Morgan students protest

A condition which has existed at Morgan State College for a number of years reached its climatic point Wednesday evening in the college's Memorial Refectory (the student dining hall) when at a prearranged signal—according to Student Union president, Kenny Bevins—a number of boarding students dumped their trays of food on the floor.

Mr. Bevins, a campus activist, told the AFRO that the alleged unhealthy conditions of the dining room and the sanitary conditions under which the food is prepared for the approximately 800 boarding students were intolerable.

He said in a prepared exclusive for the AFRO that:

"Since September, we have requested better conditions in the Refectory. We have asked Mr. Servamation (the manager of the food service) to improve the quality of the food served and for cleaner conditions.

"We feel that because of these conditions . . . we refused to eat this so-called food. Tonight we shall no longer stand in two-hour lines for roach-infested garbage."

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Mr. Bevins listed the following alleged conditions as reasons for the students' actions:

1. dirty untensils 2. lack of variety in food 3. roaches in eggs 4. roaches in bread 5. water on the floors 6. impolite cafeteria workers and 7. general mismanagement of the entire refactory.

This is not the first of dramatic incidents which have taken place on the issue of the quality of the food in the refactory.

In recent years students gave staged boycotts of the dining hall; refused to use any of the utensils and finally maintained "food lines" in the Student Canteen — another student eating place — rather than in the dining hall.

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In a statement issued on Wednesday afternoon the

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NO FOOD TODAY — Scene at Morgan State College at mealtime Tuesday evening. Students, protesting quality of food service dumpd thier food and turned furniture over. Private contractor supplies food service to the college.

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Arson suspected in Norfolk Ave. blaze; man dies in 2nd fire

Fire Department investigators state that they are unable at present to prove arson in the early Wednesday morning fire that destroyed the kitchen and caused smoke damage to entire residence of AFRO longtime Composing Room foreman James Beckett and his wife, School #130 teacher, Mrs. Jean Beckett.

The 4:25 a.m. blaze originated in a trash can outside the wooden steps leading to the back door of the 4401 Norfolk Ave. home, Investigation Bureau Capt. Brayden O'Malley said.

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One of the two cans was so badly burned that the cause of the fire inside is undertermined but the case is still under probe, he stated.

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The blaze spread to the kitchen and destroyed a brand new refrigerator and stove and ruined redecoration the Becketts had just begun.

Leading to investigation of the fire as possible arsoncited Capt. O'Malley the fact that Mrs. Beckett noted a station wagon with six occupants parked across the street within minutes after she discovered the blaze.

She described additional events which led officials to suspect arson.

According to the report, Mrs. Beckett and her teenaged daughter fled the premises through the front door.

Capt. O'Mailey said when the front door was opened, the flames were pulled through the house and smoke and soot filled all the other rooms to the extend that they will have to be redecorated.

Cap. O'Mailey stated, "We have no clues as yet to prove arson. Mrs. Beckett said they have received no threats and know of no one who would want to set the house afire."

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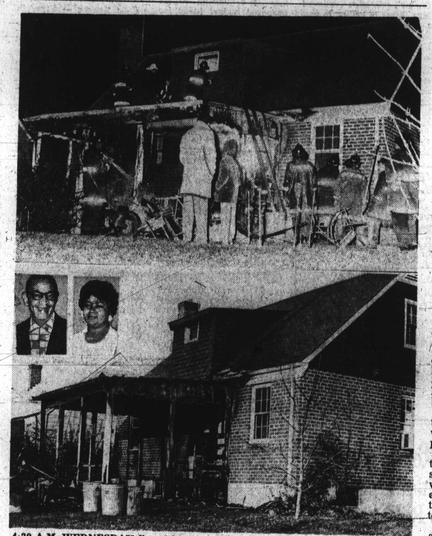
An electric heater is blamed for a Wednesday early morning fire which took the life of a 67-year-old man who resided in a 1300 block Druid Hill Ave.

Joseph Randolph was pronounced dead on arrival at Provident Hospital after firemen found him in bed in his first floor apartment.

According to reports, death was caused by smoke inhalation.

The Fire Department determined that the blaze started from the heater in a room in the rear of a second floor apartment.

Escaping without injury were Robert Cannon, Audrey and Glena Bruce and Mr. and Mrs. William Brown.



4:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY fire at home of Mr. and Mrs. James (Pompy) Beckett, 4400 block Norfolk Ave., did extensive damage to rear of home and recently remodeled kitchen. Mr. Beckett, shown in inset, is AFRO composing room foreman. Mrs. Beckett is a city teacher. She and their daughter were aroused by dog and managed to escape without injury. Mr. Beckett and son, Edwin were at at their jobs at AFRO at time. (Staff Photos by Ben Phillips).

Bus incidents 'sporadic,' Sheldon

Dr. Thomas D. Sheldon, superintendent of schools, said at the recent meeting of the Board of School Commissioners that incidents of vandalism and rowdyism on the public buses used by some 85,000 school children were "sporadic" at the least.

He expressed confidence in the ability of the majority of the public school children to conduct themselves in a becoming and orderly manner on the public transit.

He further backed this confidence in the school children by noting that the Department of Education has decided to continue its two-year contract with the Metropolitan Transit Authority to provide tickets to be used by students for deposit into buses as a means of free funding for bus use.

However, the city school chief did not rule out the possibility of the school system at a later time, buying a fleet of 300 buses of its own for use by the school population.

He did emphasize that he is presently "satisfied" with the present conduct of the majority of students riding the public conveyance, EVANS.

ARLINGTON S. PHILLIPS owner of Phillips Funeral Home, 1721 N. Monroe St., was sworn in on Wednesday, Dec. 9 as a member of the Funeral Directors and Embalmers Board of Examiners of the State of Maryland to fill out the unexpired term of Charles R. Law, the late mortician and owner of the Charles R. Law Funeral Home. End Tape Singleton

Juvenile Court recommends new anti-drug program

ANOTHER FIRE in the 1300 block Druid Hill Ave. early Wednesday took the life of 67-year old Joseph Randolph resident of a first floor apartment. Five other occupants escaped injury.

new anti-drug program m 5 After a series of meetings with a subcommittee and the full group the Juvenile Court of Baltimore committee to study the problems of proper treatment for teenage drug addicts and users has adopted a series of 12 recommendations which it has forwarded to Governor Mandel.

The committee has also requested of the Governor a meeting to discuss these proposals hopefully before the administration budget for the next fiscal year is finalized.

At its initial meeting in the spring the committee unanimously concluded that the problem of teenage drug users is one of epidemic proportions; that treatment facilities for the youthful addict and user in the city were presently zero; and that steps must be taken immediately to dramatically change this condition.

The recommendations of the committee to correct this state of affairs were adopted after full discussion and each was adopted unanimously.

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The recommendations are:

1) Residential Facilities. The prime need is for a network of residential facilities in several neighborhoods of the city using existing but available building space. The ultimate number of beds to be needed cannot be accurately determined at this time.

However, in its initial phase this should consist of a minimum of 100 beds for admission, evaluation and detoxification where needed.

2) Out Patient Care. This must be provided with the full range of services, including among other treatment modalities psychiatric counseling and group therapy.

3) Training Schools. There are a number of youthful drug offenders who by reason of their particular antisocial behavior need the controlled setting of a training school. However, as part of this treatment attention must be directed to their drug use. The Department of Juvenile Services is willing to provide special programming in this area and support for this is very necessary.

4) Private Families. There are a number of private families willing to take into their homes youths who have substantial drug problems, who do not need residential care but who do need removal from their own homes. Sufficient budgetary allowance should be made to allow for sustaining these young people in these homes.

5) Adolescent Run Programs and Other Experiments. It is felt that a cen-

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18-year-olds may register to vote

For the first time in the history of Maryland, 18-year-olds are eligible to register to vote in all forthcoming elections in the Free State.

Officials at the Supervisors of Elections told the AFRO on Thursday that although authorities are waiting for the Supreme Court to rule on the matter, they are accepting 18-year-olds for voter registration.

Youngsters may register at the Supervisors of Elections in the basement of the Municipal Court Building located at Fayette and Gay Sts. (near City Hall) from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

NAACP election

The annual election of officers and executive committee members will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Pennsylvania Ave. branch Enoch Pratt Library.

Each committee chairman is expected to submit a written report.

The newly elected executive committee will meet at the library on Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m., according to Mrs. Enolia P. McMillan, president of the branch.

Court accepts insanity plea of mother who threw 3 children out window

A court order signed by Judge Paul Dorf this week has committed Mrs. Martha D. Hill, 26, 100 block Aisquith St., for treatment for temporary insanity.

The young mother, estranged from her husband, threw her infant son and daughter out of an open window of her 11-floor apartment in Lafayette Courts Public Housing Project on May 4.

The youngster, Robbie Joe, 11 months and sister, Bobbie Joe, 23 months, were found on the ground below and were pronounced dead of internal injuries and multiple fractures.

The mother was subsequently charged with murder.

However, when she appeared before Judge Dorf she was found not guilty because of temporary insanity.

According to testimony produced by J. Carroll Holzer, assistant states attorney, Mrs. Hill was found, after the incident, wandering the streets. Clothed in a nightgown and coat, she was unable to speak, the court was told.

ASSAULT ON WHITE MAN

Turner Station mother acquitted

Mrs. Mamie Jones, the Turner Station mother of two who was convicted of hospitalizing 47-year-old Joseph Patryn a white man who attacked her in the shopping center on Merrit Boulevard in February this year, was found not guilty by a Baltimore County appeals jury Tuesday night.

The case which began on Feb. 28, when Mrs. Jones claims that she and her daughter "were returning to the car on the parking lot when I heard someone saying vile things about colored people.

"Evidently some black person had done something to this man, and he was saying some pretty awful things about black people in general.

"Then I was surprised to realize that he was talking to me. He said 'You're one of them. It's all your fault' and he was standing behind me as I bent over to place the groceries in the car.

"His wife who was with him, told him to come and leave me alone. 'That woman has nothing to do with it,' she told him. But he just shoved her aside.

"Then he slapped me, and I don't remember much after that."

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Three trials, one in a magistrate's court which ended with Mrs. Jones being fined for disorderly conduct, one ending in a hung jury and the most recent one, revealed what Mrs. Jones didn't remember.

With her car keys she attacked Mr. Patryn and wounded him in several places.

Why she was arrested in the first place Mrs. Jones says she'll "never know. I was the one who had been assaulted without provocation and the police took me to jail."

The police officers who arrested Mrs. Jones told the court that she had been disorderly when they arrived "and had threatened, cursed and acted in a disturbing manner"

One of them, Patrolman Thomas Price, told the court that he overheard Mrs. Jones say, "If I had a blade I'd have killed the (so and so)". The officer

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Army life easier

Army life should be better in the future.

U.S. Army enlisted men and officers can expect beer at supper, an end to most reveille formations and the elimination of nightly bed checks.

Gen. William C. Westmoreland, the Army chief of staff, ordered "rapid and positive actions" to improve Army life as part of the Defense Department's goal in dispensing with "Mickey Mouse" restrictions.

Because of the new orders, unit commanders can serve the diluted form of beer, previously confined to post exchanges and service clubs, at evening meals in the mess halls.

The unit commanders were also authorized to install beer-vending machines in the barracks.

Gen. Westmoreland liberalized the Army's pass policy on curbing the distances men may travel while on pass. The requirement of signing-in and signing-out was eliminated.

It is hoped that through these tactics more young men will sign up for military careers and will consequently enable the Army to be an all-volunteer force.

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Freedom House to honor policemen

"Should school security guards carry guns?" will be discussed by the Freedom House Neighborhood Council at the Tuesday Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m. meeting at Freedom House, 1234 Druid Hill Ave.

public schools will be present.

Representatives of the

Also, awards will be presented by John Peters, chairman of the Council, to Officer George Guest and Officer Stanley Sierakowski for superior courage and performance of duty.

Officer Guest was burned severly while investigating narcotics traffic in the lower part of Argyle Ave. Officer Seirakowski was shot while making a report after answering a neighbor's call for help.

Posthumous awards will go to Officer Thomas Mickey who was killed while investigating a narcotics complaint and Officer Donald Safer who was killed in the gunfire that wounded Officer Sierakowski.

Dr. Lillian Jackson stated that this is part of the continuing program of commending members of the police department who perform their duties in the highest traditions of courage and justice.

"Take all the good police out of Baltimore and I want to go to. We want to encourage good officers and weed out the bad officers," she said.

Dr. Jackson also stated that Freedom House has called upon Police Commissioner Pomerleau to assign more foot patrol members in inner city neighborhoods to protect the residents from the yoking attacks and killings which are on the increase.

Mrs. Ester Middleton is full-time director.

Requests for special help from the police department to clean out crime spots in neighborhoods should be directed to her. Phone 462-3250.

The Rev. Richard Clifford, Sharp Street Memorial Methodist Church pastor, is treasurer of Freedom House.

32 GIs die in week's Viet combat

SAIGON (UPI) — The U.S military command said last week 32 Americans were killed in combat during the week ending Nov. 28 in South Vietnam, fewer than half the number killed the previous week.

Coincidentally, the command said, the combat death total was the same as the 32 other American deaths attributed to noncombat causes such as illness and accidents.

Although American combat deaths fell more than half, South Vietnamese deaths rose sharply to 430 slain during the week. The figure was 163 higher than the previous week and the highest South Vietnamese battle toll since the week-ending Sept. 5 when 469 government troops were reported killed.

The latest figures in the command's weekly casualty report raised to 44,088 the number of Americans killed in the war since Jan. 1, 1961. A total of 178 were wounded in battle during the week, raising the number of American wounded in the war to 292,345. Deaths attributed to noncombat causes totaled 8,681.

TO GERMANY — 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Hugh P. Dopson of Baltimore and their year-old daughter, Donna, leave Dec. 13 for Mannheim, Germany, where he will be stationed two years. He an ROTC graduate of Morgan State College, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Dopson of Baltimore, Mrs. Dopson is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Matthews 3rd, also of Baltimore.

Punch says firebomb story is 'incredible'

Fred Punch, president of Local 1199E of the Hospital Workers Union told the AFRO that "the charges that someone actually placed a fire bomb under that car is questionable. In fact," he added, "I find it an incredible story."

However, Tuesday evening a Baltimore County Court judge heard the incident as part of the evidence on which it determined that the union has until December 18 "to show cause why it should not be enjoined from all demonstrations at the Chesapeake Manor Nursing Home."

The court further ordered that the striking non-professional workers at the home be limited to "not more than four pickets in front of the home at one time."

The action came as the latest in a series of events which developed when the "administration of the county nursing home" refused to negotiate with the union on a new contract."

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Mr. Punch told the AFRO that union officials and their attorneys "had stated flatly that they would not give the workers any of the things which we asked for."

That announcement, he said, was followed by the walk-out of some 35 workers at the home and "the additional sympathetic action of some LPNs who quit," the union official said.

Mr. Punch described the points on which the union and the hospital could not meet were "union security, the check-off and health and welfare program."

He described each of these points as being "crucial and pointed out that 1199E "would come to no agreement with any home which refused to grant workers health and welfare."

Another point he brought out had to do with what he described as seniority mobility.

"This means that we feel that a worker who is employed by any group which is under union contract and who wishes to leave one establishment and go to work for another should be able to transfer his seniority and insurance."

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Mr. Punch said that in the past "A worker who, say, was pregnant and had to leave a hospital for an extended period went to work at another hospital, her seniority would be gone and hospitalization benefits would be withheld until after she was on the job for a certain period of time.

"Our workers need that mobility. With Provident Hospital opening, many jobs will be available with better training facilities.

"People who want to go there should do so and our position is that if they want to better themselves they should not be penalized by losing benefits which they've worked hard to get in the first place."

The strike at Chesapeake Manor is 12 days old and Mr. Punch declares "it will continue till we get what is best for the workers."

The home's administration however pointed out as late as Wednesday that "new workers have been employed to take the place of the strikers and there has been no disruption in patient care."

The strike may go on and on.

-Franklin

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following our story of last Tuesday.

In a voice tinged with sniffles and tears a young woman said, "Our whole circle knew what was happening to Butch (Dr. Franklin) and that something terible was about to happen to him, but we could do nothing.

"The irony is that just about everyone in our crowd — young professionals and graduate students — smoke hashish or marijuana except Butch.

"Frequently, we kid him because he stands there and smokes a pipe full of tobacco while almost everyone else is smoking something else.

"He should not have been arrested. It would have been far more just for almost anyone else in our group to have been charged," the voice said.

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In other developments, Dr. Franklin's father, the Rev. Dr. O. St. Clair Franklin of Washington, informed the AFRO that he had received many words of support from all sorts of people including the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Baltimore and from numerous members of his predominantly white congregation.

"It was just last Sunday that Butch came to church and I introduced him to the people. They fell in love with him right away," the Rev. Mr. Franklin said.

He added: "I have no way of knowing whether Butch is guilty of what they say he did, but I do know that I have been told by numerous educators that my son is one of the most brilliant men they have met.

"I don't expect to find that he has done something stupid. Mrs. Franklin and I are behind him all the way."

And so it went with the provocative case of the 25-year-old director of public affairs for the Md. Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice.

His trial on the charges is scheduled Jan. 12.

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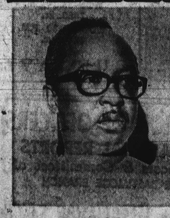

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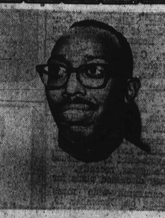

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