Picket line welcomes soul dinner

Patrons of the Soul Dinner at Peabody Tuesday night were greeted at the cafeteria by a picket line of dormatory resident students protesting the cafeteria service.

At the entrance, handbills were being distributed requesting a boycott. Fifty students, black and white, many in jeans, ponchos and mini skirts wound through the cafeteria with placards, chanting "we want good food now and where's our money gone" to the accompaniment of tambourines.

While a local magazine took pictures, the protesters met in the center of the cafeteria with Dr. Richard Goldman, president of Peabody.

Meanwhile, the patrons enjoyed the Soul Supper of fried chicken, blacked eyed peas, greens, potato salad and biscuits.

At 8:30 the concert hall was jammed for the Candlelight Concert with William Russo, conducting a Peabody Symphony, the Blues Band and the Jazz Ensemble and Chorus.

The chorus by Greg Smith assisted by Nathan Carter.

The audience shouted its applause.

FIVE OF THE EASTERN 8 shown with their lawyer William Murphy Jr. in his office after it was announced that charges against them have been dropped. Shown here from left, Misses Honey Watkins, Nathalie Gordon, Cynthia Rogers, Lillian Simpson and Bonita Carreras.

Eastern 8 freed; over 100 others await verdicts

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

The students, parents and other adults who spearheaded the school crises two weeks ago celebrated victory Wednesday night as their attorneys, William Murphy Jr. and LeRoy Carrol made an announcement that had long been awaited.

At a press conference held in their No. 1 Charles St. offices, they were told the eight students of the all-girl Eastern High School arrested Friday, Feb. 13 have been dismissed by the grand jury.

Present were parents, friends and the young women, Misses Honey Watkins, 17, senior, 1827 Chilton St.; Karen Wheatley, 16, junior, 100 N. Payson St.; Nathalia Gordon, 17, senior, 818 Allendale St.; Lillian Simpson, 17, senior, 919 Mt. Holly St.; Bonita Carrerras, 17, senior, 2513 Linden Ave.; Synthia Rogers, 16, sophomore, 520 Lyndhurst St.

The other two who were not available were Misses Anita Stroud, 18, senior, 714 Belgium Ave. and Phyllis Jefferson, 16, senior; honor student, Cherry Hill.

As Murphy addressed the group he emphasized future good conduct importance of being good Indians rather than chiefs; the necessity for hard study and continued education.

Mr. Carroll pointed out the fact that he and Mr. Murphy served as attorneys voluntarily and without fee "is because we believe in you and want you to have a good future."

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The eight young women had been indicted by the grand jury last week after their lawyers and parents

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Board asks Moylan to dismiss charges

The Baltimore City Board of school commissioners appealed to State's Attorney Charles Moylan, Jr. Thursday morning for a recommendation from his office to municipal court judges that charges against Poly-Western demonstrators be dismissed.

As to the cases already tried in Municipal Court, the board asked that Mr. Moylan request they be reopened and dismissed.

The reason for the requested handling was according to spokesman Larry Gibson, local attorney, to prevent a record of "probation before verdict."

"I can conceive that the courts may make that ruling in many of the cases," Gibson told Moylan, "but in effect it has come to mean that the person was guilty but somehow got out of it."

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Moylan agreed with Gibson's appraisal of the ruling, but would not commit his office to making such a recommendation.

"The recommendation we make will be our decision," Moylan emphasized, as he thanked the board for the benefit of its thinking on what disposition should be

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Senate keeps lower voting age bill on the move

By MAX JOHSNON

ANNAPOLIS — The Senate gave tentative approval Thursday afternoon to a bill to lower the voting age to 19 in all state elections, thus keeping alive the possibility that citizens will be allowed to vote on the measure as a constitutional amendment in November.

Earlier, the House of Delegates and killed a similar bill, when it failed to receive a three-fifth majority vote required for such an amendment though it did receive a majority vote.

Movement to third reader of the SB 128, introduced by Sen. Verda F. Welcome (D. 4th Balto.) Thursday, while the Senate beat down two amendments.

One offered by Sen. Royal Hart (D. Prince George's) asked that the voting age be lowered to 18 in the bill, to bring it in line with President Richard M. Nixon's legislation pending in Congress.

On the heels of its defeat, Sen. Frederick C. Malkus Jr. (D. Eastern Shore) came up with an amendment to make 19-year-olds legal adults with all the attending responsibilities.

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This brought on some 15 minutes of hassling pro and con, during which Sen. Harry J. McGuirk (D. 6th Balto.), a supporter of the Malkus amendment, said the young people would term his collagues "hypocritical" if they did not adopt the amendment.

This prompted Sen. Clarence M. Mitchell 3rd (D. 4th Balto.) to arise and charge:

"The senator from the 6th District speaks of hyprocrites, and he is the chief among them.

"He knows that adoption of this amendment will kill the bill. Let's pass the lady senator's bill as it now stands."

Sen. J. Joseph Curran Jr. (D. 3rd Balto.), chairman of the Judicial Proceedings Committee which brought the bill to the floor with a favorable report, told the Senate he believes there are now sufficient votes in the House to pass the bill.

It returns for third reading and passage or rejection by the Senate either Monday evening or Tuesday.

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In other Senate action Thursday, tentative approval was also given a bill to stiffen the penalty for conviction of a felony with a deadly weapon, and another to tighten insurance laws against discriminatory practices.

Among the bill introduced was one by Sen. Welcome to change the name of Morgan State College to Morgan State University.

This SB 533 was sent to the Finance Committee, headed by Sen. Harry R. Hughes (D. Eastern Shore).

Another by Sen. Julian L. Lapides (D. 2nd Balto.) would prohibit hospitals receiving state tax money from excluding any license Maryland physician from use of its facilities.

The SB 539 was referred to the Economic Affairs Committee, headed by Sen. James A. Pine (D. Baltimore).

"As of Thursday, 540 bills had been introduced in the

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Maddox calls Rep. Diggs a 'baboon'

By FRANK ELEAZER

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Gov. Lester Maddox of Georgia called a black congressman a baboon and an ass Tuesday when the lawmaker threatened to throw him out of the House Restaurant for giving away souvenir ax handles.

Maddox and Rep. Charles C. Diggs, D-Mich., one of the House's nine black members, engaged in a shouting match that some feared would result in blows. But a plainclothes police officer stepped in and stopped the argument.

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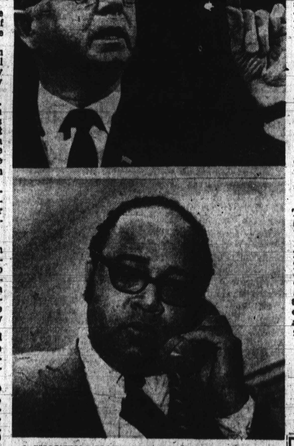

A SHOUTING MATCH in the White House restaurant developed Tuesday between Georgia Governor Lester Maddox and Rep. Charles Diggs (D-Mich.) when the Congressman objected to Maddox passing out pick and ax handle souvenirs of the period when he barred blacks from his Pickrick Chicken House in Atlanta. Diggs, shown in his office after the incident, said he threatened to throw Maddox out of the restaurant. Maddox (top) shown testifying before a Senate subcommittee prior to the confrontation, called Diggs an ass and a baboon. (UPI Telephoto).

Black Congressmen call Maddox insult 'disgraceful'

By LILLIAN WIGGINS

Governor Lester Maddox of Georgia was decided to pass out souvenir axes in the House dining room earlier this week has offended many congressional leaders.

Congressman John C. Conyers of Detroit termed the situation "one of the most disgraceful incidents that has taken place on the Hill since I have been in Congress."

Maddox, he stressed, has certainly committed a number of illegal acts. He points out that axes are considered a dangerous weapon and that there is a law against transporting dangerous weapons across state lines.

Conyers said that he had received reports that Capitol police were seen giving out these weapons and helping Maddox to carry some 30 axes into the Capitol. "We are condemning this disgraceful conduct," the Congressman said.

Congressman Conyers also will write the Speaker of the House to get a ruling on people passing out dangerous instruments. In addition he plans to check out the probable legal violations of the law. Maddox, he said, has degraded the highest body of the land with his racist appeal. "Any Congressman worthy of serving in the House ought to be as offended as I am," he said.

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Reports have it that even some members were seen taking these full length axes which are supposed to be a symbol of the time when he stood in his Georgia restaurant door, with such a weapon to keep blacks from entering and being served.

"Yesterday (speaking of Tuesday, when the incident happened," said Conyers, "as I approached the dining room I saw some youngsters who were a part of the Young Americans for Freedom come out of the dining room with axes. I said: 'what are you going to do with them?' They looked sheepish and said, we are going to keep them for souvenirs."

It is Conyers opinion that Maddox did himself a great amount of harm with his disgraceful display of racism.

The original confrontation with Maddox came when Congressman Charles C. Diggs of Michigan received word that the Georgia governor was passing out his favorite weapons in the House dining room.

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Along with Congressman John Kluczynski, chairman of the House Committee on Restaurants which was established last year, Diggs approached Maddox and told him that they did not appreciate what he was doing.

According to Diggs, Maddox's reply was that he did not think what he was doing was offensive and called him (Diggs) "an ass" for making so much out of it. As the heated argument continued between the two men, Diggs reported that Maddox called him a "baboon."

Diggs and his fellow black members of Congress along with their other colleagues are sponsoring a resolution which says that Governor Maddox is no longer welcome to the House restaurant.

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A spokesman at Congressman Adam Clayton Powell's office reported that Powell was insulated and felt that not only did Maddox insult black people but all decent people and

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Urban League names new Executive Director

TRAVIS VAULS

Travis Whittier Vauls, who had served as acting director of the Baltimore Urban League since the retirement of the late Dr. Ferman L. Templeton, has been named Executive Director.

The announcement was made by Warren W. Weaver, president of the local Urban League board.

"I recognize that it is a great task. I am willing to accept the challenge. It is my duty to carry on the work of Dr. Templeton, including new ideas to meet the times." Mr. Vauls told the AFRO.

Mr. Vauls said his goals are to work with the "problems of the black and brown, the hungry and the poor ... and the help bridge the gap between white and black."

The new director predicted that the League will create stronger ties with the grass roots community organizations and continue its job opportunities drive.

Mr. Vauls, 41, describes himself as a protege of the late Dr. Templeton who died two weeks ago.

Mr. Vauls has been with the Urban League three years after leaving a career in chemistry.

He worked 8 years for Lenmar Lacquer Company. Until January, 1967, he was employed by the Huber

Born in Pomonkey, Md., he attended high school in Calvert County and graduated from Morgan State College. He has done graduate work at Johns Hopkins and is presently working on his Masters Degree in business administration at Morgan.

He has also studied at McCoy College, Michigan State, and the Micionore Institute.

A veteran of the Korean

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School Board to name 3 new Investigators

The Board of School Commissioners voted to add three more names to the Investigating Committee of the Eastern High School Incident at a Board meeting last night at the University of Baltimore's Langsdale Library.

This action will bring the total to seven members on the Investigating Committee which was named by the School Board on Feb. 24.

The four presently on the committee are: Hans Froelicher, Jr., Dr. Percy Williams, Theodore Robinson, and Mrs. Edmund Glaser.

Each member of the school board will have up until 5 p.m. today to submit names to Robert Karwacki, president of the Board of School Commissioners.

Mr. Karwacki will make one selection from each board member's list and make the final three choices from these names.

Earlier at the board meeting, Commissioner John J. Sweeney Jr. expressed a desire to have three of the committee

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You can register to vote Mondays thru Fridays

If you have not registered to become eligible to vote in the coming elections you may now do so.

Hours you can register — Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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The Assassination Of Malcolm X

By ALFRED KIRK

ED. NOTE: Tuesday's edition of the AFRO began a series of articles on the slaying of nationalist leader Malcolm X, whose murder has remained an unsolved mystery in the minds of many.

The first part of the series described the hours before Malcolm was killed; the tension and anxiety that marked his last moments of life. Now the author turns to the death itself, and the anger that sent the crowd into an hysterical attempt to capture his assassins.

She got up suddenly realizing that her husband was under attack, rushed toward the stage screaming, "they're killing my husband; they're killing my husband." As she approached the stage the cluster of aides standing over the prostrate body of their fallen leader, they parted to give her room. Blood stains were all over their clothes.

A Japanese woman, who was a registered nurse, was kneeling over Malcolm trying to give him mouth to mouth resuscitation. She looked up at Betty Shabazz saying, "he's still alive. His heart's beating."

Betty Shabazz rushed on and looked on the still face of her husband. His shirt was open. His chest was peppered with the shotgun pellets.

Regaining her composure somewhat, she began searching through his pockets and came up with a sheet of paper which she tucked away.

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George Whitney, bearded thirty-three year old bodyguard of Malcolm X, who had been moving in the direction of the disturbance, turned toward the stage to see two of the fleeing assailants charging down the center isle in his direction.

He lunged at one of them; the man opened fire with an automatic, shouting, "outta my way, don't mess with me." Someone grabbed up a chair and flung it at the assailant, missing by a few inches. Some members of the audience were, by now, becoming fully alive to what had happened. They began to turn into a vicious mob. Someone shouted, "kill the b . . . ards, don't let them get away."

A huge black woman stood in the corner tears streaming down her cheeks as she moaned, "oh black folks, black folks, why we got to kill

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U. S. Treatment Of Minorities Affects Image In Africa, Asia

By LOUIS CASSELS
UPI Senior Editor

WASHINGTON (UPI) — That racial tensions are disturbing America's domestic tranquility is obvious to everyone.

Not so well known is the impact U.S. race problems have on foreign relations.

Diplomats say it is considerable. Indeed, they say, race has become of the most important, if least acknowledged, factors in the complex of emotions which determine how other peoples feel toward America and how they respond to its foreign policy initiatives.

The United States is history's outstanding example of a colony which waged a successful war of independence and went on to become a great power.

The emerging nations of Asia and Africa, which years to emulate the American experience, might logically be expected to look to this country for ideological leadership.

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But any American who entertains that expectation is overlooking a fact never forgotten by the dark-skinned peoples who constitute two-thirds of the world's population.

The U.S.A. is a "white nation." Its population is nearly 90 per cent white; and the black, red, brown and yellow minorities who make up the remainder have never been full participants in the equality and freedom promised by the U.S. Constitution.

The grievances of America's colored minorities, and of black people in particular, are familiar to every Asian and African who reads a newspaper or listens to a radio. In fact, Asians and Africans tend to think America's race relations are in a far worse state than they actually are.

Bad news always moves faster and farther than good news. Other countries quickly hear all of the details of a racial riot in a U.S. urban ghetto.

They hear little if anything about the progress that has been achieved in desegregating schools, protecting the right to vote, and opening up better job and housing opportunities for minorities.

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Global news agencies such as UPI disseminate to other countries objective accounts of the good things as well as the bad things that occur in American race relations.

But the good things rarely get more than a fraction of the newspaper space (or air time) devoted to the bad things, because they do not fit the image of America that prevails today over a very large part of the world.

The hard truth, as Columbia University Professor Franklin H. Williams suggested recently, is that "America is one of the most hated nations in the world."

The impact on U.S. foreign policy would be even greater except for the fact that Soviet Russia also is regarded in Asia and Africa as a white nation with a racist bias.

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The mistreatment of some African students at Russian universities — widely publicized among colored peoples the world over — was a diplomatic windfall of incalculable value for the United States because the communists always have tried to convince colored people that Russian ideology alone is truly free of racism.

The growing hostility between Russia and Red China also serves as a constant reminder to Asian and African nations that Russia is on the "enemy" side of the great racial divide between "white" and "colored" peoples.

One area in which racial feelings have almost totally frustrated well-intentioned U.S. foreign policy is population control.

Underdeveloped nations can never succeed in raising their living standards until they bring their runaway birth rates under control.

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American aid officials know this, but there is not much they can do about it. For any offer of U.S. help in limiting population growth in an African or Asian nation is instantly interpreted as a devous white plot to keep the colored races in check.

Race also is seldom mentioned but very important factor in the attitude of a large part of the world (including white European nations) toward America's involvement in Vietnam.

The war is regarded by millions abroad not as an attempt by America to help an Asian country (South Vietnam) preserve its independence, but rather as a sinister intrusion of white colonialist power into a civil war between dark-skinned people.

This widespread disposition to impute racism to America's role in Vietnam was particularly evident following disclosure of the My Lai massacre. "American soldiers didn't commit atrocities like that when they were fighting Europe during World War II," said one dark-skinned Washington Diplomat, summing up a reaction which newsmen encountered throughout the World.

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A cruel circumstance of history has served to prevent America's dark-skined minorities from becoming "foreign policy lobbies," as ethnic groups of white European stock often have done.

Thus, 6 million American Jews are a political factor which the White House and the State Department must take into account in making U.S. Foreign policy toward Israel and the Middle East.

But 22 million black Americans exert relatively little influence on this country's diplomatic relations with Africa.

The reason, of course, is that black people came to America centuries ago as slaves, and their modern descendants have no way of knowing which nation of modern Africa might be their ancestral homeland.

With their growing sense of black identity and growing pride in their black heritage, black Americans (a NATO ally) on the ground that this U.S. aid indirectly subsidizes Portuguese resistance to native independence movements in Angola and Mozambique.

An improvement in race relations in America not only would enhance this country's ability to conduct its foreign relations successfully. It also would be a boon to humanity at large.

Many nations which are publicly critical of America are privately watching its racial ordeal with hope that this country somehow can find a solution to a problem that exists, in greater or less degree, in very many parts of the world.

The U.S. example will influence the way other countries tackle the dilemma of keeping peace in a racially divided population.

If the United States moved toward racial separatism — as some black and white segregationists advocate — the same pattern is likely to develop in many countries which could not be influenced by the example of South Africa.

Another possible solution is elimination of racial differences through amalgamation. This has been done to a striking degree in America's melting pot state, Hawaii.

But it takes generations of racial intermarriage to bring about such an homogenized society — even if this solution were universally accepted, as intermarriage certainly is not in most of the United States.

Finally, there is the possibility of creating a color-blind society — one in which a person's race is regarded, both by the law and by his fellow citizens, as a matter of no consequence.

This was the dream that motivated Martin Luther King Jr., and led him to a martyr's death.

Public opinion polls show it still is the objective of an overwhelming majority of black Americans, who have turned deaf ears to extremist demands for racial separatism.

And it is also the objective toward which white Americans in ever growing numbers find themselves led by prudence as well as conscience.

Thus it is not too far-fetched to hope that the nation which gave the world the high ideals of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution may yet become the nation that puts these principles into practice for all men, regardless of race.

Do You Know?

FOOD FOR CHILDREN. The Department of Agriculture has published a new booklet that lists amounts and types of foods needed by young children. "Food for the Family with Young Children," HG Bulletin 5, is available for 10 cents from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., 20402.

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EDUCATORS will find useful a new Office of Education reference manual that describes more than 1,500 experimental educational projects in operation from 1966 to now.

Entitled, "Pacesetters in Education" (OE-20103-69), the manual contains information on Projects to Advance Creativity in Education (PACE), along with instructions for obtaining details about participants in the equality and freedom promised by the U.S. Constitution.

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NEW CAR dealers are now required by the Department of Transportation to display safety information about the cars they sell, including figures for stopping distances, acceleration and passing times, and the reserve-load capacity of various combinations of tires and car model.

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STAMP COLLECTORS. The latest stamps in the Post Office's natural history series will be issued May 6 in New York City for the 100th anniversary of the Museum of Natural History. The 6-cent stamps, in sets of four, will show an American eagle, African elephants, prehistoric reptiles and a ceremonial Indian canoe. Send a self-addressed envelope and 6 cents for each stamp to First-Day Covers Natural History Stamps, Postmasters, NYC, 10001, before May 6.

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