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—Fred Gray wins

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nent, Rep. Bill Neville Jr.

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Gray soundly whipped Neville in Macon and Bullock Counties — black voters outnumber whites in both counties — but trailed by a 2-1 margin in Barbour County.

Gray apparently was the only one of eight black candidates to survive run-offs for legislature seats.

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Gray, an attorney for the NAACP's Legal Defense Fund, has been an active civil rights leader since the 1950's. In 1965, he was indicted on a charge of unlawful practice in connection with a bus boycott in Montgomery.

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He had caused an earlier sensation by being excluded from the draft because he was assistant pastor of a church. At the same time, he filed suit in U.S. District Court here outlawing state railroad and bus segregation laws.

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His deferment, authorized by former National Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey, was protested by the Alabama draft board and led to the resignation of most of its members.

Gray first sought the legislative seat in 1966 from the 31st District which includes Barbour County, the home of Gov. George Wallace.

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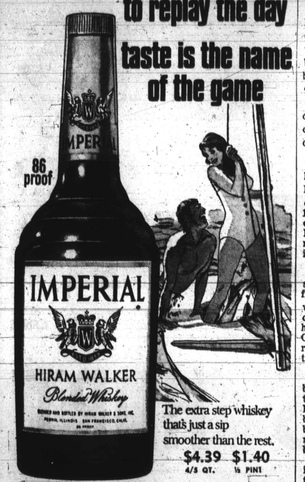

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NEWSBOY CONTEST

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Fatha Mohamed of the Northwest area who has led the Newsboy Contest for the third consecutive week has now reached the 100,000 plateau, leading this week with a total of 104,100 votes.

Moving from fifth to second place this week is Donald Walters of the Northwest area with 58,500 votes.

Mrs. Genera Smith of the Southwest area holds third place with 58,100 votes.

In fourth place is William Porter of the Glen Burnie area with 56,500 votes.

Dropping from third to fifth place is Michael Seely of Govans with 54,700 votes.

Other leaders in the top ten are Joseph Middleton 51,900; a new comer to the top ten is Estella Dixon 36,400; Ronald Williams 33,200; Joseph Gamble 29,000.

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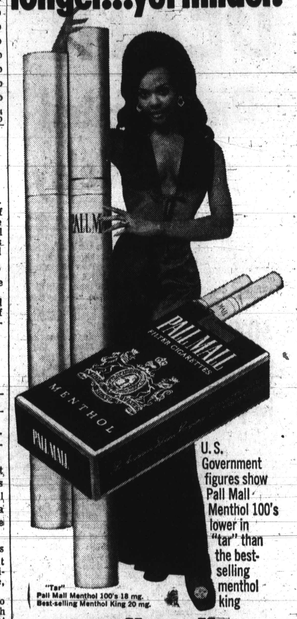

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—Methodists

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This decade must respond to the angry cry of the non-white man that he has had enough of "societal patterns and structures that have impoverished Bishop Lord said. him in body and spirit."

"This is the crisis," he declared.

The conference will end Sunday with the reading of appointments and an ordination service.

—Reaction

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off all funds for any U.S. military operation in Cambodia after June 30.

Its backers claim it merely holds Nixon to his promise to withdraw all U.S. troops from Cambodia by that date, a promise he repeated Wednesday night.

The administration has opposed it, claiming it would restrict the President's present, and future, military options.

The largest single unit to be withdrawn from South Vietnam under President Nixon's announcement that 50,000 Americans will be pulled out by Oct. 15, will be about 14,000 members of the 1st Marine Division, informed U.S. military sources said in Saigon Thursday.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 7 at 3 p.m. at Douglas Memorial Community Church. This is time and place of Baltimore NAACP annual baby contest to benefit its freedom fund. Contestants include Antoinette Doris Debro, at left with her sponsor, Mrs. Ida Russell, chairman of fund. Right, Mrs. Beatrice Jackson and contestant, Jeanette Lilly, whom she is sponsoring. Mrs. Mary Hawkins is contest chairman.

—Death row 'hurt'

(FROM PAGE ONE)

liceman, and Johnnie Brown, facing the gas chamber the longest of any prisoner, since November, 1958.

The AFRO's unprecedented interview at the Penitentiary was arranged by Warden Preston Fitzberger and held in the offices of Deputy Warden James J. O'Brien.

Deputy Warden O'Brien, at the Penitentiary 25 years, was present on the scene and also commented on vital questions confronting Death Row prisoners today.

The talk did not deal with the crimes the inmates were convicted of nor the questions of guilty or not guilty nor the case from the dead victim's point of view.

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The sole question was the attitude a Death Row inmate has on the Death Penalty.

Here it must be noted that all Death Row inmates, according to Warden Fitzberger and Deputy O'Brien, "are some of the most well read persons anywhere."

"They have TV, magazines, newspapers and the advantage of plenty time to study, ponder, reason out and carefully review court rulings," he explained.

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Johnnie Brown, on death row for 13 years for murder of a Salisbury policeman, speaking first, said, "It has been my constant desire that the death penalty will be ruled out in all cases.

"The U.S. is far behind the times. England has already ruled it out. If Maryland and the U.S. want to be in the lead in humane treatment of prisoners, they should not hesitate any longer.

"All the men on Death Row agree on that. We have talked time and again.

"Suppose a man is not actually guilty; he does not have a chance if he is killed.

"Then, what about those who show after a certain time behind bars, that they could get along in society if they had a chance. Death would deny them one last chance."

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Brown, a professional cook, is still proclaiming he is not guilty and has been snatched from death row five times by various court rulings.

His case was reversed the last time in April, 1962.

Since then he himself has entered many nations before the court but has had no recent hearings.

Brown is studying law and is a writer.

With relatives residing out of town, he has no money nor not one visitor in 13 years.

Deputy Warden O'Brien says anyone may apply to see Brown and money can be sent to the Pen Fiscal Office earmarked for Johnnie Brown.

Looking well, in good health and surprisingly contented, Brown smiled broadly at the thought of someone to come sometime to see him, "to keep others from ribbing me that I never have anyone to visit me."

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Sam Veney, also looking well and still hopeful, has been on Death Row four years for the murder of a Baltimore policeman.

He will be graduated from the Pen's 9th grade preparatory school on June 12 at 7 p.m. commencement exercises in the auditorium.

A professional singer and a "good" musician, he plays the Pen organ, writes songs and plans a career as a singer-or-full-time welder "if I ever get out."

Speaking firmly on personal opinions on the Death Penalty, Veney told the AFRO, "Death deliberately given a man behind bars is legalized murder.

"It accomplishes nothing.

"We constantly read about rehabilitation of prisoners but the authorities still hold on to legally killing people.

"If a man on Death Row could get off, jail would never see him again.

"My trip here woke me up. I can see my years wasted. I wonder how I ever got here. Whatever a man has done, he pays for it just by being locked up.

"I've signed up for three trades. If I ever get out, this place nor any other jail would ever see me again."

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Commenting along the same vein as the two Death Row inmates was Deputy Warden O'Brien who noted that any Death Row prisoner who has gotten out of the Pen in his 25 years experience, "has never returned for anything."

He added, "They just don't come back.

"I agree a judge who sentences a man to die should be here at the time the man is executed. He'd feel bad about it.

"I'd feel bad about it. I have gotten to know most of the men very well and I myself feel they should have a chance. Like we say, just being behind bars is payment.

"Some men are good rehabilitation risks, no doubt about it."

Deputy Warden O'Brien pointed out one of the 19 Death Row inmates who is an assistant in his offices is "a good man after all is said and done."

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Referring to Brown as a brave, patient person, he said a visitor now and then would help.

As to Veney, he recalled how the inmate's mother, "a wonderful little woman", visits all the prisons in the state and comes often with other relatives to see her son.

Most of the 14 black and five white men now on death row have appeals or some further litigation before the courts.

The first gas chamber execution was Eddie Daniels in 1957 and the last Nathaniel Lipscomb in 1962.

Deputy Warden O'Brien says Prisoners Aid helps morale the "best it can" but never seems to have any money "because the organization never seems to get but just a little allotment."

The doomer black prisoners besides Veney and Brown, are:— Irvin Lee Wilson, Theodore R. Arrington, John Wesley Cunningham, Percy DeToro, Frank Domneys, Frederick Douglas Johnson, James Carroll Jones Jr., William Ralph, Phillip Shorey, Elisha Sterling Jr., Cornelius T. Strong and James Omar Tull.

White Death Row inmates are Charles D. Boblit, Joseph James Bartholomey, Earl Leroy Blackburn, Frederick Morris Medford, Gary Lee Miller.

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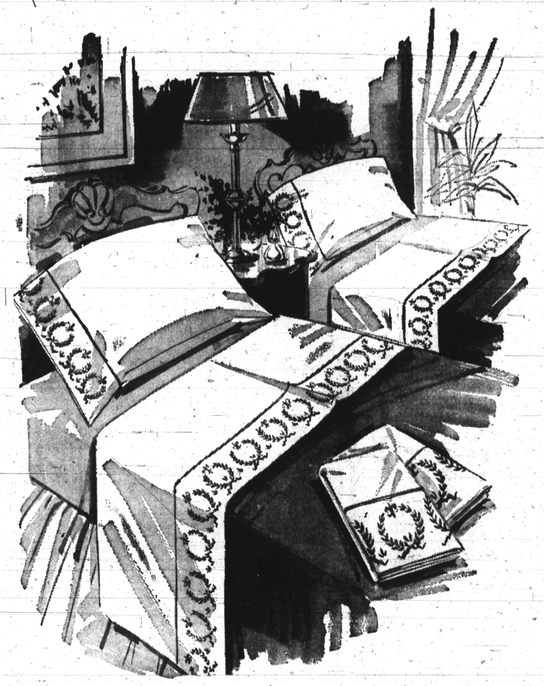

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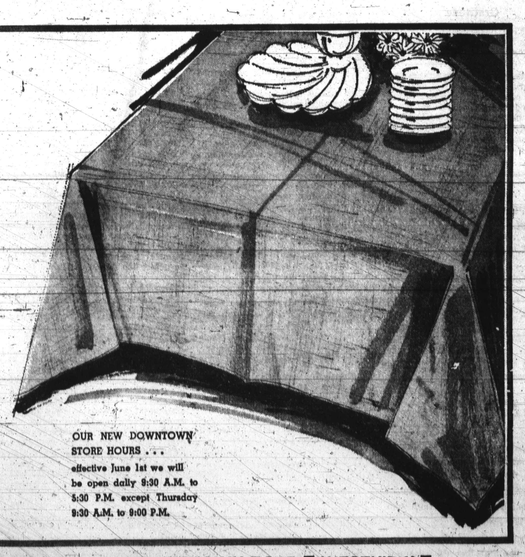

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