and the head coach of the St. Jerome team during the incident.

The fracas came toward the end of the game as the two teams were tied 12 - 12. In the general melee that followed, police had to be called to restore order.

In the opening phase of its investigation, the Department of Recreation imposed the suspensions and placed Easterwood off limits for future football games.

A protest was immediately lodged by Easterwood officials who said the wrong boys had been suspended. The Tuesday hearing was set to hear the appeal.

The suspensions were revoked when it was learned the complainants could not identify their alleged attackers.

The NAACP has also expressed an interest in the case, particularly as it applies to the ban on Easterwood Park.

With the two suspensions lifted, the only action still remaining to be settled is the one concerning the park itself, and this is expected to be aired when the Department of Recreation holds another meeting today (Friday).

FIGHTING REBUFF — Dr. and Mrs. Brennie E. Hackley Jr. of Edgewood, Md., confer with Charles P. Howard, attorney, concerning suit they have filed seeking admittance to new residential development near Edgewood Chemical Center where he is a top chemist. The Hackleys say the developers returned their deospit on a home with the explanation that no colored families will be able to buy in the development.

Scientist files Federal suit against segregated housing

A U.S. Army Reserve captain who has been denied the right to purchase a home in Harford County private housing development because he is colored, has filed a suit which may upset plans for the construction of the 325 unit housing development.

Capt. Brennie E. Hackley Edgewood Md. filed the suit in Federal Court on Nov. 27. He asked that the court issue a restraining order prohibiting the housing development from using the sewage disposal and water supply system of the Edgewood Chemical Center.

The suit explained that the private development had been permitted to use these systems under a contract with the U.S. Army, but that usage should not be permitted as long as colored persons were unable to live in the development.

The suit alleged that since the water supply and sewage systems were owned by the United States government it was a violation of the Constitution to exclude anyone, solely on the grounds of race and color.

Also asked in the suit was a preliminary injunction restraining the development from refusing to sell to a person because of color or race.

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CAPT. HACKLEY holds a Ph.D. in chemistry and is currently employed as assistant chief in bio-organic chemistry in the Chemistry Research Division of the U.S. Army Chemical Warfare Center at Edgewood.

On Oct. 26 they were notified that they could not purchase the house and lot because they are colored people, the suit said.

Through his attorney, Charles Howard, Dr. Hackley told the court that his check for $3000 was returned to him on Oct. 28.

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HE EXPLAINED that he will have to vacate his present home in the Cherry Apartments at Edgewood and there is no place that he can find to live within a five mile radius of his job, because of his race.

The move from the Wherry Apartments, an interracial housing unit, was made necessary because the Army has designated its use for Army personnel instead of civilians.

Dr. Hackley adds that there is no other place where he may maintain his family in their present station of living and keep his present employment.

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FEDERAL JUDGE Rozel C. Thomsen has given all the parties concerned until Dec. 28 at 10 a.m. to show cause why the sewage and water supply should not be shut off and to show cause why the housing development should not cease building as long as discrimination against colored buyers is practiced.

Capt. Hackley identified the housing development builders and owners as The Art Builders Inc., 208 S. Main St., Bel Air, Md.

He also identified the Ward and Boseley Co., Inc., 208 S. Main St., Bel Air, Md. as the real estate firm that refused to sell him the house and lot "under any circumstance" because he is colored.

Mrs. Hackley is known as a brilliant chemist in scientific circles and worked as a team with her husband at the Edgewood Chemical Center until July this year.

She is a Howard University graduate and taught chemistry there. Capt. Hackley was one of her students.

Mrs. Hackley, who holds a master's degree in chemistry was formerly employed at Edgewood in the basic toxicology branch, Toxicology Division.

The Hackleys have two children, a daughter, Michele, age five, and a son, Michael, age 2 years.

Both of the Hackleys are natives of Virginia. She was born in Richmond and he in Roanoke.

Hurled to ground, hit by bricks

A workman was killed and another critically injured Thursday afternoon in the Curtis Bay plant of the Olin Mathieson Chemical Company.

The dead man was Carl Allen, 34, of the 2200 block of Brookfield Ave. He was pronounced dead at South Baltimore General Hospital at 3:30, less than an hour after he had been admitted with multiple injuries.

Injured is Walter Adams, 52, of the 1000 block N. Calhoun St. He is on the critical list. **Ironically, his wife, Roxie, who has a heart condition, was waiting for her husband to come home from work to take her to the doctor, she explained to an AFRO reporter after the accident.**

A foreman from the plant told her the men were demolishing a 20-foot tower when it suddenly caved in on the east side.

The foreman told her the men were hurled to the ground, after which bricks, covered with sulphuric acid, fell on them.

He said a check was being made to determine what caused the tower to collapse.

It was used in the processing of chemicals.

Mrs. Adams said her husband has been in the company's employ for the past 28 years.

The couple have five children. They are Barbara, 12; Walter Jr., 14; Ronald, 12; Donald, 12 (twins), and James C., 10.

Robert Brown dies, was Metropolitan member 60 years

Funeral services were held at the Metropolitan Methodist Church Saturday for Robert Brown Sr., 71, 1208 Harlem Ave., who died Nov. 24. Burial was in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Mr. Brown was a member of the Metropolitan Church more than 60 years and joined when the church was located on Orchard St.

For 41 years, he was employed in the household of the Whitridge family.

At the funeral services, a representative of the Whitridge family said Mr. Brown helped rear three generations of the family and was considered a beloved friend whose help cannot be duplicated.

Mr. Brown was known as "Bob" among close friends and associates.

Members of the Barber Shop Group at 560 Laurens St. termed him "a shining example of brotherhood" and pointed out Mr. Brown's good deeds and help to many persons in the community.

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MR. BROWN was born April 4, 1888 the son of Henry and Willie Ann Brown of South River, Md.

He came to Baltimore and was educated in the elementary schools. As a young man, he went to work to help his widowed mother support the family.

He was married to the late Mrs. Mable Williams Brown of Brooklyn, Md.

Mr. Brown is survived by his son, Robert, and daughter, Mrs. Florazell Brown; four sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson, Mrs. Marie Holmes, Mrs. Ella Berry, Mrs. Edna Gaynes; three brothers, Pernell Brown, Washington Berry, Charles Berry; nine nieces and nephews.

EEOC faces bleak future in staff change, funds sliced

By MAX JOHNSON

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the sixth in a series of articles on city agencies. Next week—Department of Law.)

A chain store pays its colored employees less wages with less fringe benefits than those given its white employees who do the same work.

Business establishments, in far too many instances, will give employment only to persons of a specific race—and in some cases religion — regardless of how qualified an applicant not of this race or religion may be.

These current situations are a sampling of the task that faces Baltimore's Equal Employment Opportunity Commission—the job of removing discrimination in employment throughout the city because of race, color, religion or ancestry.

To carry out this function, EEOC was established by Ordinance No. 379 April 18, 1956, which made it unlawful to practice such discrimination in employment.

The ordinance authorizes a nine-member, unpaid commission to combat unfair employment practices.

Currently implementing this work is a salaried EEOC staff of three persons — Philip A. Camponeschi, executive secretary, Murray Abramson, assistant executive secretary, and Miss Gloria Fracalossi, office secretary.

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THIS YEAR'S budget for operating expenses was set at $11,100.

For 1960, Mayor J. Harold Grady and the Board of Estimates have proposed to abolish Mr. Abramson's position (current salary $5,880) and give EEOC instead required new position of employment opportunity, clerical and research assistant at $4,000 a year.

The Board of Estimates first proposed to cut the $11,100 operating expense fund to $3,000, but has now agreed on $6,000 for 1960.

Foes of EEOC have long argued loudly that little has been done by the agency's staff work, and, therefore, it was logical to assume that little if anything was being accomplished.

To fully understand whatever service that has been attached to EEOC's efforts, it is necessary to have knowledge of this clause in the establishing ordinance which hampers publicity.

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TUP SUCH commission (EEOC) shall determine after such investigation that probable cause does exist for crediting the allegations of the charge, he shall immediately endeavor to eliminate the unlawful employment practice complained of by conference, conciliation and persuasion.

"The members of the commission and its staff shall not disclose what has transpired during the course of such endeavors, and while the media and conciliation efforts under this sub - section are being pursued, no publicity whatsoever shall be given to such negotiations, or to the fact that a complaint has been filed.

As for enforcement powers the agency now has none. An effort to give this power recently been done in the case of a chain store—an just ignore EEOC and its complaints.

The establishing ordinance now carries this provision for the handling of final handling of such cases, only when they apply to those working for the city.

"Whenever the commission finds that any officer, agent or employee of this city or any contractor or sub-contractor doing work for this city has engaged in any unfair employment practice, it shall recommend appropriate action to the mayor."

In no instance, however, does EEOC now have subpoena power against offenders.

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WALTER T. DIXON, Fourth District councilman, currently has an ordinance—No. 215—in the City Council which would strengthen EEOC with enforcement powers.

Two of such previous ordinances sponsored by Mr. Dixon have been killed in council committees.

Some idea of the amount of effort EEOC has initiated can be gaiten from this section of a report to the mayor the past March:

"Since the summer of 1957 the commission has processed some 70 complaints of discrimination, seven of which were initiated by the commission itself, the remainder by individuals.

"About half of these were filed against private employers, and half against public agencies. Five were filed against labor organizations.

"Approximately one - third of the complaints have been successfully conciliated.

"The remainder have been dismissed either for want of evidence or as outside the jurisdiction of the commission.

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THE AGENCY has long requested an additional staff member. The Board of Estimates granted the request last year under the D'Alesandro administration, but the post was never filled because of a subsequent job freeze.

It is the same position the present Board of Estimates has substituted for the assistant executive secretary post, but the agency had previously gotten an okey on $5,604 for the yearly salary, rather than the $4,000 now offered.

EEOC is now operating, actually without an official board—the terms of its nine members expired several weeks ago.

These members are:

Richard W. Emory, chairman; Maxwell Alpert, Edward W. Daughtery, Francis S. Fibley, Dr. G. James Fleming, Charles B. Humelsine, Mrs. Margaret W. Wheelock and Leon Sachs.

A ninth member, Francis S. Gallagher, resigned the first of the year, after winning election to the House of Delegates from the Third District.

Dr. Fleming, political science instructor at Morgan State College, is the lone member of his race on the EEOC board, officially connected with the agency.

Mayor Grady, who announced last spring that he would appoint a commission to study the civil rights situation in the city, has not appointed such a group, or named the new EEOC board members.

It has been learned that he has been experiencing some difficulty in getting the persons, some of them, he has approached to serve.

So — the fate of EEOC remains a big question mark, as of this writing.

PHILIP A. CAMPONESCHI and MURRAY ABRAMSON
They carry out the work of EEOC

Elgin Ave. case up for decision

The Planning Commission has deferred until next Wednesday final action on a proposed ordinance to change from second commercial to residential a sector of Elgin Ave. west of Monroe St.

At the meeting the past Wednesday, the commission members present indicated they did not favor the ordinance, with the exception of Dr. Robert L. Jackson, who passed in the voting.

Lack of a quorum prevented final action on the proposal.

Meanwhile, the NAACP and a family residing on the nearby Whittier Ave. have been granted a court injunction against a trucking company in the process of erecting a storage garage on a vacant lot of this Elgin Ave., sector.

Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell and Archer D. Williams, attorneys for the complainant-contend that erection of the garage on the lot, part of which is zoned second commercial and part residential would prove a detriment to the area in general.

Chief Judge Emory H. Niles signed an injunction order on November 25, giving the company and the builder 15 days to answer the bill of complaint.

Mrs. Roosevelt will speak on 'Human Rights'

Many community groups are participating in the observance here of the 11th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which will feature an address by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

Mrs. Roosevelt will speak at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at Morgantown Vocational High School, 35th and Hillen Rd., on the subject, "Human Rights and the UN."

Members of the committee planning for the meeting, which is sponsored by the United Nations Association of Maryland, headed by ex - Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin, and will be open to the public, are:

MRS WILLIAM E. BRAINARD, Virgil Chillt, Dr. Robert H. Elkins, John F. Foster, Mrs. Leonard L. Gerst, Jr., Harry P. Ice, Robert Edgar Lee, Mrs. Edward Lee Lichtenwalner, Mrs. Harry Trevelyan Mallard, Mrs. Alice Jo Mallard, Mrs. Rabbi the Rev. Vincent F. Beatty S. J., Jacob Blaustein, Mrs. Jack P. Drayer Jr., Mrs. James W. Doughat, Dr. Otto J. Baumhart.

Dr. Thomas G. Pulleh Jr., Mrs. Henry A. Rosenberg, Mrs. Clarence Wilbur Long, Edward G. Stapleton, Dr. Leon Jaffe, Mrs. Edward L. Rudolph, Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, Mrs. Henry Walbrook Judge Simon E. Sobeloff, Rabbi Abraham D. Shaw, Dr. Ernest Cassel, Mrs. Lawrence Murrell, Mrs. Rowe McDonald, Mrs. Charles Ridgely, Mrs. Mrs. Sanford V. Larkin, Mrs. Harold Holmes, Warren Wm. Rauch and Walter, Philip H. Goodman and Robert G. B. Dunann.

Student struck

A Morgan State College student, Roland Byrd, 17, 1323 Madison Ave., was struck by a car, Thursday, on Cold Spring Lane.

He was taken to Provident Hospital where he was treated for head injuries.

POLITICS: City councilmen peeved over city job outs

By MAX JOHNSON

If you are employed by a city agency and have been infuriatingly unsuccessful in determining whether your job will be among those sliced off the payrolls come January 1, there is at least one bit of consolation.

You know as much about this pending situation as your city councilman.

Councilmen representing all of the city's six districts wanted to know more about this very thing Wednesday afternoon from Mayor J. Harold Grady and the Board of Estimates members.

They gathered in a closed session in Mayor Grady's private office—a more than hour long session that had frequent heated moments, if loud, angry voices are such an indication.

The councilmen came armed with a list of specific recommendations —, matters they wanted serious considerations given to before the 1960 city budget was wrapped up and sent to the City Council on Monday.

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THEY WANTED Murray Abramson's assistant secretary position restored at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

No more expense funds for the agency, just Mr. Abramson's job.

They wanted a complete listing of all the jobs, including the names of the persons, the Board of Estimates proposed to slice from the city payrolls next year.

There were other matters the delegation of councilmen wanted clarification on.

They wanted knowledge of these things before the budget reached them, in order to exert all possible influences to have some cut items of particular interest to them restored before the council got the budget.

The City Council is empowered to make further cuts in the budget only it cannot add or restore cut items.

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AT THE conclusion of the meeting, one councilman said:

"We got nothing."

Mayor Grady told newsmen:

"We will take their proposals under consideration."

Solomon Liss, Fifth District councilman, wanted to make it doubly clear that there was no threat to the mayor of the council holding up the budget in spite action, if their desired restorals were not forth coming.

The whole thing, however, had at least this clarifying observation from a city hall attache in a position to know:

"If there are a (James H. Jack') Pollack map, it's not going to be a very good recommendation for holding your job."

The Pollack organization did not support Mayor Grady's election.

Recently, the Board of Estimates announced that it was restoring many of the 362 jobs it has previously announced would be cut from city payrolls.

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A LISTING of the persons in these agencies slated to suffer under the administration's economy axe leaked to the public through the office of Charles L. Benton, budget director.

Several Board of Estimates members have contended that the public list is inaccurate, but Mr. Benton said this week it is "better than 75 per cent accurate."

The list included the jobs of William S. Taylor, $4,160 a year coordinator, and Mrs. Esther M. Harris, clerk-stenographer $3,336 of the Eastside Community Committee.

Creston L. (Doc) Wolingust, $720, one of the 18 part-time Liquor Board inspectors slated to go, and J. G. Payne, $3,660 a year multiple building inspector in the Bureau of Building Inspection.

Whether these and the numerous other job cuts will be insisted on by the Board of Estimates remains to be seen.

And the city councilmen — who do not know yet—will be looking as hard as everybody else.

REGISTER NOW SO YOU CAN VOTE

A good citizen is registered so he can vote. Who must register. Any new resident who plans to make Baltimore his home and has not registered to vote before.

Any resident who has turned 21 since the last election.

Any resident who failed to vote at least once in the last five years.

Any person already registered as an independent who desires to affiliate with a political party in order to vote in the May 17, 1960 primary.

Where to register? Basement, People's Court Building, southeast corner of Fayette and Gay Sts.

When you can register: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon.

Q—If I have already registered, do I have to register again?

Ans.—No, not unless you have changed your address or failed to vote in the past five years.

Next election: Primary, May 17, 1960; General—Nov. 8, 1960.

Q—When is the last date I can register in order to vote in the next election?

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Mrs. Santa needs your help today

Tomorrow (Saturday) at midnight is the last day that letters asking the AFRO's Mrs. Santa for help can be postmarked.

As much as Mrs. Santa would like to receive letters right up until Christmas Day, she already has her hands full handling the more than 2,000 letters that have already reached her desk.

Each one of these letters has to be read and investigated and the job is a tremendous one that is taking up all of Mrs. Santa's time and that of her helpers.

So if you plan to write Mrs. Santa for help, please do it today. Also, be sure to include all details about your family, their ages, sizes and sex.

Letters should be sent to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore 1, Md.

No phone calls or personal visits seeking help can be accepted.

DURING THE past several weeks, Mrs. Santa has published quite a few of the requests for help and already the response has been heartwarming.

Her phone has been ringing constantly and on the other end of the wire have been kind people who want to help these deserving families.

When Mrs. Santa publishes the letters of the needy in the AFRO she does not use their names and addresses for rather obvious reasons.

As you read through these pitiful cases, you might find one that strikes a responsive chord in your heart. If you want to help all you have to do is to pick up the telephone and call Mulberry 5-6015 and ask for Mrs. Santa.

She'll be glad to give you the name and address of the family plus any other information you might required.

That's all it takes, a brief telephone call and you can help a family that really needs your help.

Perhaps your club has decided to do a charitable act

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What you can do to help a needy family at Christmas time

Here's what you can do to help Mrs. Santa:

1. Select families you care to help by number.

2. Call Mrs. Santa at MU. 5-6015 from 12 to 5:30.

3. Ask for the name and address of the case you wish to help.

4. Send a check or money order made payable to "The AFRO Mrs. Santa Fund," addressed to AFRO - AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore 1, Md.

All money will be used to provide food for needy families. All cash and other gifts will be acknowledged.

Won't you help? DO IT TODAY.

Spicy testimony in Shaw divorce

He names 'other man,' but she brings in 'other woman', and judge gives her decree and $$$

The tables were turned on Airman First Class Odell C. Shaw in Circuit Court here on Thursday.

Mr. Shaw, stationed at Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, had charged his attractive wife, Jeanine Walling Shaw, with desertion and named Carlton Douglass, Well Known real estate dealer, as corespondent.

But, as the two-day trial was nearing an end, Mrs. Shaw, who had filed a cross-bill, also charging desertion pulled a surprise.

She named tall, slender Terrell Royster as the other woman in whom her husband was interested, and Miss Royster appeared in court to confirm that she and Mr. Shaw had **dated once a week since July, 1958.**

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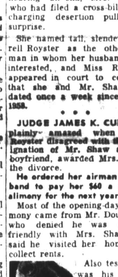
JUDGE JAMES K. CULLEN, plainly amazed when Miss Royster disagreed with the contention of Mr. Shaw as her boyfriend, awarded Mrs. Shaw the divorce.

He ordered her airman - husband to pay her $60 a month alimony for the next year.

Most of the opening-day testimony came from Mr. Douglass, who denied he was overly friendly with Mrs. Shaw. He said he visited her home to collect rents.



MRS. DOUGLASS "hear say."

Also testifying was his wife, Mrs. Sadie Marshall Douglass, a teacher who said her only knowledge of her husband's visits to Mrs. Shaw was "hear say."

THE CASE was adjourned late Wednesday and resumed on Thursday afternoon when Mrs. Shaw, Miss Royster, Norman Seltzman, a friend of Mr. Shaws' family, and Mrs. Mildred Richardson Welling, mother of Mrs. Shaw, testified.

U. Theodore Hayes was attorney for Mrs. Shaw. William Sinkoy was attorney for Mr. Shaw.

To open the case Mr. Shaw named four occasions when he says he saw Mr. Douglass in company with his wife. On one of these occasions, Mr. Shaw alleged, he surprised them as they were about to embrace.

Mr. Shaw's testimony follows:

Q — You were married to the defendant on Feb. 12, 1955?

A — Yes, Sir.

Q — How long were you married to Mrs. Shaw before she left you the first time?

A — Approximately from three to four months.

Q — And, what happened?

A — One day — I was stationed in Baltimore at 420 Chesaw. — I was called up by my commanding officer (on the basis of what he was told). I went home and found Mrs. Shaw had left the residence and moved out all the furniture.

Q — How long did she stay away this time?

A —Approximately six months. She came back later and told me she wanted to reconciliate. I said she had made a mistake and wanted to return. At that time, we were living at 2218 W. North Ave.

Q — Did you begin living together again?

A — We stayed together until I was moved to Andrews Air Force Base in April, 1958. When I was moved there (in Washington), Mrs. Shaw and I had a number of arguments. She was going to a military doctor to take treatment, and said she wanted to go to her mother and get a rest and argue with me to take her from where we were living in Washington to Baltimore. I returned to Washington.

Q — Did you visit her at her mother's?

A — I wanted to visit, but I was always refused.

Q — By who?

A — Her grandmother and her mother. I was never able to see my wife. I went there five or six times and was always refused. I went there once when I got letters from a finance company where we had made a loan. She was to pay it out of an allotment. I went to see why it hadn't been paid, but her sister and her mother came to the door and slammed the door in my face. The next thing I knew police came and asked me what happened. They had said I tried to burn the house down or something like that. Mrs. Shaw told me she did not intend to return, and didn't want to reconciliate.

Q — When was the first time you saw Mr. Douglass?

A — The first time I saw him was in 1955. I was getting home and my wife was

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MRS. JEANINE SHAW
She filed a cross-bill, and won freedom and alimony

Says Ike on trip shuns home woes

"The President goes to Europe and Asia to lend his prestige to leaders in trouble there, but he has turned a deaf ear to the pleadings of colored leaders in the United States to come South and speak out for justice at home, despite instances of bombings of homes, churches and synagogues, and schools."

While Philip M. Weightman, field director for the AFL-CIO committee on political education, was making his angry statement, President Eisenhower was receiving a joyous welcome from a million well-wishers in India.

The President landed in New Delhi Wednesday, on part of his tour of overseas countries selling his peace plan. The almost disorderly crowd in India called him "American Badshah" (king") and "Prince of Peace."

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HIS WELCOME eclipsed in numbers and emotion the one New Delhi gave to the USSR's Nikita Khrushchev four years ago.

Prime Minister Nehru, who accompanied the President on the 11-mile (in two hours and five minutes) trip from the airport, saw first-hand the direction of his people's sentiment.

The tenor of this greeting was in great contrast to the picture painted by Mr. Weightman. He said:

"The President feels a compulsion to visit other countries to tell them about the U.S. desire for a peace in the world with justice for all; yet, five years after the Supreme Court decision, only a fraction of the colored children in the South are integrated in public schools over three million colored citizens in the South are denied the right to vote, and the lynchers of Emmett Till, the Rev. George W. Lee and Mack Parker are still free."

He continued:

"IN FARMVILLE, VA., 1,700 colored children, innocent victims of flagrant defiance of the law, are rounding out a bleak year of closed schools, but the President advises colored people to be patient because he says racial prejudice is a delicate emotion that cannot be dealt with by mere laws.

"Peace in the world with justice for everybody does not apply to Mrs. Daisy Bates and her husband who have appealed in vain to the U.S. Jus

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SHE WINS $25 — Mrs. Louise Petross, is shown above with the winning Bible in the AFRO's Old Bible Contest. Her rare book is 225 years old, has been in her family for three generations.

AVC attacks State Dept. troop curb

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WASHINGTON

The U.S. Department of State on Wednesday drew from a veterans' organization a stiff rebuke and a demand that it terminate its policy of restricting the assignment of American troops abroad on a basis of religion or color.

The protest was lodged by Mickey Levine, national chairman of the American Veterans Committee. Referring to the Department's acquiescence in Arab refusals to permit the stationing within their countries of American GI's of Jewish faith, and Iceland's refusal to accommodate American colored soldiers within its borders, Levine said in a letter to Secretary of State Christian A. Herter:—

"Frankly, we wonder how we can expect the peoples of the world to respect American democracy if we accept such discriminatory rejections of American soldiers. . . . These policies place the United States in the ridiculous position of posing as the defender of democracy throughout the world, while at the same time bowing in abject humiliation before any government which does not like Catholics, Jews, Negroes or other minorities."

Levine asked the State Department to make public any such agreements with other countries, and particularly sought assurances that the Department of Defense is made aware of any similar commitments to other countries.

225-year-old Bible wins AFRO Old Bible Contest

Scores of Baltimore families spent the past week searching in old trunks and attics in hopes of finding the oldest Bible to be entered in the AFRO's Oldest Bible Contest.

The contest was to focus attention on Universal Bible Sunday which is Dec. 13.

More than 70 persons brought their Bibles to the AFRO office and up until the Thursday 1 p.m. deadline they were still coming.

However, on Wednesday, the day before the contest ended,

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MRS. Louise Petross, 1727 McCulloh St., a housekeeper and ardent member of New Metropolitan Baptist Church, came up with the winner.

She received the AFRO's $25 cash prize.

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MRS. PETROSS'S Bible, printed in 1734 in Edinburg, Scotland, by the command of King George, II, of England, is 225 years old.

Still in good condition, the sacred book has 449 pages printed on linen paper, and bound with a fine calf leather.

The ink used was lamp black mixed with oil and the printer, Robert Freebairn, printer to the King, placed the royal seal on the title page along with the date in Roman numerals: MDCCXXXIV.

The prize-winning Bible not only has the Old Testament translated from the original tongues but also the New testament, maps, pictures from paintings of old masters, tables of Scripture weights and measures and the Psalms written in metre so they may be sung.

AS FAR as money value is concerned, the old Bible is not worth much today since rare book dealers say numerous Bibles were printed prior to and during the 1700's.

The most valuable Bible is the Gutenberg Bible printed in Latin in 1543 and it is said to be "priceless."

Only 13 copies were made and they are said to be the first books ever printed.

The Bay Psalm Book, the first book printed in America, was done in Cambridge, Mass. in 1640. One of these volumes was recently sold at auction from the Vanderbilt estate in New York for $151,000, and is now the property of Yale University.

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MRS. PETROSS'S treasured Bible will probably become the possession of her only son, James Bennett, 2618 E. Hoffman St., a cab driver.

Next in line are her grandchildren, Bonita, 12, James Jr., 4½, and Jason, 18 months.

Mrs. Petross says she saw the 4½ and the AFRO's first notice of the Old Bible Contest in the Friday edition, dated Dec. 5.

It was not until Sunday, "when I got to thinking about it," that she went to the basement of her home and searched through an old trunk, the property of her mother, Mrs. Mary Lee, who died in 1956.

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MRS. PETROSS told the AFRO: "I have a Bible in every room around the house — even in the kitchen — so I can read it whenever I take a notion.

But I remembered my mother's Bible was handed down to her from her mother and I thought I had better take a look."

Mrs. Petross' mother was a native of Howard County where her grandmother, Mrs. Lucinda Watkins, the original owner of the Bible, also made her home.

According to Mrs. Petross, it was not until she got out her old arithmetic book and looked up the Roman numerals — MDCCXXXIV — did she realize the age of her Bible.

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TO READ some of the fine print in her treasured Holy Book, she used a magnifying glass and noted the "letter-"s" is printed like an "f."

Reading further, Mrs. Petross states she learned many facts about the Bible she did not formerly know although she had thought she was a "fairly good Bible student."

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THE SECOND oldest Bible received in the AFRO contest was printed in 1770 in London. **The 189 - year - old Bible is the property of Mrs. Neema Shepard, 1117 Orleans St.**

She inherited the volume from her grandmother, Mrs.

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Colts announce playoff possibilities, tix sales

The Baltimore Colts front office this afternoon (Friday) announced the schedule of ticket sales for the remaining game or games in Memorial Stadium.

Should the season end in a 3 - way tie (as result of a Saturday loss by the Colts and Sunday wins by the Forty-Niners and Chicago Bears), there will be two division playoff games. For such an eventuality, the Bears will be idle while the Colts and San Francisco play here on Dec. 20.

The scene would then shift to Chicago on Dec. 27 where the Bears would engage the winner of the December 20 contest.

The winner of the Dec. 27 game will represent the Eastern Division winner, New York Giants, for the league title on January 3.

If there is a 2 - way tie at the end of play this weekend,

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'Door is always open,' sobs Mrs. Cummings after trial

"The door is still open. . . If he ever gets out and wants to come home, the door is still open.

"I'll wait for him. I'll take good care of the children as I have always done. They will still love and honor their daddy."

These were the words that came from the lips of Mrs. Arnee Cummings a short time after she sat in a crowded courtroom and heard her husband, Arbie Robert Cummings, found guilty of first degree murder. No date for sentencing has been set.

Mrs. Cummings was near prostration as she left the courtroom.

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SHE WAS not present when her husband testified in his own defense but entered the courtroom about 6 p.m. in time to hear the verdict of the two black - robed judges.

As Judge Tucker said "guilty of murder in the first degree," Mrs. Cummings rose from her seat and staggered toward the front of the courtroom, as her husband was led away.

After shaking hands with his attorney, she held her head high and walked toward the courtroom door with faltering steps.

She was alone. Her children were in the corridor some distance from the scene.

As she stumbled down the hall, tears fell like rain from her eyes. Her head was still

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14 MORE DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

TODAY: Friday, Dec. 11, 1959
The 345th day of the year
The 12th and last month of the year
11 more days until Winter begins, Dec. 22, at 9:35 a.m.

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TODAY'S WEATHER—Cloudy, mild, occasional rain. High, 50 degrees. Saturday about the same. Sunday, considerable cloudiness, a little warmer. Monday, warming trend continues, rain.

GOOD FISHING days, Dec. 11 through 26. Weather outlook for December, temperatures below normal cold, almost of the month. Rain, sleet and snow will exceed the normal amount. Snow storms are expected around Dec. 18, off and on through Jan. 1, 1960.

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MEMORABLE DATE IN HISTORY:

Dec. 11, 1942. John D. Rockefeller deeds, the $3,000,000 Paul Laurence Dunbar Apartments in New York City to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, with the stipulation that profits from the estate be used for the advancement of Methodism among colored people in New York City.

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