# —80 seek taxi permits

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driving for licensed companies."

Benjamin L. Brown who serves as legal advisor for the association said "applications have been presented to the Commission before, but in the past they were just left on the table and given no action. To date the Commission has received more than 5,000 applications since the 1940's."

Mr. Brown pointed out that "1151 franchises have been authorized in this city but only two or three are black."

The specific "needs" which the American Association feels it will serve are outlined by James Crockett, chairman of the Board of Directors for the association.

Mr. Crockett declares, "our opponents claim that the population in the city has decreased but what that really means is that the white population in the city has moved to the suburbs and lower income blacks are still migrating to Baltimore.

"The higher income whites and blacks are moving to the country but they never really had need for public transportation because they own cars. It's the lower income people who really need it and that need is not being met."

One of the areas many concerned citizens have brought to the attention of the Police Department and the Public Service Commission is the presence of "hackers" (private autos driven by men trying to make an extra dollar), at shopping centers around the city on weekends.

"Most of these people are honest," Mr. Crockett said. "They're just trying to moonlight a little. But the danger when your wife gets into this man's car is that you don't know if it's stolen, if the driver is a criminal; if he is mentally ill or if the condition of the car is safe.

"With a licensed driver," he said, "these factors are secured."

Mr. Crockett also brought out what many persons have complained about, and the AFRO has editorialized on; and that is the practice of cab drivers not picking up black passengers in certain areas of the city.

"We need cabs ti go into these areas," he declared, "and with the additional service which we propose this need as well as others will be met."

If granted the permit, the American Association, Inc. will supply jobs for 300 men around the clock Mr. Crockett says and "it will supply a greater tax base for the city."

No date has been set for the hearing despite Commission Chairman William O. Daub's promise to the association to "give consideration to the request at the earliest possible date."

The Commissioner did say that there were "a number of major proceedings involving rates and services" already on the docket which means the hearing may be some weeks off.

According to Thomas Lovelace, assistant director of transportation for the Public Service Commission, "it is up to the Commission to decide when a hearing will be held.

"There have been cases in the past when the Commission just made certain decisions without a hearing," he said.

The all white commission is appointed by the Governor for six years terms. Legislation provides that one term erpires every two years.

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# -Drug hearing

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pleasant one for them."

Shriver said "We spent time going over the evidence in this case with the judge."

The Kennedys and Shrivers returned in separate cars to the family compound four miles away from the 137-year-old, two-story courthouse.

Police said young Kennedy and Shriver were among 40 to 50 persons who have been charged with narcotic violations in a summer-long investigation by undercover agents on Cape Cod.

# Girl, 18, shot in graveyard still critical

Miss Paula Spencer, 3000 block Westwood Ave., the 18-year-old student found shot twice in the head in the old Mt. Calvary Cemetery, is still on the criticial list at University Hospital.

The young woman, a June graduate of Houston-Woods Junior-Senior High School 181, has been unconscious a total of 14 days, since July 24 when an unknown persons or persons left her for dead in the burial grounds. She was over eight miles away from her home.

The location where Caretaker Superintendent Robert Smoot, and a party of two graveyard workers and a neighbor found her still alive about 10 a.m. July 25 despite her lying there seriously wounded and without attention from before midnight Saturday until Sunday morning, over 12 hours.

First reports of the tragic incident came from citizens residing near the cemetery who said they heard gun shots and terrifying screams in the cemetery Saturday night.

Investigating Anne Arundel County police under Lt. Robert Flannery have clues that may solve the mystery of the shooting but still ask AFRO readers to notify them if they have any leads.

Dial direct from Baltimore, 987-6060, the Millersville Barracks, Anne Arundel County Police, and give anyone answering information which will be held confidential. The names of callers will not be revealed.

# —Panther Clark

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ney Howard Cardin that any and all Baltimore charges against Clark be withdrawn since he has been removed from this jurisdiction and therefore can not appear for trail here as originally scheduled.

Mr. Kandel said, "The court can't have both. The defendant's removal (from Baltimore) was in clear view of the Baltimore City policemen who preferred the local charges.

"It has now become apparent that Defendant Clark will not be able to appear at the time of trial in Baltimore. Fundamental fairness seems to dictate that his case ought not be called for trial.

"For the above equitable reasons, the state should enter a nolle pros (refuse to prosecute the cases)."

Mr. Kandel also sent a letter dated Aug. 5 asking that both Clark and the alleged bondsman, John Valdez, be returned to Baltimore as witnesses to appear before the grand jury now investigating the abduction of John Clark.

Mr. Kandel states, "The Grand Jury's investigation into the abduction of John Clrk cnnot be studied in depth until it has sworn testimony from John Clark and John Valdez."

On Thursday Mr. Cardin told the AFRO that he had advised the Grand Jury of Mr. Kandel's requests and awaits their answer as to whether they want Clark and Valdez returned to testify.

He stated, "The Grand Jury originated the investigation. I cannot legally tell them what to do. The panel will determine who they want to hear, inform us and then we will make the request, if it is to be, on behalf of the Grand Jury.

Meantime, Mr. Cardin said he has the assurance of the California authorities that all certified copies of papers and all proceedings on the John Clark case will be forwarded to the Baltimore Grand Jury.

Assistant States Attorney Keith Meiser, placed directly in charge of the John Clark matter by Mr. Cardin, said that Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney George Trammel is sending the records to Baltimore.

On Thursday Mr. Meiser told the AFRO he is now attempting to see who in the Police Department is in position to testify before the Grand Jury.

The names he gave as those who possibly have information or were eyewitnesses to the disappearance of John Clark include: Commissioner Pomerleau, Chief Battaglia, Capt. Carroll, Sgt. Robert Clark, Lt. Smedberg, Sgt. Livingston, Dets. Tycks, Hess and Leonard.

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Noteworthy is the position paper issued by the Baltimore Panther Party chapter this week.

The printed sheet reveals that the party is still trying to raise bail money, since, they state, they feel they must be ready to "put up the money when and if the bail is set" in California.

They are asking that donations be sent to THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY, c/o Legal Defense, 1248 N. Gay St., Baltimore, Md.

# 'Doc' Johnson, kindly pharmacist, dies

"He was such a kind person, well thought of by so many people."

A friend was speaking of Dr. James Edward (Doc) Johnson, 1801 Chelsea Rd., who died suddenly Friday.

Dr. Johnson was for 34 years a pharmacist at Penn-Del, the all night drug store located at Pennsylvania Ave. and Dolphin Sts.

He had suffered a heart ailment for two years, but was feeling better. On the morning of July 29, he became ill at home and died several hours later at Lutheran Hospital.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at St. James Episcopal Church. He was a war veteran. Burial was in Baltimore National Cemetery.

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Born in Homestead, Pa., Dr. Johnson earned his pharmaceutical degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

He was a member of Chi Delta Mu, the Baltimore and National Pharmaceutical Associations and, Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mattie Johnson, and a son, James Jr., a third grade pupil at St. Cecelia's.

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Five sisters and three brothers also survive. They are: Mrs. Evelyn Brooks, Mrs. Edith Johnson, both of Homestead; Mrs. LaVerne Johnson and Mrs. Catherine Jackson, both of D.C. and Mrs. Louise Burns, of Chilleum, Md.

The brothers are Bruce Johnson of Homestead; Robert Johnson, Warren, Ohio; and Charles Johnson, Philadelphia.

# Assistant Dean At Kansas Fired

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Gary D. Jackson, part-time assistant to the dean of men at the University of Kansas, was ordered dismissed by the Board of Regents after Topeka police testified that Jackson helped buy 27 boxes of ammunition on the day that Rick Dowdell was killed.

The shooting touched off a five-day outbreak of violence which ended with the death of white activist Harry Rice, of Leawood.

# He gets divorce but must support children

Harvey Steven Bell, 3800 block Cadillac Ave., a medal chipper, was granted a divorce from his wife last week.

Judge James K. Cullen signed the decree in favor of the husband who told the court his wife had been unfaithful to him on two occasions.

Mr. Bell testified he and Mrs. Bell were married Feb. 10, 1962.

He said they separated in January, 1966 when he was found guilty of receiving stolen goods and sentenced to a 3½-year term. He said he was freed from MHC on Feb. 3, this year.

However, during confinement at the prison Mr. Bell said he was injured in an explosion. While being treated at University Hospital, he testified, he saw his wife and she told him of her return to her old boyfriend.

In the decree Mrs. Bell is given custody of the children and Mr. Bell is charged with paying a weekly sum of $30 or $7.50 each for their support.

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GOOD FELLOWS get together at the James Brown Motor Inn Sunday night to fete Clarence Blount, center, running for state senator in the 5th Legislative District. Left, City Councilman Robert Marshall; right, Supreme Bench Judge Robert Watts, also seeking election to a full term on the bench.

# Blount sends AFRO frank campaign letter

Clarence W. Blount, Democratic Senate candidate in the 5th District, has sent to the AFRO and other news media a revealing letter of his qualifications and civic thinking, that merits reproduction here.

For some candidates, it might well prove a fruitful guideline in literature to the voters of their own districts.

Here are portions of the Blount letter:

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"As a candidate for the State Senate from the Fifth District of Baltimore, I offer to the public these qualifications: I have been an educator in the Baltimore City Public Schools system since 1950. Consequently, I have learned the aspirations and the frustrations of young people.

"Continuing involvement in government and urban affairs convinces me that our system, properly motivated, can meet the needs of the coming generations. Working with groups dedicated to the betterment of the human condition has proven that we can effect the needed changes, democratically.

"As chairman of the Community Action Commission, I have come to know the people's desire for peaceful change. Violence occurs only when these desires are thwarted or ignored.

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"My experience with the Boy Scouts, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the National Conference of Christians and Jews has reinforced my belief that diverse groups can work out their problems in an atmosphere of goodwill.

"Yet, as chairman of the State Commission on Health and Mental Hygiene, I am aware that many of our most serious problems remain unanswered.

"I believe I bring a sound, rational approach to my desire to help provide the legislation required to answer our problems. Enclosed is my resume and literature.

"These may help give you a more complete picture of my candidacy. I am actively seeking the endorsement of those news media who do, in fact, endorse candidated.

"I hope that my qualifications will merit your earnest consideration."

# Judge Robinson's fitness questioned by trial lawyer

The Monumental Bar Association claims that one of its members, attorney Archie D. Williams, has been a victim of prejudice at the hands of Municipal Court Judge Jerome Robinson.

In a letter dated Aug. 6, Benjamin Brown, president, asks Judge Hall Hammond, as chief judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland to investigate Judge Robinson's fitness to be a member of the Municipal Bench.

"Mr. Brown quotes Mr. Williams as charging Judge Robinson with ill treatment of two white defendants solely on the basis that they appeared before him represented by a black lawyer.

The letter which also went to all judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore, the Chief Judge of the Municipal Court and Judge Robinson, follows and summarizes the incidents alleged to have occurred in Judge Robinson's

"Archie D. Williams, a member of the Maryland Bar and a member of the Monumental City Bar Association has called to my attention a matter which I, as President of the Monumental City Bar Association, feel should be brought to your attention for investigation and necessary action.

"It appears that Mr. Williams appeared in the Central District Municipal court on Aug. 5.

Judge Jerome Robinson representing two defendants, Peter A. Spinelli and Daryle Anderson.

"Mr. Spinelli was charged with assault, resisting arrest and interfering with an officer.

"Mr. Anderson was charged in two cases with assault, with resisting arrest, and with failure to appear on July 12, a charge brought by Judge Robinson because Mr. Anderson had been late on July 12 but in fact did appear.

"A jury trial was prayed on behalf of both defendants on all charges.

"The treatement of these two defendants and Mr. Williams by Judge Robinson is reported to have been so oppressive, insidious and illegal as to raise serious questions about Judge Robinson's observance of his oath of office to administer justice fairly and impartially.

"Despite Mr. Anderson's prayer for a jury trial, Judge Robinson proceeded to try him on the charge of failing to appear, found him guilty, and sentenced him to a fine of $100.00 plus costs.

"He was sent to jail in default of payment of the fine.

"He held Mr. Spinelli without bail even though Mr. Spinelli had twice before appeared before him while on bail on the same charges, and refused to allow his attorney to speak in his behalf.

"Mr. Williams is convinced and does charge that Judge Robinson's

"The treatment of these fendants, who are white, was based solely upon the fact that they appeared before him being represented by a lawyer who is black.

"In light of the extreme importance of the Municipal Court of Baltimore City in the administration of justice in this city, I call upon you, as Chief Judicial Officer of this State, to initiate an investigation for the purpose of determining Judge Robinson's fitness to hold the office he now holds."

NEW STORY

Added Places to Register -18 Pt.

The Board of Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City have designated the following additional centers as Prospective City residents may register to vote:

Friday; Aug. 7, 70; WCBM, 2610 N. Charles St.; 12:00 Noon 8:00 P.M.

Saturday; Aug. 8, 1970; 2343 Norfolk St. (Westport); 12:00 Noon 8:00 P.M.

Saturday; Aug. 8, 1970; Harlem Pk. Jr. High School Harlem Ave. and Calhoun Street; 12:00 Noon 8:00 P.M.

Beginning August 10, 1970 our main office located at Fayette and Gay Streets will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Monday, August 17th being the last day to register prior to the Primary Elections from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

# Farewell party for youth teams

William Donald Schaefer, president City Council, will join recreation officials at the Farewell Party for the United States Youth Games Teams on Wednesday, at 7 p.m. at the new Steuart Hill Recreation Center, Lombard and Gilmor Sts.

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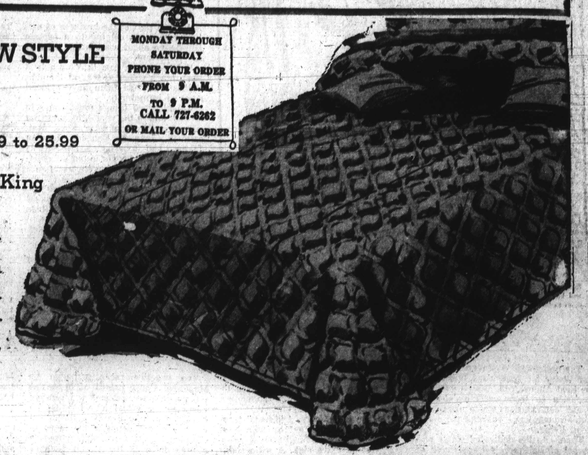

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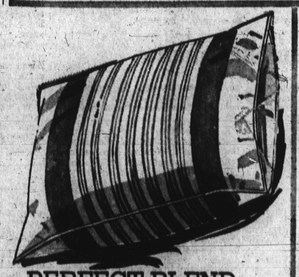

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