Julian, others against armed school guards

"If they arm the school security force I'll take my children out of the public school," Dr. Emerson R. Julian (4th Dist., D.) declared after debate was opened on the City Council floor last night on a PTA proposal to give security guards revolvers.

Dr. Julian commented on the issue just after Council president William D. Schaefer reported to the Council his recommendation that the Education Committee investigate a local PTA organization's main item in which they decided that "security guards need to be armed in order to protect the children."

President Schaefer pointed out in a letter to the chairman of the education committee that he personally feels "that security guards should not be armed with guns and that such a step should be taken only after full consideration of the matter."

Mr. Schaefer stated in his letter that the PTA which he listened to discussed "the number of incidents in and around our schools involving assaults, vandalism, muggin, etc."

He went on to suggest that "further alternatives other than the arming of security guards should be very carefully considered."

In his comments after the issue was opened on the floor of the Council Dr. Julian asked "who do they need guns to protect, the children against the children or the children against outsiders?"

Councilman Robert Douglas (2nd Dist. D.) himself a former school teacher wondered "what happens when a guard shoots a student and intentionally or accidentally, what alternatives will the PTA recommend then."

Robert Marshall (4th Dist. D.) stated, "It seems to me that the matter of bringing guns into the school is senseless. Youngsters have always been rowdy in schools but the difference is that is past teachers had guts enough to handle them."

An AFRO poll of the Council showed that most were against arming the school security force. All of the black councilmen voiced opposition to the issue however among white councilmen those whose district's schools are predominantly white were split.

On Mr. Schaefer's recommendation the Education Committee will be sole arbiters of the issue of guns in the schools for the time being, and, according to Councilman Douglas "it may die there."

In any case it won't get further attention from the Council until 1971 as last night (Monday) they adjourned for the Christmas holidays.

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By the way...

by Joe Black

Sometimes you can learn what to do in the future by finding out what you did wrong in the past. During the 1960's we saw strikes, boycotts, fires and riots. There were shoot-outs and head-bustings between police and militant protestors. The '60's also saw the birth of a new vocabulary featuring words like: uptight, hippy, yippee, establishment, trip, acid, love-in, Black Power, racist, rap and oreo. There were assassinations of great and respected people like John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, Medgar Evers, Doctor Martin Luther King, and Malcolm X. There was the miracle of our "MAN ON THE MOON"...as well as a few minor miracles like the New York Mets winning Baseball's World Championship; Willy Mays slamming home run number 600, and the New York Jets annexing the title of World Champions of Football.

Overall, our great American melting pot did a lot of boiling, stewing and burning. It remains to be seen whether anyone really learned anything from the experience. The '60's also revealed that there are too many among us who still believe that good can come from evil. That murder can earn respect. And that burning, looting and destroying will somehow make things right. It never has. And it never will!

I still believe that one home run from the bat of Willy Mays...or the memory of a man like Doctor Martin Luther King...can do more to further the cause of the black man's future in a single stroke than a million looters can do in a lifetime.

Joe Black
Vice President
The Greyhound Corporation

DMV Commissioner urges 'take free coffee break'

"Stop for a free coffee break — it could save your life" was the safety caution issued today by Commissioner of Motor Vehicles Ejner J. Johnson to all Maryland motorists who plan to take long-distance trips during the Holiday Season.

In announcing the Department's support of this program, Commissioner Johnson explained "Holiday week-end traffic deaths average 25 per cent higher than during comparable non-holiday periods and we believe the coffee safety break can help reduce this traffic toll by reducing the factors of fatigue and inattentiveness."

Johnson stated that more than 15,000 restaurants coast-to-coast are providing free coffee to tired drivers as a public service, adding "the positive contribution of these participating restaurants is to be commended and this Department and its staff will help alert Maryland motorists to the program as part of our year-round accident prevention effort."

Sponsors of the National Coffee Safety Stop Program are: American Association Motor Vehicle Administrators; International Association of Chiefs of Police; International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association; National Restaurant Association and National Coffee Association. Honorary chairman of the program is U.S. Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe.

Job Requests Flood Governor

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Gov.-Elect Milton J. Shapp, shortly after his victory in November, invited all persons seeking state employment to write him directly. Shapp said Thursday he's getting 500 letters a day in response to that invitation.

"In addi" to the many people who want to work for the state government at all levels, from service positions to department heads, there is a large number of persons already working for the state who have written to me expressing a desire to continue in public service," said Shapp.

Youths killed In 'Rights Violation'

WASHINGTON — A Columbus, Ohio, policeman was indicted by a federal grand jury last week in the fatal shooting of a black youth during a burglary investigation.

Attorney General John N. Mitchell said an indictment charging Patrolman Robert A. Morgan with summary punishment was returned in the United States District Court in Columbus.

The indictment said Morgan shot and killed Charlie J. Cook Jr., 18, on New Year's Day, 1970, in violation of the teenager's civil rights. The maximum penalty upon conviction of the summer punishment statute, Title 18 United States Code, Section 242, is life imprisonment.

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