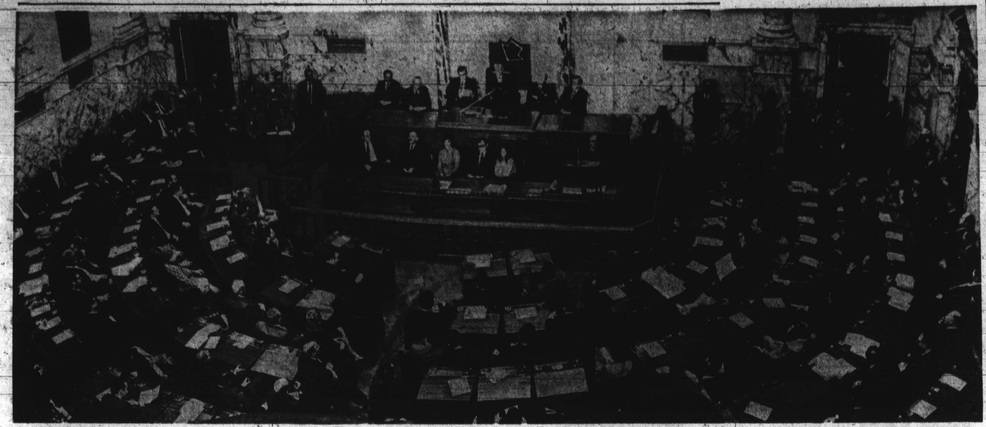

STATE OF STATE — This was the scene in the House of Delegates chamber last Wednesday, as Gov. Marvin Mandel (arrow) delivered his State of the State message to a joint session of the Senate and House in the State House at Annapolis. Senators are seated in chairs on both sides of the center aisle. This General Assembly, meeting in its last regular 70-day session prior to the elections this fall includes 11 black members, two senators and 9 delegates. Among them, Dr. Aris T. Allen (R. Anne Arundel) holds the highest post as minority whip in the House.

Assembly gets Mandel's mental health measure

ANNAPOLIS — Gov. Marvin Mandel presented the General Assembly Wednesday with a bill to update the state's mental health laws.

The bill provides that each person involuntarily confined to a state mental hospital be notified within 12 hours the reason for his confinement, and at the same time notification be made to his relatives, friends or lawyer.

The Mandel bill would also require that mental patients be examined at least once each year to determine whether they should be discharged.

The SB 210 further provides that persons making false application to have someone committed to a mental institution would be subject to a fine of up $2,000 and/or a jail term up to two years.

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A companion HB 391 with the same provisions was introduced in the House.

Gov. Mandel veloed in May a similar measure passed at the last session of the General Assembly.

At the time, the governor said the bill was inadvertently worded to prevent direct commitment of mentally ill persons to Veteran Administration hospitals.

However, he explained then that he agreed with the goals of the bill and hoped a more explicit one would be passed at this session.

Proposal aims at stiff medicaid fraud penalty

AFRO BUREAU

ANNAPOLIS — A bill to strike at falsifying medicaid claims has been introduced in the House of Delegates.

The HB 393 would provide punishment for anyone who intentionally presents a false claim for merchandise or services administered to medically indigent persons, in connection with a program under the auspices of the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Penalties for conviction would be imprisonment up to five years and/or a fine up to $5,000.

Hits Nixon on HEW, Md. pollution grant

Nixon m&2
By MAX JOHNSON

ANNAPOLIS — Gov. Marvin Mandel has some harsh words here Thursday afternoon for President Richard M. Nixon's Administration in regard to the vetoed Health, Education and Welfare bill and funds for a pollution program.

"Maryland will suffer as much as any state in the union," the governor said referring to the HEW measure. "Many of our subdivisions may not be able to continue their school systems."

Asked if he would call the veto a breach of faith, the governor obviously a little heated stated very deliberately:

"No, that's too kind. It's an outright fraud. The difference between what was requested and what was passed was not inflationary. Cuts could have been made in other areas."

He said he hopes Congress would pass other legislation to restore the HEW program to full strength.

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Gov. Mandel, speaking at his press conference, was equally as heated about cuts in the pollution program allotment slated for Maryland.

He said he had just learned that $600 million passed by Congress for the states had been cut by the Budget Department to $214 million, and that Maryland's share would be about $4 million.

"I don't think" the governor said, "the federal government is keeping faith with the states. I think the whole program is an illusion.

"If this is the total massive attack the administration is going to make on pollution, all of the states are in trouble."

Maryland, he said, would still go ahead with its program because the state has "gone too far and have accomplished too much to come to a screeching halt."

He said there would be no increase in the tax rate, if the state is forced into this position.

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Gov. Mandel, under questioning, reiterated an earlier statement that he had no statement that he had no plans to try to persuade the resigning Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, Morgan State College president, to stay in his post.

He said he would "be glad to talk to him," but has had no communication with him since his letter of resignation.

The governor said further that he would not comment on pending legislation in the General Assembly to return to Morgan its own board of trustees, rather than let the college remain under a board governing all the state colleges.

"I don't think," he told the AFRO-Afro-wards, that was the thrust of Dr. Jenkins' complaints. I think he wants Morgan to become a university."

In still another matter, the governor said he had no legal or practical way to step into the controversy surrounding the firing of the president of Essex Community College.

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OUT OF WEDLOCK

Bill would give child father's name

AFRO BUREAU

ANNAPOLIS — Delegate Lena K. Lee (4th Balto.) introduced a bill in the House Thursday to provide for the legitimatizing of illegitimate children.

One provision of the HB 406 would allow a father of an illegitimate child to declare in court that he is the father, with the consent of the mother, and then have the records of the birth of the child changed to give the child his name.

Still another provision would allow both the father and the mother to marry after birth of the child and then change the birth record to assume the father's name, making the child legitimate by law.

Also testifying was Joseph Harlitt, Assistant States Attorney and the coordinator for State and Federal Narcotic Bureaus in Maryland. Mr. Harlitt, advised the Committee to "consider the exemption of all drugs."

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(Now this stuff is equal to 86 proof whiskey and remember there is one grain of codeine to every ounce. That means that if a person drinks four four-ounce bottles of this stuff he has consumed the equivalent of a pint of whiskey plus 16 grains of codeine!"

Those present at the hearing and speaking out against the passage of the bill were representatives of the Maryland Pharmaceutical Association.

Joseph Kaufman, counsel for their Association called the law "to drastic."

He pointed out that instead there "should be regulations passed by the secretary of health limiting the sellers of the syrups."

Mr. Kaufman also said his suggestion would be limiting the buyers to no one under 18 without a prescription."

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Sources in Annapolis predict that it may be several weeks before the bill comes out of Committee. But Dr. Julian is confident of passage.

He said, "Everyone should be familiar with the problem of drug abuse. We have over 500 substances which one can abuse from nutmeg to peanut butter.

"People who argue against legislation of this sort are saying that there are otherir problems which we should be concentrating on and leave this alone. But that's like saying because cancer and diabetes kill you we shouldn't be concerned with broken bones and lesser ailments."

Legislature considers state cough syrup bill

The Judiciary Committee of the Legislature met this week to consider whether there should be a state anti-cough syrup bill similar to the one passed in Baltimore.

The Committee, chaired by Joseph Curran Jr. heard testimony from Robert C. Stewart Assistant States Attorney for Baltimore City. Mr. Stewart told the members that "there should be a greater penalty for the abuser who suffers the syrup."

He pointed out the City Bill "has caused a marked decrease in the existence of syrup houses but on a State wide level the law should be more severe."

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Assembly in stride, committees active

Brothers under $4,700 bail in police fracus

Thursday, at Central Municipal Court Judge Robert Gerstung placed two young defendents, Anthony Harper, 16, and his brother, Kenya Kenyetta Kiongozi (Robert Harper), 20, under a total of $4,700 bail after the two requested trial by jury on charges of assault, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and interfering with an arrest.

The two brothers, who reside in the 700 block George St., were arrested in the afternoon after a dispute with two police officers, Stephen Quinlen and John G. Berger.

According to the defendent's mother, Anthony was being held in a police car for questioning after the officer had come to his home and told him to come outside.

She said that her son was detained for over 20 minutes and she became worried and went to find out what was going on.

She said when the two white officers used abusive language in talking to her, she told her son to get out of the squad car, since he

Sen. Welcome's gun bill called 'strong, reasonable'

Senator Verda F. Welcome (D., Balto. City, 4th) has prefiled what she describes as a strong but reasonable gun registration bill in the State Senate.

Basically the bill follows the recommendations of the National Crime Commission report and is similar to one introduced in the U.S. Senate by Senator Joseph D. Tydings.

"The time is long past when the states should take on the responsibility of regulating guns instead of leaving it to the federal government," Senator Welcome said.

"We should not wait for more tragedies to convince us of the need."

"I do not speak idly. I speak as a victim of a gun attack."

Senator Welcome was shot and wounded on the street in 1965 in an alleged assassination attempt.

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The bill would require all firearms to be registered with the exception of those held by licensed dealers, police and government agencies. It allows 180 days for persons possessing firearms to register them.

It also requires that dealers sell ammunition only to persons exhibiting a registration certificate for a gun which uses particular ammunition. In order to register a firearm, a person must be 18 years of age, have no record of mental incompetency, drug addiction or alcoholism.

The penalty is up to two years in jail or a fine of $2,000 or both. Falsifying registration would bring a fine of $10,000 or five years in jail or both.

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Senator Welcome noted that gun registration has the support of the FBI director, the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice, the International Association of Police Chiefs and the American Bar Association.

A Harris public opinion poll last year showed that 85 per cent of Americans favor strong gun legislation.

"The legislation is designed to deny firearms to sick and dangerous people," the Senator said, "but will be of little burden to law-abiding gun owners, hunters, sportsmen or homeowners wishing to protect their property.

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"It also will aid police in tracing firearms used in assaults, tracking down the assaults and returning lost or stolen guns to their lawful owners."

Recent statistics, Senator Welcome said, showed that 60 per cent of all homicides in the United States were committed with guns.

They also claimed that states with strong gun laws registered 30 to 40 per cent less homicides with firearms than states with weak or no such laws.

Carswell Called A 'Sexist'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Judge G. Harrold Carswell was accused Thursday of being "a sexist" who should not be elevated to the Supreme Court.

The charge was made by Betty Friedan, head of the National Organization of Women (NOW), as opposition witnesses to the nomination of the 50-year-old Floridian contended on the allegation by women that he was a male supremacist.

Rep. Patsy Mink, D-Hawaii, testified, "Male Supremacy, like white supremacy, is equally repugnant to those who believe in equality."

Bill would give Morgan own board

AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — Sen. Verda F. Welcome (4th Balto.) has under preparation a bill to have Morgan State College returned to its former position of autonomy.

This means with its own board of trustees, rather than as now under a single board governing the state colleges.

Sen Welcome points to the rapid progress Morgan made under its own board and feels a return to this high development would be possible if the same situation existed.

To what extent she will get General Assembly support remains to be seen.

However, just this week praised Morgan as "a great institution" of higher learning, during comments on the resignation of its president, Dr. Martin D. Jenkins.

The governor said at the time he had no plans to encourage Dr. Jenkins to remain in his position, but said the college had made great strides forward under his regime.

Sen. Welcome is hoping for support from her bill from the governor.

Workshop on schools is Feb. 5

Some 1,500 parents, students, educators and community leaders from every Maryland school system will meet in Baltimore on February 5, to discuss "The Schools We Want" in a day-long working conference at the Eastwind.

The conference, sponsored by the Maryland State Board of Education, will feature a morning panel discussion headed by William Boucher, executive Baltimore Committee.

Exes of ten speakers on the panel of students, community leaders and educators will speak on the conference theme.

Conferees will assemble in groups of ten after lunch for small group discussions. Each groun is expected to report its views.

Dr. James A. Sensenbaugh, state school superintendent, has said his agency is eager to include those views in plans for the future.

Jerome Frampton Jr., president of the State Board of Education, will speak following the group discussions.

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Bill asks assistance for ex-cons

AFRO BUREAU

ANNAPOLIS — The Senate on Thursday passed a bill to give assistance to inmates released from correctional institutions.

The SB 22 would provide that the director of Parole and Probation be granted $25,000 for the assistance.

The director, with the assistance of Coordinating Council for correctional Services administer the fund to organizations that aided such released inmates towards rehabilitation.

The bill now goes to the House.

Unemployment insurance asked

AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — Del. Troy Brailey (4th Balto.) introduced a bill in the House here Wednesday asking for a broader unemployment insurance law.

The HB 386 would eliminate the disqualification requirement of unemployment insurance for a person who is unemployed, due to his leaving work voluntarily without good cause, and has earnings equal to a certain amount above his weekly benefit amount.

Also, it would reduce the period of time in which an individual who is suspended as a disciplinary measure for misconduct connected with his work can be disqualified for unemployment insurance.

Mr. Braily is a labor leader in the black community.

Bill would ban roller towels

AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — The General Assembly was asked Wednesday to frown on the use of the roller towel, a holdover from the past.

HB 380 was introduced in the House to prohibit the use of such towels in public places.

Speaker Thomas Hunter Lowe sent it to the Environmental Matters Committee.

One bill killed, another rises

AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — Somebody is trying hard to halt fortune telling in Talbot County.

On Wednesday, the House's Judiciary Committee gave an unfavorable report to HB 133 which would prohibit fortune telling in that county.

And on Wednesday, another HB 387 was introduced by the Talbot County delegation to prohibit the same thing.

Leaders hit plan to combine college

Community leaders and Morgan students yesterday, Thursday, attacked the proposed "metropolitan university" that a subcommittee of the Maryland Council for Higher Learning presented at a public hearing in the State Office Building.

The subcommittee was appointed to consider a Morgan State proposal to make that school an urban university.

However, the committee came up with a proposal that would combine Towson, Morgan, and other state schools into one university.

Most of these testifying at the hearing said this move towards a "metropolitan" university would abolish Morgan and kill President Martin Jenkins' concept of an urban university.

Dr. Jenkins, who recently resigned from Morgan because the state has failed to give the school strong financial backing, reminded thecommittee of the intent ofhisproposal.

"I seriously doubt that the development of a true urban-oriented university could be successful in the lily-white sections of town. Those people are anti-integration, and anti-black."

Dr. Jenkins addedthatif thesub-committee's plan to combine the schools into one is accepted, "I will ask for a black Chancellor and Board."

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The Rev. Marion C. Bascom of Douglas Memorial Community Church, told the committee, "because all of you are white, you're not only refusing to face up to the problems of Baltimore, but to the problems of America."

"It's about time that black people stop trying to prove things. We don't have to. We've proved. I don't mean this as a threat, but you have an alternative to wake up or blow up."

Among other community representatives testifying were the Urban League, Activitists Inc., the NAACP, Coppin State College, Community College, and the Ministerial Alliance.

Mrs. Enolia McMillian, president of the Baltimore NAACP declared, "It's a shame that there are no black people om the committee." She was told that Dr. Henry C. Welcome was a member but was not present.

"Just one is not representative, considering the large percentage of black people in this city," she answered.

Miss Carol Norris, editor of the Morgan student newspaper, added that the students "were angry before when we couldn't get some of the things that we needed. Now you've angered us even more by causing Dr. Jenkins to resign. We don't like that."

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Another Morgan student, Robert Dashiell evoked applause when he argued, "Morgan doesn't need to combine with other schools to perform its luties as a relevant and important aid to the black community."

He chastised the committee for "assuming the responsibility of deciding what was best for Morgan students, without consulting us or even informing us as to what was going on."

Dr. Wesley Dorn, executive director of the Council for Higher Education, told the AFRO, the Council will study the testimony and come up with a decision at its Feb. 27th meeting. He added that in his opinion Council members still had "an open mind."

Members of the sub-committee who made the report were: William Chaffin, an Eastern Shore businessman, chairman; Dr. Lincoln Gordon, Hopkins president; Father Joseph Sellinger, president of Loyola; and Dr. Henry Welcome, Baltimore physician.

Other members of the Council are: Dr. G. Russell Tatum, president of Vitro Laboratories, chairman; Ellery woodworth, Hopkins vice president; Don Kendall, Montgomery County; Edmond Mester, executive director of the state college board of trustee; Bejamin Rosenstock, Frederick attorney; Alvin Spencer, Baltimore businessman; Mrs. Howard Crist Jr., Howard County representing community colleges; Dr. Leon Kaplan, U. of Md. Board of Regents and president of Hebrew College; and Mrs. Dorothy Matthews, Anne Arundel County educator.

Mrs. Rebecca Carey buried Thursday

Funeral services for Mrs. Rebecca Carey were held Thursday at Ebenezer Baptist Church, where she was a longtime member.

Mrs. Carey, 81, died Jan. 26 after a long illness. Born in Laurenceville, Va., she came to Baltimore over 50 years ago.

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Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Rebecca Colbert, Mrs. Mattie Pearson and Mrs. Maurine Hawkins; two sons, James and Llewellyn Carey; ten grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Morton and Dyett handled funeral arrangements.

Saturday rites for Mrs. Dorothy Ross

Funeral services for Mrs. Dorothy K. Ross will be held Saturday at the March Funeral Home, 528 E. North Ave. Mrs. Ross, 70, died Jan. 27, at her home 1703 Linden Ave. A native of Simpsonville, Howard County, Md., she had lived in Baltimore for over 30 years.

She was a member of Christian Community Church but at the time she attended the Perkins Square Baptist Church where she served the usher board.

During her earlier life she was active in the Elks and a motorcycle club.

Survivors are two daughters, Miss Paulina Thompkins and Mrs. Anna Ruckner; three grandchildren, Clement Rucker, Robert Ruckner and Angela Stewart, and a sister Mrs. Bessie Dorsey.

Burial will be in Locus Chapel Cemetery, Simpsonville.

Grafton Matthews Jr., just 19, honor student

Funeral services for Grafton Matthews Jr. will be held Monday, February 2, at Douglass Memorial Community Church.

Mr. Matthews, 19, died Jan. 27 at the Johns Hopkins Hospital after a long illness.

He was a second year student at Carroll College in Waukeshaw, Wis., and had hopes of attending law school.

The youthful student was on the honor roll both in high school and college. He maintained straight A average. He was an excellent swimmer.

He was a graduate of Garrison Junior High School and City College.

All during his school years he had won many scholastic honors. He was a member of Douglas Church and active in youth activities.

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His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grafton Matthews Sr., survive.

a brother, Nelson C. Matthews; and two sisters, Misses Vivian and Rayna Matthews also survive as do his grandparents: Mrs. Mary G. Matthews, and Raymond E. Nelson of Belfimore and Mrs. Veola Stevens of New York City.

Burial was in Baltimore National Cemetery. Charles R. Laws Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Residents' meeting set at Ames Community Center

Residents of Northwest Baltimore who live between North Ave. and Laurens St. and between Monroe St. and Pennsylvania Ave. are asked to attend a meeting for Black Community Power to be held Thursday, Feb. 5 at 8 p.m. at Ames Community Center, N. Calhoun and Gold Sts.

The Rev. Martin U. Riley, executive director of the center, said there will be refreshments served and plans made for expanding the facilities of the center.

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REPORTING on his horrible experiences with Arizona police during a motor trip west, Bishop E. R. Hopkins of the Pentacostal Assemblies of the World in Liberia, West Africa, (center) reviews details with his associate, Elder John B. Barnes, pastor of Bethlehem Temple, 1508 N. Fulton Ave., and Liberian AFRO staff writer, Willie Givens. The bishop stopped in Baltimore long enough to arrange for legal representation before he returned to Liberia.

Bishop will seek damages from Ariz.

The Right Rev. E. R. Hopkins, Bishop of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World in Liberia, West Africa, for the past 15 years, was in Baltimore recently to consult with associates and attorneys preparatory to pursuing legal action against the State of Arizona.

An American black man, Bishop Hopkins was enroute to Monrovia, Calif. to visit his daughter, Mrs. Ruth Mason, after having spent Christmas holidays with his sister, Mrs. Ophelia Turner, in Baltimore.

The bishop was accompanied by a friend, Garland Williams, of Baltimore.

In an interview with the AFRO Bishop Hopkins reported the following series of events:

"Mr. Garland Williams of Baltimore, Md. was driving west on Highway 66 when, about 15 miles from Kingman, Arizona, the car was stopped by the Arizona Highway Patrol.

"Mr. Williams was asked to show his driver's license. The officer asked to see the registration, and Mr. Williams got out of the car to show him the registration. The officer pulled out his gun and told Mr. Williams to put his hands on top of the patrol car.

"The officer came to the other side of the car, tapped on the window and told me to get out. When I got out, a gun was shoved at me and I was told to put my hands up. I asked if I could get my coat and was told to do so. The officer that I was a minister and could show ministerial credentials and my American Automobile Association card. The officer said that he did not want to see anything.

"He told me to put my hands on the top of the patrol car. It was snowing. I was then told to put my hands on top of my own car. I asked for my coat and was told that if I turned around and looked at the arresting officer, I would be shot in two."

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They waited in the cold about 15 minutes. Another patrol car came and the officer of that car asked Bishop Hopkins to put one hand behind his back. After he had done this, the officer pulled his other arm, twisted it, and handcuffed him behind his back. The bishop asked for his coat again and was given the same answer.

"Mr. Williams was kicked and handcuffed with his hands behind him, and put in the front seat of the patrol car, and I was shoved in the back seat of the car."

Bishop Hopkins is 65 years old and weighs about 240 lbs. He told the officers that he was in intense pain and asked how far they had to travel. He was told that they had to travel about 15 miles and that they were being arrested and booked for possessing fictitious license plates.

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After driving about four miles in an excruciatingly painful position, the patrol car was stopped, his handcuffs were removed and he was handcuffed with his hand in front of him. They were taken to the Arizona jail in Kingman, Arizona in Mojave County, Arizona.

When his handcuffs were removed, Bishop Hopkins showed the arresting officer the drivers license and ministerial credentials; also the American Automobile Association card, passport, visa permit, African driver's license, a letter addressed to him from Senator Riley of Kansas and registration and title to the car in question.

After seeing all this information the officer told him that he would be detained until Monday, to await the judges decision. All of their belongings were confiscated and they were fringerprinted and photograpnedd. They were permitted to make two telephone calls.

Bishop Hopkins called his sister in Baltimore, Md. where he had purchased his license plates, and his daughter in Monrovia, Calif who was anxiously awaiting his arrival. They were then put in cells. After about two hours they were called out to eat. They were offered an unwrapped sandwich from a man's bare hand. Bishop Hopkins remarked about the unsanitary manner in which the food was served and refused to eat. They remained in their cells about four and one half hours.

Then we were called out and asked to bring all our belongings with us. They were told that they were forced to release them, but they must post $50 apiece. Bishop Hopkins offered to pay the bail with travelers checks and was told that they would not be accepted. The sheriff was then instructed to take the money from their belonging and get them out quickly.

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Bishop Hopkins asked if he could call about his car and was told that there had been too many calls about them and, that they were sick and tired of them and they were fingerprinted again and extracted. They had no car, no luggage and no information where they could find transportation.

After searching in a cold, strange town, Bishop Hopkins and Mr. Williams found the bus station. Bishop Hopkins called to Highway Patrol and asked about his car. He was told that it was 25 miles away and they could not bring it to him, and they could do nothing for him.

They said that they would call him back, but they did not. They boarded a bus for Los Angeles, and had to change in Barstow where the weather was freezing. They arrived in Los Angeles about 5 a.m. cold and hungry and ill.

When he arrived in Monrovia, Bishop Hopkins was taken to Santa Teresita Hospital, the doctor examined him there and said that the ligaments in his arm were pulled and he sure. He was in bed all day, but his pain persisted, and he was taken to Monrovia General Hospital. The doctor there confirmed the first diagnosis.

Mr. Williams, whose thumb was numb as a result of the tight handcuffs, was treated at Monrovia General Hospital also. His leg was in severe pain because, he explained, the medication that it was necessary for him to take following surgery two months ago was left in the car. The court date had been set for Monday, December 29th but both men were too ill to travel.

They called the judge to ask for an extension, and had no car, no luggage and no information where they could find transportation.

Joseph Montgomery, 73, receives last rites

Funeral services for Joseph Montgomery were held Monday at the Faith Baptist Church.

Mr. Montgomery, 73, died Jan. 21 at his home, 2606 E. Hoffman St. after being ill for a year.

A native of Gaintville, N.C., he had made his home in Baltimore for over 50 years.

He retired from the Mohawk Construction Company as a member of Faith Baptist Church.

He was married to the former Miss Laura Finley who survives him.

Mr. Montgomery was the last member of his immediate family. Burial was in Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Collick Funeral Home handled arrangements.

—Train crash

FROM PAGE 1

utes before it was due to arrive in Washington.

There is speculation that the train was traveling at about 80 miles per hour, its maximum speed, when it jumped the tracks while rounding a long curve headed into Alexandria.

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John Newbauer, assistant to the president of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, which was in charge of that section of track, said that it was too soon to tell what happened.

He did say however, that the bodies of the three women were found outside the train, as far as he knew, he said, they were the only ones thrown outside the train.

Rescue workers used torches to free the other passengers. They were transported to hospitals for treatment or allowed to continue their trips.

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Newbauer told the AFRO that the evidence suggested that all three women were traveling alone.

Stuart Shumate, president of the RF and P said, "We are interviewing hundreds of people to try to find the cause. We're working on every possible angle."

Newbauer added, "As far as I know, they are considering any and everything."

Funeral arrangements for Mrs. Witherspoon were incomplete at press time. The George G. Kelson Funeral Home will be in charge.

—Shriver

FROM PAGE 1

Economic Opportunity. Mr. Shriver won the reputation of a hard-working administrator who was keenly interested in the welfare of poor people, without regard to race.

These two federal offices, as staffed by Mr. Shriver, had a higher percentage of black workers, at all levels, other in the nation's capital.

His entry into the Maryland race would create a type of excitement the like of which the state has not seen in some time.

Although regular Democratic leaders are hard pounding up support, Mr. Shriver would be expected to have great appeal to the masses, despite any pronouncements by other politicians.

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The AFRO has learned that should Mr. Shriver decide to make the race, one or more leading Democrats who have been elected statewide, would join with him.

On the eve of Mr. Shriver's departure for Texas, supporters who have been working throughout the state on the ambassador's behalf, were heard to say that their man could be counted on to make the race.

One supporter close to the candidate told the AFRO, "The only thing we don't have is the public announcement, and that simply can't be made until some unfinished ambassadoral tasks are wrapped up." — MJN

SPECIAL TO THE AFRO

The truth about guarantees and warranties examined

By NORMAN POLOVOY,
Assistant Attorney General and Chief of the Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's Office
(2nd in series of articles)

One of the most difficult problems faced by consumers today is an understanding of the subject of guaranties and warranties.

Virtually every automobile, appliance or product purchased today carries some form of guarantee, and like the products themselves, they come in many sizes, shapes and forms.

It is important to remember that a guarantee actually restricts the liability of the manufacturer by providing that repairs or replacements will only be made in the event the guarantee is exercised within a stated period of time and for a specifically listed reason.

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Every guarantee should clearly and conspicuously disclose the following information which a consumer should look for prior to making a purchase:

1. What product or part of the product is guaranteed?

2. What parts of the product are subject to the guarantee and of even greater importance, what parts are excluded?

3. The duration of the guarantee — how long is it in effect?

4. What, if anything, must the consumer do under the guarantee in order to have it honored by the manufacturer? For example, is it necessary for the consumer to return the product to the manufacturer at his own expense in order to avoid the manufacturer under the terms of the guarantee?

5. The manner in which the manufacturer or dealer will perform which usually consists of a statement setting forth exactly what the guarantor is willing to do under the guarantee. For example, will the guarantor repair the product, replace it to give you a refund?

6. The identity of the guarantor should be clearly stated in all advertising. Confusion frequently occurs when it is not clearly stated whether the guarantee which the consumer should carefully read and analyze before making a purchase. Generally speaking, a guarantee is only as good as the company or person who stands behind it. Above all, be certain that the guarantee is in writing.

Long and hard experience has shown that the so-called "oral guarantee" simply isn't worth the paper it's written on. When it comes to guarantees and warranties, the best advice of all is still — Buyer Be Aware!

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Misrepresentations — Representations such as "Satisfaction or Your Money Back" or "Ten-Day Free Trial" are generally construed as a guarantee that the full purchase price will be refunded at the option of the purchaser.

Accordingly, if a product such as a tape recorder is represented with the representation "Satisfaction or Your Money Back," and the guarantor requires that the product be returned within fifteen days of the purchase date before he will make refund, this limitation should be clearly and conspicuously disclosed in the advertisement.

2. Lifetime Guarantee — Be particularly wary of the so-called "Lifetime Guarantee." Occasionally you will find a company advertising that a product such as a carburetor or transmission is guaranteed for life, whereas the guarantee runs only for the life of the car in which the carburetor or transmission was originally installed.

This type of advertisement is ambiguous and should be modified to disclose the life referred to.

Also remember that a twenty-year guarantee by a company which goes out of business six months later is not going to do you much good.

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4. Savings Guaranteed — Advertisements frequently contain representations that seek to assure prospective purchasers that savings can be realized by the purchase of the advertiser's products.

Typical of this type of ad is one that reads "guaranteed lowest price in town."

These advertisements should include a simple disclosure of what the guarantor will do in the event the savings are not realized together with any time or other limitation that may be imposed.

For example, if a product is advertised with the statement "guaranteed lowest price in town" there should also be the added disclosure that "if within thirty days from the date that you buy the product from our company, you purchase the identical product in town for less, and you request therefor to use, we will refund your money."

There are many other types of guarantees which the consumer should carefully read and analyze before making a purchase. Generally speaking, a guarantee is only as good as the company or person who stands behind it. Above all, be certain that the guarantee is in writing.

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