WORKING ON A DEADLINE—AFRO photographer I. Henry Phillips took a look this week as workers pushed toward the August, 1962, deadline on the bridge which crosses North Ave. at McMechen St. The $3,099,630 span running from Maryland Ave. began Oct. 6, 1959 and is a link of the Jones Falls Expressway. Ramps will lead onto and off the bridge. Arrow behind men on bridge indicates where North Ave. runs (at Howard St.). Other shots, made from beneath bridge, frame the workers in steel.

NAACP campaign for members is extended

With 11,062 members obtained, the NAACP board of directors unanimously voted at a special meeting Wednesday, to extend the membership campaign through December in an all-out effort to reach the goal of 15,000 annual paid members.

Said Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, NAACP president: "Enthusiasm is high. Our goal is in sight. If we spend these next few weeks in an extra push, we should go over the top."

The board voted to hold weekly meetings every Tuesday night at the NAACP office, 1234 Druid Hill Ave.

The Rev. H. Octavius Graham, chairman of the NAACP Church Committee and pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church, sent a special delivery letter to ministers of the city urging that their Thanksgiving offerings be given to the NAACP for Thurgood Marshall to help him hold the line in New Orleans.

He reporter that Grace Memorial Baptist Church, Zion Baptist Church, and Knox Presbyterian Church annually give their Thanksgiving offering to the NAACP.

THE BOARD approved the holding of conferences with the three Baltimore City Congressmen Garmatz, 3rd district, Fallon, 4th district, Friedel, 7th district to urge their employment of qualified colored citizens on their Washington staffs.

Troy Brailey, NAACP labor chairman, reported that a training course is being given by Hutzler Brothers for salesgirls who are interested in permanent employment. He urged all interested persons to apply immediately at the personnel office at Hutzler's and report to the NAACP their progress.

Mr. Bailey further stated that the Labor Committee is at work seeking employment in clerical and sales positions in the various department stores.

The board also ordered letters sent to J. Theodore Wolfe, president of the Gas and Electric Company, and J. B. Morrison, president, of Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, requesting conferences to discuss practices in the hiring and upgrading of colored workers in these utilities.

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THE BOARD commended Phillip H. Savage, director of the memmbership campaign, for his successful direction of the campaign.

Dr. Lillie M. Jackson announced that Mr. Savage has been employed by the national office of the NAACP as a national field secretary and will begin work with the National body on Dec. 12.

"Again Baltimore sends one of our talented young men for National services in this great cause. First, we sent Thurgood Marshall, then Clarence Mitchell Jr., director of the Washington Bureau, NAACP; now Phillip Savage, national field secretary. Our prayers go with him."

The NAACP office at 1234 Druid Hill Ave., is opened 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Additional campaign literature and information may be obtained there. The telephone number is LA. 3-5503-04.

A minimum NAACP membership is $2. A $3.50 or above membership entitles the holders to a subscription to the Crisis. Twenty-five dollars will start a junior life membership. Fifty dollars will begin a senior life membership.

NATIONAL CRACKDOWN

6 arrested in lottery raids here

Lawmen throughout the country had a field day Saturday when they staged simultaneous crack-downs on alleged gambling establishments in 54 cities.

In Baltimore, combined Federal and city police, with mauls and axes in hand, struck at four places and arrested six persons.

Five of the six were picked up at the first location, a house in the 1100 block Peach St.

They were: Thomas J. Weathers, 47, and his wife, Mary, 41, and Earl Blanding, 21, all of the same address in the 500 block S. Greene St.;

Grant Johnson, 55, and Norman Snowden, 52, who gave addresses in the 1100 block Peach St.;

Also arrested was Albert Melasagno, 38, 1100 block Newfield Rd., in a tavern in the 1000 block S. Charles St., one of the places raided. Mr. Melasagno worked there as a bartender.

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THE SIX defendants were all arraigned before United States Commissioner Ernest C. Volkart.

All were held in $1,000 bail except Melasagna whose bail was $500.

They were charged with gambling without having purchased the special $50 Federal tax stamp.

Agents said at the Peach St. address they found lottery slips and paraphernalia, $207 in cash, and a 1960 automobile allegedly used in the operation.

Other addresses where raids took place included 500 block S. Greene St. and First block E. Cross.

Agents reported they found lottery slips, paraphernalia and a total of $654 in cash, but

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Minister succumbs to burns after his auto explodes

Funeral services are being held today (Friday) at 11 a.m. at the Shining Star Baptist Church, Chase, Md., for the assistant pastor, the Rev. Samuel Lee, who died unexpectedly at Johns Hopkins Hospital on Monday.

The Rev. Mr. Lee was years old, a resident of Joppa, Md. and a longtime Sparrows Point steel worker.

Circumstances surrounding his death from first, second and third degree burns remain a mystery. State police told the AFRO Wednesday "we are far from completing the investigation."

According to reports from the State Police Barracks, Benson, Md., three miles South of Bel Air, Md., a call was received on Saturday about 11:51 a.m. from a woman.

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POLICE SAID that they were informed a car was on fire and the operator seriously burned.

Trooper Eugene E. Ensor and Cpl. W. R. Seekford, investigating officers, report that the Rev. Dr. Lee was seen standing in the leaves on the side of the Joppa Farm Rd.

His trousers were on fire. As he staggered toward a 1954 Buick parked nearby, he made no effort to put out the fire.

They report that apparently the leaves caught on fire from the trousers and the gas tank of the car exploded. The car was completely destroyed.

The Joppa-Magnolia Ambulance rushed the injured man to Johns Hopkins Hospital where he was admitted at 12:36 p.m. Saturday.

THE REV. Mr. Lee died at 7:20 p.m. Monday.

He sustained burns over 45 percent of his body.

The Medical Examiner, said cause of death was pulmonary edema, massive, 65 per cent thermal body burns.

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IT WAS REPORTED that the burns were apparently sustained while the minister was asleep.

A sister of the Rev. Mr. Lee, Mrs. Mary Romby, Baltimore, told the AFRO Wednesday:

"It was a horrible thing. I don't know of anything that has shocked this family more.

"We are anxious to know just what did happen. He was not a person to be rest-broken enough to fall asleep by the side of the road that time of day.

"He smoked a cigar and sometimes a pipe but we don't see how a fire, to cause that kind of damage, could come from either a pipe or a cigar.

"He had no reason to be asleep out there on the road. Whether it was an accident or not, we don't know."

The AFRO was unable to talk with Mrs. Lydia E. Lee, wife of the pastor, at her home in Joppa on Wednesday. Relatives said that she was in state of shock.

However, they disclosed that the minister had left home to go on a hunting trip on the day of the incident.

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THE REV. MR. Lee was born Sept. 26, 1896 in Cumberland County, Va., the son of the late John and Lucy Lee.

He came to Baltimore when a young man and was employed at Sparrows Point until his death.

He and his wife were married 23 years.

Surviving are his wife, a daughter, Miss Frances Lee, Newport News, Va.; three sons, Raymond, Shelton and Samuel Jr.; a twin sister, Mrs. Annie Ennalls, Edgemere, Md.; three other sisters, Mrs. Pauline Patterson, Miss Edna Lee, Dellwyn, Va.; Mrs. Mary Romby, Baltimore.

Also, four brothers, James and Jerry Lee, Dellwyn, William and George Lee, Baltimore.

POLITICS:

Time for some sense

By MAX JOHNSON

One of the major questions facing Gov. J. Millard Tawes and the State's General Assembly within the next four months is—where to put the new Congressional District just allotted Maryland.

This new district— giving Maryland an eighth Congressional seat— comes as a result of population growth.

It would logically follow then, that equitable representation of this population in Congress would be the determing factor in shaping the new district out of Maryland's existing seven.

There is now no such equitable representation.

The State has a population of 3,072,000.

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HERE IS how this population is divided among Maryland's seven Congressional Districts:

First—240,000; Second—419,000; Third—238,000; Fourth—289,000; Fifth—720,000; Sixth—405,000; Seventh—350,000.

Current speculation among some Democratic leaders is that the new district will be shaped out of the three largest— the Second, Fifth and Sixth.

These lie in Northern, Southern and Western Maryland, respectively.

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THESE THREE districts have a combined population of 1,900,000.

To re-shape these districts into four— using an equitable population scale— would give a Congressman for 480,000 citizens in those areas.

Baltimore's Third District, with 238,000, and its Fourth, with 289,000, would have grossly unfair representation.

So would Maryland's First District on the Eastern Shore, now with a population of 240,000.

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SO—an equitable representation thereabouts of the State's 3,072,000 population on an eight Congressional seat basis would call for somewhere in the neighborhood of 380,000 citizens per district.

This would require a reshaping of all of Maryland's Congressional Districts.

On the face of it—this would appear to be a reasonable logical move.

But then— the B'hoys, has gliding these things, have not used such logic in the past.

POLITICS HAS been the determining factor.

Such politics was the cap in

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EEOC to detail firemen's complaints before Fire Bd.

"I think if the Fire Board would issue a clear directive on this discrimination in fire houses, this would go a long way toward ending it."

Philip A. Campanoeschi, executive secretary, Baltimore's Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, offered this suggestion Tuesday, as his agency's board met with the city Fire Board on charges of discrimination against some firemen.

The meeting, held at the Fire Department headquarters was set up to air through EEOC complaints of discrimination by colored firemen.

Both boards agreed that specific cases should be presented at a later meeting.

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JAMES J. LACY JR., Fire Board president, told Mr. Camponeschi:

"If you will give us names or places, we will have it stopped.

"We certainly intend to do everything within our power to see that everyone is given an equal opportunity."

Mr. Camponeschi, accompanied by seven of EEOC's nine board members, told the Fire Board complaints had been directed to his agency, alleging discrimination mainly in these four areas:

1. Use of station facilities.
2. Assignment of certain jobs and details in some houses.
3. Selection of acting officers.
4. Use of television sets and other facilities purchased in a pool by the men themselves.

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JOHN J. KILLEN, fire chief, took these two views of the proceedings:

"Anyone who comes in the Fire Department has to earn his way. Firemen's lives depend on one another.

"Until they test you, white or colored, you will not be accepted.

"Our book of rules are so written, they (complaints) can refer charges against any officer, any firefighter.

"These things are going to have to follow these procedures."

Chief Killen said further:

"If there is any discrimination going on, we don't know about it."

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HE SAID he could name 20 colored firefighters who are just as "good as any white," whom he wouldn't hesitate to appoint to any position.

The chief said none of these has come up on the list for promotion to lieutenant.

Chief among the complaints were that colored firefighters at some stations were not given rotating assignment as red car and substitute drivers on ambulances, ambulance attendants and acting officers.

2,341 violations found in 6 Harlem Pk. renewal blks.

Property inspections are under way in six of the 33 square blocks in the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency's Harlem Park Renewal Project.

So far, 2,341 code violations have been uncovered in these six blocks, according to R. Clarke Davis, chief of the area's renewal operations.

Mr. Davis said 54 notices of such violations have been sent to property owners, and 140 other are in the process of being mailed.

Property owners are required to begin corrective noted violations within 60 days after receipt of notice.

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THE LAW provides that the city may acquire these properties whe re code violations are not corrected within 12 months of notice.

The six square blocks where inspections have reached are bounded by:

1. Lafayette, Fremont, Arlington Ayes, and Lanvale Sts.
2. Mount, Lanvale, Gilmor Sts. and Harlem Ave.
3. Monroe, Franklin Sts., Edmondson and Fulton Aves.
4. Lafayette Ave., Carey, Calhoun and Lanvale Sts.
5. Edmondson, Fulton Aves., Franklin and Mount Sts.
6. Franklin, Schroeder Sts., Edmondson and Fulton Aves.

MR. DAVIS revealed that appraisals of the properties to be acquired by the city are more than half completed.

Actual purchasing of these properties is expected to begin in January or early February.

Most of such properties are within square blocks on side streets.

Open-air recreational parks of different designs are to be erected within the interior of square blocks throughout this project.

The Harlem Park Project is under the supervision of Edgar M. Kwong, BURHA's assistant director, renewal operations.

The project is bounded by Lafayette, Fremont Aves., Franklin and Monroe Sts.

Nurse quits over snub at restaurant

An attractive young nurse from the Virgin Islands quit her job Tuesday at University Hospital after being refused service in a nearby restaurant.

Miss Moira Niles, 24, who had been at the hospital since May 30, explained her action this way:

"I said to myself that if my dark hands aren't good enough to be served, then my dark hands aren't good enough to serve them as a nurse."

Miss Niles said the incident occurred when she sought service in the University Restaurant, a place where she had eaten on prior occasions.

SHE SAID that this time a waitress informed her that she could be served food to take out, but because of her race could not be served inside.

"You hear about the sit-downers, but you don't know what they go through until it happens to you," Miss Niles said.

Immediately after the incident she resigned from the hospital where she had worked on the neuro-surgery section.

A native of St. Thomas, Miss Niles took her nurses' training in New York City. She lives in the 3400 block Duval Ave.

When an AFRO reporter called the restaurant at 5 S. Greene St., to check the story, the person who answered identified herself as the owner.

The reporter asked if the restaurant did or did not serve colored persons.

The lady hung up without an answer.

Zone Bd. ok's move of doctor's office

The relocation of Dr. William M. Garner's office from 753 George St. to 1005 W. Lafayette Ave. was approved Tuesday by the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals.

Mrs. Wilhelmina A. Garner, his wife, told the Board Dr. Garner was forced to move his office from the George St. address because it was in the area of the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Authority's George St. Housing Project.

Andrew Hodsden, president, Northwest Improvement Assoc., appeared with Mrs. Garner to approve the relocation.

The board also approved the housing of five families at 1657 E. Baltimore St.

The coming Tuesday, the Zoning Board will be asked to allow three families to be continually located at 1017 N. Arlington Ave.

MISS MOIRA NILES
Left job over restaurant snub

5 years in assault

A 20-year-old youth was sentenced to five years in the Penitentiary on Tuesday after Judge Joseph M. Byrnes found him guilty on the third count of a rape indictment.

Sentenced in Criminal Court of assaulting a 30-year-old Social Security employee, Mrs. Damon F. Mosby, 3200 block Dorithan Rd.

Mosby was accused of beating the woman, alleged to be his girlfriend, and attacking her in her apartment.

He was also charged with assaulting Richard Thomas, a neighbor of the woman, who heard her cries and attempted to come to her aid.

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WILLIAM I. GOSNELL, Mosby's attorney, claimed that the defendant was insane at the time of the affair.

He said that Mosby had been in and out of mental institutions since his release from the Navy in 1958.

He also claimed that the youth was a victim of a narcotic cough medicine.

Miss Emma Sheppard of Myersdale, Pa., dies, rites Sunday

Funeral services are being held Sunday for Miss Emma Sheppard, 230 Large St., Myersdale, Pa., for Miss Emma Sheppard, 230 Large St., Myersdale, who died after an extended illness on Thanksgiving Day, 1960.

Well known in Baltimore, she was the sister of Miss Kate Sheppard, a long-time Baltimore teacher; Mrs. Madge Hurst, retired Washington teacher, and Miss Jane Sheppard, all of whom survive and reside in Myersdale.

Also surviving are three brothers, Theodore, Reese and Johnee Sheppard, all of Myersdale.

Park Board approves sale of pine trees

"I just hate the words pine trees.

"We should not open up that subject again."

Those were the comments of Dr. Frank C. Marino, president of the Park Board when the sale of pine trees was brought up for discussion Tuesday.

The Park Board however voted 4 to 3 to permit the sale of surplus white pine trees from the Pine Ridge golf course.

DR. MARINO'S objection was based on the sale of trees to the Bonnie View County Club a year ago.

Criticism against the sale was leveled after the city auditor reported the trees were dug and bailed by city workery.

The work was supposed to have been done by the purchaser.

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THE DECISION to sell the trees was reached after Mr. Edgar Myerly, acting superintendent of the Bureau of Parks, had a letter from the Dulaney Nurseries.

The nursery offered to buy 600 pine trees for three dollar each.

The firm agreed to perform all the labor and transporting of the five to six foot tall trees.

In reminding the board of past criticism Dr. Marino suggested that the surplus trees be planted elsewhere on park property.

Mr. Myerly pointed out that the trees on the city owned golf course were crowded and needed thinning.

Mr. Myerly added that it was a question of whether or not the trees should be sold or destroyed.

Dr. Marino concluded: "I would rather see them on a bonfire than to go through all of that again."

A motion was made to sell the trees provide a good price could be obtained.

FOR INSURANCE, the board stipulated that the transaction be handled through the city purchasing agency.

The motion was favored by State Senator J. Alvin Jones, Irvin Kovens, Gerald S. Wise and Mrs. M. Richmond Farring.

Dr. Marino, James H. Gorges and George G. Shriver voted against the move.

Sanitation worker suffers hand injury

The left hand of a 51-year-old sanitation worker was crushed in the mechanical loader of a city garbage truck Wednesday.

It took a Fire Department rescue squad 45 minutes to free George A. Lee of 3006 Windsor Ave. from the mechanism.

Northern District Police reported that Mr. Lee was helping load a truck at Morton and 21st St., and that as he turned to throw trash in to the loading bin, the mechanical loading device started up.

A blade on the machine caught Mr. Lee by the wrist before he could pull free.

POLICE SAID Melvin Blake of 1701 N. Broadway, a co-worker, pushed an emergency button and stopped the machine.

Mr. Lee was admitted to Union Memorial Hospital where his condition has been described as "good."

Youth, 17, charged

A 17-year-old Fairfield youth was held for grand-jury action on $1,000 bail Tuesday for larceny of an automobile.

John H. Sippio of the 3400 block Chesel Ct., pleaded guilty in Western Police Court.

Police testified they traced the youth to his home after the car was found in a car stolen from Solomon Green of the 1800 block Edmondson Ave.

The same youth was found abandoned in the 200 block of N. Carrollton Ave.

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VA Breaks Racial Bars On Housing Front

Protest by NAACP is supported

"The former policy of entering into exclusive contracts with selective brokers has been completely stopped.

"All listings of VA foreclosures on property in both colored and white neighborhoods will now be carried on the general listing sent to all VA-approved brokers in Baltimore.

Jack E. Wood, special assistant for housing for the national NAACP, made this significant disclosure here Thursday.

In addition to full listings being made to all VA-approved brokers, "the local VA office will post a listing of all foreclosures in the office for the convenience of prospective purchasers and the public," Mr. Wood added.

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THE NEW policy in Baltimore follows protests lodged here and in Washington by the NAACP on the basis of complaints made by Mr. and Mrs. William Watford, 739 Grantley St.

The Watfords complained that when they sought to purchase another home in the Grantley St. area, they were told by a broker that it was "not for sale to colored."

A check showed that the home had been financed through a mortgage insured by the Veterans Administration. It had been foreclosed on.

The NAACP successfully argued that VA dealings with brokers who sold only to one race, or that efforts to give listings in certain neighborhoods to certain brokers helped maintain segregation and amounted to discrimination.

Mr. Wood said the change in policy here resulted after conferences with Mr. N. Brownstein, director of the VA's loan guarantee service in Washington and is effective now.

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IN RECENT months Mr. Wood has worked closely with the Baltimore NAACP, headed by Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, on housing matters here and on Wednesday night met with members of the Real Estate Brokers association, Clarence A. Parham president, at the NAACP office.

His tour this trip included talks with representatives of President-elect John F. Kennedy in Washington where he presented the NAACP's position urging the executive order be used to knock out discrimination in all federally supported housing, including urban renewal and slum clearance.

He was one of 31 persons who attended the Thursday meeting here at offices of the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency at which BURHA's open occupancy clause in its land disposition contracts was discussed.

On an earlier trip here in

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Restaurant to serve all

FLASH!

An agreement on the racial policy of the Annapolis B and A Terminal Restaurant was reached Thursday.

A formal statement said: ". . . the change in policy to become effective (date not given) will eliminate any suggestion of racial discrimination.

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Picket lines have been halted at the Bus Terminal Restaurant here, 14 Monument St.

Whether they will resume depends on the outcome of negotiations now going on between the restaurant owner and citizens protesting the segregated service policy.

Pickets were thrown around the restaurant last week when the owner, Mike Kokinos, ordered five citizens jailed when they started up.

A blade on the machine caught Mr. Lee by the wrist before he could pull free.

Christmas is for children-- will you help Mrs. Santa?

THE LADY IN RED is the AFRO's own Mrs. Santa—the lady who wants every family in Baltimore to have a Merry Christmas. To do her part, Mrs. Santa is conducting her annual project in which AFRO readers may adopt a needy family for Christmas. Read Mrs. Santa's cases in this issue of the AFRO and if you want to help, and Mrs. Santa hopes you will, give her a ring at Mulberry 5-6015. There is a lot to be done and now's the time.

Mrs. Santa gets pleas

Christmas is for children that everyone agrees.

The AFRO's Mrs. Santa is no exception to this age-old rule.

As she opened her mail this week, she opened her heart as well. Hundreds of letters from AFRO readers tell of little tots' longings for help, of their hopes for a Merry Christmas.

Many letters describe the needs of adults. Among them are those suffering illnesses, the unemployed, the unfortunate and the helpless.

FOR FOUR YEARS, the AFRO's Mrs. Santa has done her best to help. Many local organizations and individuals have given generously to see that each Christmas is as happy as possible for those in need.

Again, the AFRO's **Mrs. Santa's Project is ready, and, with the support of churches, business establishments, organizations, clubs and local citizens, it hopes to make this Christmas one in which no one will be forgotten.**

Starting in Tuesday's edition, letters from families in the needy were published. Names of the writers were not printed and in each case has a specific number.

In this edition, more letters are printed along with the case numbers. Other letters will follow in subsequent editions.

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IF ANY reader wishes to

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A wheel chair for Andy may help save his life

Actually, Christmas will not mean much more than another year to 14 year - year - old Andrew Davis who has asked the AFRO's Mrs. Santa for a wheel chair.

He has been completely helpless since birth, a victim of cerebral palsy.

The days sort of "run together" since he can not talk or move around. He understands only the language he and his mother alone know.

His mother carries him everywhere, to food, from room to room, to church, when he can go, and outside for fresh air.

His strength is low. He eats very little, some days nothing at all. He weighs only about 40 pounds.

Although he suffers no pain he finds it difficult to be en-

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Deacons to air wife's charges against pastor

The deacon board meeting scheduled at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church Saturday reportedly has on its agenda the marriage difficulties of the pastor, the Rev. Hiram E. Smith.

Last week, his wife, Mrs. Lula Smith, filed suit in Circuit Court.

Charging the 69-year-old minister with desertion and infidelity, the suit petitioned the court for alimony, support and counsel fees but no divorce.

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JAMES BLAND, deacon board chairman told the AFRO the matter will be discussed at the meeting.

However, the Rev. Mr. Smith, asked to comment on the pending meeting, said:

"If they are going to discuss it, I don't know anything about it.

"I saw the chairman f h i s morning, but he didn't say anything about it."

The minister said he and Mr. Bland discussed several matters to be discussed at the meeting.

The Rev. Mr. Smith said they did comment on a story appearing in Tuesday's AFRO concerning the suit.

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"THE CHAIRMAN commented favorably on the story and I thought it was a complimentary," he said.

The minister — businessman withheld further comment on his wife's charges, which he flatly denied.

"The best way to keep water from being muddy is to stop stirring it," he said.

Asked when to expect his side of the story, the Rev. Mr. Smith replied:

"I don't know. Sometime I think I'm going down to see a lawyer, then again I don't know."

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Mr. Bland told the AFRO the board meeting will be confined to church officials.

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7 Perish In Fire

10 others of family escape

Seven members of a Charles County, Southern Maryland family of 17 were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the house at 3 a.m. this morning (Friday).

The dead are: father Robert Powell, 43; mother, Mrs. Viola Powell, 45; their children, James Henry, 12; Barbara, 10; John 8; Joseph, 3; and a cousin, Phillip Gates, 11.

There were 17 members of the family residing in the Newport, Md. residence, police disclosed. Ten persons survive.

The fire was of unknown origin. Newport is located on Route 301 just below LaPlata, Md.

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WEATHER

Friday, sunny, cold; Saturday, sunny, warmer; Sunday, sunny, fair; Monday, cloudy, brisk.

23 more days until Christmas

29 more days until New Years Day

Outlook for December: snowy, cold, a "green Christmas" is predicted, no snow.

WHAT'S COOKING IN BALTIMORE

Meetings open to all

CITY COUNCIL meets Monday in City Council Chambers, City Hall, Fayette and Holliday Sts., 3 p.m.

MORNING BOARD meets Tuesday in Room 231 at City Hall, 1 p.m.

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION meets Wednesday, 2 p.m., Room 400 of Municipal Building, Lexington and Holiday Sts.

FIRE BOARD, Tuesday, 1 p.m., Fire Department Headquarters, Gay and Lexington Sts.

LIQUOR BOARD meets Thursday, 1 p.m. in City Hall, Room 310 (subject to change).

COMING EVENTS

DEC. 1, 2, 3

The Eastside Community Committee will sponsor a Christmas bazaar and rummage sale at its office building, 1118 E. Monument St. for the benefit of under-privileged children of East Baltimore.

DEC. 3

Dickens 'A Christmas Carol,' to be presented by the Chinquapin Players, Theatre Association, at Sudbrook Junior High, 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Free affair.

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Dave Brubeck Dizzy Gillespie, Hendricks, Lambert, and Ross swing like crazy at a dozen of shows tonight at the Lyric. Times are 8:30 and 10:30 p.m.

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Music master Lionel Hampton has the spotlight turned on him at the Coliseum as the National Alliance of Postal Employees stages a winter cabaret party.

DEC. 4

A discussion on socialism and capitalism at 2730 Reisterstown Rd., 1:30 p.m.

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The Christian Family Movement and the National Conference of Christian and Jewish Sponsoring a reception for foreign students living and studying in the Baltimore area, from 2 to 5 p.m. in Cohn Hall on the Towson State College Campus (Off N. Charles St.)

DEC. 5

Mme. C. H. Walker Manufacturing Co. presents a demonstration from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 2424 Pennsylvania Ave. No admission charge.

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John Mammana Gaffa, Charge d'Affaires of the Embassy of Nigeria speaks at the Jewish Community Center, 5700 Park Heights Ave. Public invited.

DEC. 7

Meeting of all workers in an

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RICHARD WRIGHT, celebrated author of "Native Son" and "Black Boy," died Tuesday in Paris. He was 52 years of age. Wright's novels so graphically portrayed social pressures against colored persons that they are used as sociology reference books in many American universities. Among the honors he received was the NAACP's Spingarn Award. He lived in Paris for the past several years before his death. He was born in Natchez, Miss.

R. Wright succumbs in Paris

News item —Richard Wright, expatriate American writer, died the night of Nov. 28 (Paris time) of a heart attack in Paris Clinic. He was 52.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ellen Wright, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., and two daughters, Misses Julia and Rachel Wright.

By CHESTER HAMPTON

After 52 years, the long journey from rural Natchez, Miss. to sophisticated Paris, France ended for Richard Wright Tuesday. Along the way, he

Wrote one of America's most controversial novels, 'Native Son';

For a time (1934 to 1944), belonged to the Communist Party;

Became disillusioned with the party and publicly repudiated it in "The God That Failed" and lesser writings;

Visited Paris for eight months and liked it so well he went back to live until his death.

THE AUTHOR's early life was graphically described in 'Black Boy,' a Book of the Month Club selection in 1945. It told how after his birth on a Mississippi plantation in 1908, the family moved to Memphis where his father deserted the family.

Wright was then six— and while his mother was out earning a living for him and his brother, he was being amusing for local bar patrons who plied him with drink just to see his infantile drunken antics.

From 14 to 19, he moved to Jackson, Miss. to Arkansas, then back to Jack-

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Court says now to N.O. officials

NEW ORLEANS, La. —Interposition is "illegal defiance of constitutional authority," a three - judge Federal Court declared Wednesday as it refused to suspend desegregation of public schools here.

"In a sweeping opinion, the Federal tribunal knocked down a series of laws hastily passed by the Louisiana Legislature in an effort to maintain segregated public schools.

All of the legal barriers thrown up by Louisiana to avert school desegregation were voided by the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

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THE UNANIMOUS 5,000-word ruling said:

"The conclusion is clear that interposition is not a constitutional doctrine. If taken seriously, it is illegal defiance of constitutional authority. However solemn or spirited, interposition resolutions have no legal efficacy

"The opinion continued:

"Without the support of the interposition act, the rest of the segregation package falls of its own weight. However ingeniously worded some of the statutes may be, admittedly, the sole object of every measure adopted at the recent special session of the Louisiana Legislature is to preserve a system of segregated public schools in defiance of the mandate of the Supreme Court . . .

"Interposition is a theory under which the state places its

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Hazel says she has divorce

NEW YORK, N.Y. —Pianist Hazel Scott, back in the city after a brief sojourn in Mexico, revealed Tuesday that she has divorced Congressman Adam Clayton Powell (D., N.Y.).

Miss Scott said the decree was issued in Juarez, Mexico, late last week.

"I have the paper now and I am very happy," the artist Mrs. Powell presents a being her first public comment on her marital status.

"The couple had been married 15 years, but rumors of a rift between them have persisted since 1957 when Miss Scott moved to Paris and said she intended to make her home there temporarily.

Throughout the two years of her French residence, and

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Weekend Football on television

DUKE vs. UCLA, SAT., AT LOS ANGELES

UNIV. OF CALIFORNIA

No.	Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Position
19	Bob Smith	5:11	185	Halfback
21	Earl Singleton	5:11	190	Halfback
23	Kermit Alexander	6:00	210	Fullback
24	Almose Thompson	5:10	208	Fullback
25	Gene Daniels	6:01	200	Halfback
27	Jim Johnson	6:00	195	Halfback
32	Ivory Jones	6:01	188	Quarterback
77	Mary Luster	6:04	198	End
84	Chuck Hicks	6:02	196	End
88	Earl Smith	6:01	200	End

DUKE

(No colored players on team)

SUNDAY (NFL) AT CLEVELAND

CLEVELAND BROWNS

No.	Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Position
19	Jim Brown	6:03	228	Fullback
29	Preston Carroll	6:00	195	Off. halfback
30	Bob Mitchell	6:00	190	Def. halfback
40	John Wooten	6:02	248	Off. guard
80	Jim Marshall	6:03	250	Def. tackle
83	A. D. Williams	6:02	210	Def. halfback

WASHINGTON REDSKINS

(Never uses colored players)

SUNDAY (AFL) AT DENVER, COLO.

NEW YORK TITANS

No.	Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Position
24	Leon Burton	5:11	190	Halfback
31	Bill Shockley	6:01	202	Halfback
84	Art Powell	6:02	200	End

DENVER BRONCOS

No.	Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Position
29	Gene Mingo	6:00	200	Halfback
30	Chuck Gavin	6:00	190	End
34	Jim Greer	6:01	255	Guard
85	Frank Jackson	6:02	205	Def. halfback

CHRISTMAS BARGAINS PLENTIFUL IN AFRO CLASSIFIED COLUMNS INSIDE