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PRICE DRAWS SIX-MONTH SENTENCE

Public accommodations bill due hearing Feb. 2

By MAX JOHNSON

ANNAPOLIS — This coming Thursday has been labelled "Plea for Freedom of Services Day" here.

This is the day of the open hearing on the public accommodations bills now before the General Assembly.

These bills would make it unlawful to refuse citizens in Maryland eating and sleeping accommodations in any public place offering these services — because of his race, color or religion.

The bills are:

Senate Bill 20, introduced by Senator J. Alvin Jones (4th D., Balto.).

House Bill 27, sponsored by the Fourth District, Baltimore, Delegation.

House Bill 33, introduced by Mrs. Verda F. Welcome (4th D., Balto.), and several co-sponsoring House members.

THE HEARING is to begin at 10 a.m. in the House of Delegates chamber at the State House.

It will be a joint hearing before the Senate's Judicial Proceedings, and the House's Judiciary Committees.

Senator Frederick C. Malkus Jr. (D. Dorchester, and Ridgely P. Melvin Jr. (D. Anne Arundel) are the chairmen, respectively, of these committees.

Senator Jones is the lone member of his race on the committees.

SEVERAL HUNDRED citizens of both races are expected to appear at the hearing Thursday morning in support of the three bills.

Senate Bill 20 and House Bill 27 are identical, and are the product of Baltimore's Fourth District Democratic Organization.

They would punish violators who refuse eating and sleeping accommodations because of race, color or religion with fines of $100 and $500.

Mrs. Welcome's House Bill 33 is almost identical in coverage to the other two—except that violators, under its provisions, would be fined from $25 to $300.

Supporters of the bills feel that there is a good chance to get them to the floor for open voting.

HERETOFORE, such bills have died in committee.

Should at least one of the bills come out of the two committes with a favorable report, supporters believe there is a chance for passage.

To substantiate this thinking, they point to the Democratic Party's liberal platform adopted a few months ago —and the announced policy of the new Kennedy Administration.

Youth shot near club fire scene

A 15 - year - old youth who was caught allegedly trying to break into a night club that had been damaged earlier by fire, was wounded by police Tuesday.

The teenager was shot in the left thigh as he fled from the Avenue Musical Bar at 1550 Pennsylvania Ave.

A 21 - year - old man in company with the boy surrendered to police.

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WESTERN DISTRICT Patrolman Raymond Mulligan said he came across the man and boy standing on a chair under a window at the tavern.

Police said that when the sound of a siren was heard, the suspects dropped an iron pipe and ran.

While the older man was surrendering, the youth ran to Mosher St., where he was confronted by Patrolman Leroy Prediger.

The officer stated that when the boy ignored his warning to stop, he fired a warning shot into the air and a second shot at his feet.

The youth was admitted to Provident Hospital where his condition is described as "good."

On Wednesday before the boy was released in custody of his mother, a petition was filed in Juvenile Court.

The older man is being held for investigation.

THAT'S ALL — This is what the Avenue Musical Bar at Pennsylvania Ave., and Pitcher St. looked like Tuesday after it was struck by a five-alarm fire. More than 60 firemen backed up by 24 pieces of equipment fought the blaze for more than two hours.

NAACP lawyers hit Saul Harris

"I see no racial or constitutional question here. Whether unnecessary force was used is not the question before the court.

"Did the defendant kick the officers? That is the only question to be decided. I believe the officers.

"The verdict is guilty. The sentence is six months in jail."

Brushing aside allegations of police brutality and collusion on the part of the State's Attorney's office, Chief Judge Emory H. Niles made those statements Tuesday as he sentenced Donald C. Price, 20, 2400 block Huron St.

The defendant was released **in $4,000** bail pending and appeal.

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MR. PRICE is the complaining witness in a pending $100,000 civil suit against two policemen. In the civil action Mr. P Rice charges brutality and use of excessive force in an arrest.

In the Criminal Court trial which started Monday and concluded Tuesday with the six - month sentence, Mr. Price was charged with assault and kicking Officers Richard J. Wojtek and Christian Goetzke.

Prosecutors James Murphy and George Helinski produced testimony to the effect that Price kicked the officers during an arrest at 2 a.m. Dec. 12 in the 700 block Madison Ave.

Police testified that the altercation took place while they were investigating a "prowler" complaint at the Madison Ave. apartment building.

When they found the youth at the scene officers told the court, they attempted to question him and the defendant tried to escape and a struggle followed. It was necessary to beat Price before they could subdue him, officers told Judge Niles.

DURING THE trial, which began Monday, Officers Goetzke and Wojtek told the court Price kicked them in the stomach and on the legs. It took five officers to make the arrest, they said.

Taking the witness stand in his own defense on Tuesday Price testified that he had been in the vestibule of the apartment house to get warm during the early morning snow storm.

The youth told the court he was on his way home in a taxicab when he got back in the State Office Building area. He sought shelter in the vestibule, he testified, while looking for transportation home.

Shortly after he entered the vestibule Price states officers arrived and asked him if he lived there.

"When I answered 'no' they began calling me names and beating me in the head," Price testified.

Denying the assault charge Price said he "was unable to kick because I was subconscious."

CONTRARY TO police testimony that he tried to break out of the cruising patrol while en route to Provident Hospital, Price testified that he was lying down during the entire trip to the hospital.

On Monday, defense witnesses, including Provident Hospital employees, testified that the youth was beaten on the hospital grounds.

Mrs. Ruth Boddie, nurse in **charge of the Emergency Ward testified she told officers:**

"If you are going to kill him out there (on the hospital grounds) don't bring him here."

Howard Brown, Provident technician, said the Policemen told the nurse, "If you come out here you'll get the same thing."

THE COLLUSION charges came Tuesday as Archie Williams and Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell, attorneys for Price, criticized the State's Attorney's office for "showing an unusual interest in this case." W. A. C. Hughes is also an attorney for Mr. Price.

The trio of NAACP lawyers entered the case after Mr. Price's mother complained after her son was hospitalized because of injuries suffered during the arrest.

Mr. Williams and Mrs. Mitchell criticized the State's Attorney's office for consenting to the delay of proceedings in the civil suit until after the criminal court hearing.

They called witnesses to the stand in an effort to prove that an unusual procedure followed in the case.

MR. WILLIAMS and Mrs. Mitchell said their calling of various officials were aimed at supporting their contention that:

1. Price was deprived of a preliminary hearing at the magistrate court level.

2. The bail set by Chief Magistrate Joseph Kolodony of $2,100 was excessive. They contend it should have been no more than $1,100.

3. The case was assigned out of turn. They contend it was set for trial six days after the arraignment.

4. That there were interference by the State's Attorney's office in that the name of Saul Harris, State's attorney, appeared on the list of attorneys for the defense lawyers for the two policemen.

Mr. Williams and Mrs. Mitchell termed the "procuring of a delay in the civil case an unusual step."

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IN ANSWER to the allegations Saul A. Harris, State's Attorney, told the AFRO:

"It's the most outrageous thing I have ever heard. They had no basis for making such accusations.

"There was nothing unusual about the way the case came to trial. I'm impartial about the whole matter. It doesn't mean a thing to me.

Mr. Harris said that he did not enter his appearance in the civil suit as an interested party.

"As a matter of form, I gave my consent to withhold civil action until the criminal case had been tried.

"There is actually no basis for a civil case until the outcome of the criminal case, everybody knows that.

"There's nothing crooked in our office, and I think they owe me a public apology."

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ONE OF the officials they called was Miss Lucy Ann Garvey, assistant state's attorney.

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The NAACP attorneys said they had planned to determine through her what instruction had come from the Supreme Bench regarding the assignment of the case.

Her testimony was limited to a question from Judge Niles as to whether there was corruption in the State's Attorney's office. She said there was not.

Mr. Williams and Mrs. Mitchell said rules of civil suit procedure permits the taking of depositions of parties on five - day notice. This right of their plaintiff was circumvented in the civil suit was delayed until after the Criminal Court action, they contended.

The attorneys had sought to have Magistrate Joseph Kolodony take the stand at the trial but he was not served the papers in time, Mr. Williams said.

City Solicitor okeys Dixon's wage proposal

The City Solicitor's office gave approval Tuesday to the legal aspects of an ordinance which would establish a $1 minimum hourly wage in Baltimore for those persons not covered by the Federal law.

The proposed ordinance which had been placed before the Board of Estimates is slated to be returned to the City Council for action there.

Councilman Walter T. Dixon (4th D.) introduced the proposal several weeks ago.

Mr. Dixon said at the time he was motivated by several instances of low wages paid domestics, and some other workers, which had been brought to his attention.

Mother of 4 sentenced in lottery case

Judge Joseph L. Carter on Thursday sentenced a mother of four children to a prison term for a numbers racket violation.

Sentenced to a year in the Reformatory for women and a $1,000 fine was Mrs. Betty C. Bass, 37, 2100 block Mondawmin Ave.

Mrs. Bass was convicted on Jan. 11 after police testified she had a "heavy paraphernalia in her house."

Her husband James, was acquitted of similar charges.

Jobless payments increase sharply

Unemployment payments in Maryland jumped by one-third in December, climbing from $3,905,127 in November to $5,213,065 in December.

In making the announcement this week, Robert B. Kipble, executive director, Maryland Department of Employment Security, blamed a harsh snowstorm and a continued seasonal and extra seasonal decline.

In December, 1959, payments amounted to $4,323,651.

Mr. Kimble said the greater-than - normal payment increases for the period both over-the-month and over-the-year were traceable to the early snow storm which idled construction and other outdoor workers, plus new and continuing unemployment in the primary metals, shipbuilding and boat-repair industries in the Baltimore area.

CONTRIBUTING factors to the rise in payments over the year were normal seasonal layoffs in the food-processing industry, an expected downturn in employment in the apparel industry for end-of-year inventory and style changeover, and numerous scattered layoffs in a miscellany of industries for holiday vacations.

Unemployed Federal workers in Maryland received $87,770 in December, up 8.7 percent over the $80,753 of November and 10.3 percent over the $79,538 of December, 1959.

Ex-servicemen received benefits of $135,554 in December, up 15.5 percent over the $117,348 of November and 8.5 percent over the $124,980 of December, 1959.

The administrative and benefit costs of the Federal worker and ex-servicemen unemployment insurance programs are borne by the Fed.

Physician's troubles come double

Fate was unkind not once but twice this week to Dr. Edward F. Holt of the 3900 block Dupuy Ave.

Monday, the 43 - year - old physician was charged with disorderly conduct.

In Western Police Court, **Patrolman Stephen Neuman testified the Provident Hospital staff physician became angry and threw his hat on the floor when presented with a $2.97 bar bill.**

The officer said the incident occurred when he was called to a tavern in the 900 block N. Bentalou St., shortly after midnight.

When brought to the station house the doctor at first refused to identify himself, police said.

After apologizing to Patrolman Neuman in court, Dr. Holt was granted probation before a verdict by Magistrate Calvin A. Douglass.

The physician's actions were attributed to the fact that he was "upset," police said.

THE FOLLOWING DAY, two bandits armed with a sawed - off shotgun and a pistol, relieved Dr. Holt of his wallet containing $130 and a wrist watch.

The doctor reported two masked men entered his office in the 3900 block W. North Ave. around 1:10 p.m. and ordered him to open a safe.

When he told them he did not know the combination, they took the money, tied the doctor's hands behind his back and forced him in a back room.

Dr. Holt, according to police, struggled free and called police from an extension phone.

The bandits ripped out the office phone before leaving.

Dr. Holt told the AFRO: "It (The robbery) bothered me a little."

"They told me not to make any noise, and they wouldn't hurt me and this was that."

HOLMES Jan. 25th, '61

4-year term in shotgun slaying

Azia D. McKeithon, 49, 1000 block Vine St., was sentenced to four years in the House of Correction Wednesday by Judge James K. Coffin after being convicted of second degree murder.

A second degree conviction carries a penalty up to 18 years.

Testimony showed that Mr. McKeithon shot to death William Blank, 100 block Carlton St. with a shotgun last July 23.

The shooting allegedly occurred in front of McKeith. home in an argument about money.

Fire station facilities are for all, Fire Board rules

"All facilities furnished by the department in a house are for the common use of all members."

Those were the words contained in a general order from the Fire Board Tuesday.

The order was a reminder of the Fire Department's policy against discrimination in the use of fire house facilities.

The action resulted from complaints by colored firemen that they were required to use special sanitary facilities in fire houses while their co-workers used others.

The Fire Board ruling applies to all facilities with the exception of lockers and beds.

Recreational equipment purchased by firemen are not covered in the general order.

COMPLAINTS OF discrimination at station houses were brought to the attention of the Board by the Equal Opportunity Commission two months ago.

Colored firemen voiced their first complaints over five years ago.

Chief John J. Kilian declared that beds and lockers were excluded from the general order because they have traditionally been assigned to the men by their commanding officer.

Chief Kilian added: "It is common practice" to assign the same beds to colored firemen when they have night duty.

In an integrated company Chief Kilian said, at least one colored fireman is assigned to each of the three shifts.

IN OTHER action Tuesday, the Board announced the promotion of Capt. Charles E. Kaufman of No. 1 Engine Company to battalion chief.

He succeeds the late Battalion Chief Christain F. J. Reynolds.

Lt. Stanley C. Bochenek was promoted to captain, and Firefighter Frederick Reidel, Fred R. Schwartz Jr., and Howard L. Rosewag were promoted to lieutenant.

Cecil Ave. school site public hearing Monday

The City Council's Judiciary Committee has scheduled a public hearing 3 p.m. Monday on a proposed school site in the area of the 2000 block Cecil Ave.

The hearing will be in the Council Chamber, third floor, City Hall.

The Ordinance 822 involves a site bounded roughly by Kirk, Homewood, Cecil and Oakhill Aves.

The proposal to acquire this site for an elementary school reached the Council in ordinance from last Oct. 1.

STRONG PROTEST against this proposal has come from the Cecil Ave. Neighborhood Association.

Members of this group have charged:

1. Condemnation of 17 excellent homes on Cecil Ave. would be required.

2. Suitable other land is available a short distance away at 22nd St. and Homewood Ave.

3. That it is bad city planning to take homes, and allow a slaughter house to remain at 22nd St. and Homewood Ave.

Bill would abolish death penalty levy

ANNAPOLIS — A bill to abolish Maryland's death penalty in crimes of capital offenses was introduced in the Senate here Tuesday.

Senate Bill 198, brought in by Senator John C. North (D. Talbot), was referred to the Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Register to vote now

If you have not yet registered to become eligible to vote, you may now do so.

Who should register:

1. Citizens who have recently become 21 years of age.

2. Those persons over 21 years of age who have lived in Baltimore for one year or more — and are not yet eligible to vote.

Where to register — Supervisors of Elections, basement of People's Court Building, Gay and Fayette Sts.

Hours you can register — Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Thursdays 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

You must register now to be eligible to vote in next year's State - wide elections.

POLITICS:

Judgeship jobs open

By MAX JOHNSON

ANNAPOLIS — Gov. J. Millard Tawes is soon to be faced with a batch of "Little Green Bag" appointments.

The political plums in this instance:

1. The naming of at least 11 judges to Baltimore's new Municipal Court.

2. Replacements for three judges on Baltimore's Supreme Bench, who will reach the statutory retirement age of 70 this year.

The Municipal Court is scheduled to replace the city's Traffic and Police Magistrates' Courts, as they now exist — come May 1.

A bill to detail the operation of this new court is to be reviewed for final drafting Monday, by Thomas B. Finan, attorney general.

The Supreme Bench members due for retirement are Judges E. Paul Mason, John T. Tucker and S. Ralph Warnken.

So — their are at least 14 key judgeships for Gov. Tawes to fill in Baltimore.

The Baltimore Bar Association is currently preparing a listing of its recommendations to the governor — for filling the Governor — for his convenience in naming the new Municipal Court judges.

There has been much rumor and speculation about these coming appointments — but nothing concrete.

Everybody concerned is talking — except Gov. Tawes who will make the appointments.

BALTIMORE NOW has one Colored Traffic Court magistrate, one Police Court magistrate, and two colored substitute traffic magistrates.

Legislation establishing the Municipal Court carries the requirement that all judges be experienced attorneys.

The two substitute magistrates are not lawyers.

A logical assumption should be that the two sitting colored magistrates will be among those appointed to the new judgeships.

Even so — this would be an unusual, in that there are at first 14 of these posts to be filled.

Colored citizens and voters form a third of Baltimore's population.

This — something Gov. Tawes might well bear in mind — when he gets around to making his "little Green Bag" appointments in these instances.

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NEOPHYTE ARTIST — Leslie Thornton, Douglass High School art major, works on a class assignment in the art department. The drawing, showing a modern scene, is to be finished in water colors. The young artist recently submitted an example of his work in the current "Hire the Handicapped" poster contest. Mrs. Gwendolyn deCecilio is the teacher.

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Open Occupancy Wins 17—6

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CASUALTY LIST RISES TO 16

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FACES IN THE NEWS

FUNERAL MONDAY — Perry W. Howard Sr., 84, noted Elk leader and for 35 years Democratic National Committeeman from Mississippi, died in his sleep Tuesday. Funeral is Monday 11 a.m. at Asbury Methodist Church in D.C. Story on Page 27.

BOROUGH HEAD — Edward R. Dudley was elected by New York City Council Tuesday to fill out the unexpired term of Hulan Jack as president of the Borough of Manhattan at $25,000 a year. Dudley, former ambassador to Liberia, was justice of Domestic Relations Court

CLUB SINGER DIES — Ernest Cliesson who began his night club career in Baltimore and was acclaim throughout the Eastern Seaboard area, died at the age of 37 in Richmond. (Story Pg. 2)

CITIZENS WIN 17-6

BURHA's policy is rejected

By a vote of 17 to 6, the Citizens' Advisory Committee of the Mt. Royal-Fremont Renewal Area's Project 1, approved a strong open occupancy clause on Thursday.

The vote rejected the so-called "preference clause" proposed by the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency. (BURHA).

This marks the third vote by the citizens' group within recent weeks.

Open occupancy would limit leasing, selling and buying of property in the renewal area, only to developers who agree in writing not to draw a color line.

Under the preference clause, developers who agree in writing not to discriminate on the basis of race, would be given preferred status in bidding on renewal projects.

Opponents contend that this clause was too weak and profited developers unnecessary loopholes which would permit them to practice racial discrimination in disposing of the renewal properties.

This provision reads:—

"In selling real estate in the urban renewal project area, the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency shall give preference, under procedures established by it, to developers who agree in writing not to discriminate in the sale, rental or occupancy of the property developed by them, against any person because of race, creed, or national origin."

Fly its 17-6 vote, the advisory group rejected BURHA's proposal and upheld last week's action of its sub-committee headed by Milton Allen.

Thursday's two-hour meeting was held at the Mt. Royal-Fremont Renewal office, 1301 N. Eutaw St. John Henderson, executive secretary of Druid Hill YMCA, acted chairman of the 36-member committee, presided.

As chairman, he did not vote.

Mr. Henderson, who had previously favored BURHA's preference clause, told the AFRO Thursday's vote was "rather disconcerting. I don't

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KENNEDY AIDE AT WORK — Andrew (Andy) Hatcher, arrow, assistant to Press Secretary Pierre Salinger, is shown at the side of President Kennedy during the Chief Executive's weekly press conference on Wednesday afternoon. Brown-skinned photographer in photo is Elsworth Davis. When he took office, Mr. Kennedy permitted live radio and television coverage of his weekly meetings with press. Mr. Salinger and his assistant, are present to advise the President and to aid newsmen.

Victims trapped in Upton St. home

BULLETIN

Kevin Wilson, 9 months old, died this morning (Friday) at 2:25 a.m., making the fourth child to die in Thursday's Upton St. fire.

Thursday was another black day for Baltimore.

Three small children died in a tragic fire that raced through their home and trapped them in a third floor room at 1329 Upton St.

Neighbors stood outside the home and watched helplessly as the children pressed their faces against window panes and then were lost from view as smoke blotted them out.

Dead of smoke inhalation are Mark Jordan, 5, Marsha Jordan, 4, Keith Wilson, 20 months.

Another child, Kevin Wilson, nine months, is in critical condition at Provident Hospital.

The Jordan children, pronounced dead on arrival at Provident Hospital shortly after 4 p.m., are children of Mrs. Debora Wilson, 23, by a former marriage.

Keith Wilson, also pronounced dead on arrival, is also her son by her present husband, William Wilson, 23, a downtown restaurant employe.

The 9-months-old son is the Wilson's youngest child. Mrs. Wilson expects the arrival of another child in April, her husband said.

THE DEATHS raised to 15 the number of persons who have died in fires in the Baltimore area since the first of the year.

An earlier AFRO story had predicted, based on past records, at least 30 persons would die in 1961.

The fire was blamed by police on a portable heater.

According to Western District police officers who arrived on the Upton St. scene Thursday shortly after 3:45 p.m., Mrs. Wilson said she had gone to the store at Lanvale and Myrtle Ave. to get the children some candy.

She said she left them in the living room playing. When she returned she saw smoke and flames but could not enter the house.

Police said the mother entered the house through the basement and faced to use a fire hose to put out the fire, but was driven out of the house by the smoke.

JOHN BEYERLY, 19, a Lafayette Ave., was in the neighborhood and said he and neighbors could hear the children at third floor windows.

He told the AFRO: "We did we could to save them.

"I had a ladder but I couldn't handle it by myself.

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Do you know a candidate who belongs on Honor Roll?

The search for 10 Baltimoreans who have made a valuable contribution to the community in 1960 continues.

The 10, to be selected from nominations sent in by AFRO readers, will be taken to expand the 1960 AFRO Honor Roll.

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They come from any walk of life and any profession.

Send your nominations to AFRO Honor Roll, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore 1, Md.

President tests his civil rights powers

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — President Kennedy Wednesday told a news conference that he is considering what action can be taken to expand civil rights by executive action.

He said he is hopeful that the analysis can be concluded shortly and that at that time he will have some statement to make on civil rights.

He also said he is not a candidate for office "at least four years."

The situation in the Congo has deteriorated sharply lately, the President declared.

He discussed that Ambassador Timberlake has returned from Leopoldville, the Congo capital, for consultations on the situation.

He said the Administration is considering the matter of what action to take to prevent further deterioration.

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ASKED WHETHER the slim five - vote margin by which the House approved a rule to enlarge the House Rules Committee from 12 to 15 members meant rough going ahead" for his legislative program, Mr. Kennedy first remarked that Speaker Sam Rayburn was successful Tuesday.

"That does mean the House will have an opportunity to vote on these bills," he said.

I do think the House is close divided in a good many matters that involve our legislative proposals," he added.

"At least, the House will have a chance to vote. If the House then does not want to support our program, the country then will have indicated its judgement."

He said there will be close debates in both the House and Senate on a good many of the "New Frontiers" matters. He added that "there is bound to be controversy about his program."

ASKED HOW he labelled himself, Mr. Kennedy replied that he does not call himself anything but a Democrat who has been elected President of the United States.

At the beginning of his

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Students sent to chain gang

By SAMUEL HOSKINS

AFRO Staff Writer

ROCK Hill, S. C. — "It's a shame for them to send these boys out here. They didn't have to do that."

This was how a prison inmate described a York County Prison Camp reacted to the nine Friendship College students being sentenced to 30 days at the penal institution. The man had tears in his eyes.

The prisoner, a long-term inmate, made the statement to this AFRO reporter this Thursday noon in the prison dormitory. Friendship College, a college-college president, when we went to the institution in an effort to talk with the students.

We were permitted to see him as visitors are allowed only on Sundays.

THE 10 WERE convicted Wednesday on charges of

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'They treated him like a son . . .'

"He was just a baby but they treated him like a son.

"He lived here with his grandmother and the Simmons family for years. They helped raise the boy.

"Who can tell what went wrong.

"Maybe something should have been done long ago.

"The boy had been here since infancy.

He and his grandmother died away over a year ago."

While friends and relatives prepared for a funeral that was scheduled to be held no less than two hours Thursday the above comments were made by a close relative of a church deacon who was murdered in his home.

Of a half dozen persons in the red brick house at 223 Myrtle Ave., not one could offer an explanation for the untimely death of William Simmons.

Mrs. Lottie Simmons was unable to talk with an AFRO

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MORGAN COLLEGE

Hill granted leave to visit E. Africa

Talmadge L. (Marse) Hill, professor in athletic instruction at Morgan State College, has been granted a leave of absence for the second semester to go to Mozambique, East Africa as instructor in basketball.

His assignment, part of the U.S. State Department exchange program, will last from eight to ten weeks.

Mr. Hill, who said he is looking forward to the trip, expectations will leave the United States on Feb. 12 or 15, following an orientation at the State Department in Washington.

THE BOARD of Trustees also approved an experimental program whereby Morgan College students will be required to take eight new books each year in addition to regular course requirements.

The trustees also approved the following appointments: Miss Shirley E. M. Reed, senior stenographer; Felton Whitfield, handyman; Grafton M. Williams, cleaner; Miss Constance C. Scott, practical nurse.

Resignations: Mrs. Carrie Y. Bowie, senior stenographer; Mrs. Harriet M. Hutchins, supervisor of residence halls, for disability.

A measure is to be introduced in City Council to acquire additional land adjoining the campus and giving the college an outlet on Argonne Drive.

An Editorial — Public conscience has been disturbed for 100 years

President Kennedy, in his inaugural address borrowed the words "This is not a day of triumph" from Woodrow Wilson's first address to the public March 4, 1913.

In Mr. Kennedy's address to Congress Tuesday he borrowed from President Roosevelt 1945 to plan "That we may be worthy of the unlimited opportunities God has given us."

On Tuesday in his State of the Union Address, the President reminded Congress, that "the denial of constitutional rights to fellow Americans on account of race — at the ballot box and elsewhere — disturbs the national conscience."

President Ulysses S. Grant, in his first inaugural, March 4, 1869, urged the ratification of the 15th Amendment.

In his second inaugural address he pledged his efforts to give colored people "the civil rights which citizenship should carry with it."

ON MARCH 5, 1877, Rutherford B. Hayes in his inaugural address pledged his best efforts to "wipe out the color line in political affairs forever."

President James A. Garfield, March 4, 1881 declared that there is "no middle ground between slavery and equal citizenship."

Benjamin Harrison, March 4, 1889; Grover Cleveland, March 4, 1893; William McKinley, March 4, 1897 and March 4, 1901, and even Teddy

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WHAT'S COOKING IN BALTO.

Public meetings

ZONING BOARD — Tuesday, 1 p.m. Room 231, City Hall.

PLANNING COMMISSION — Wednesday, 2 p.m. Room 1006 Municipal Building.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF WELFARE — Meets third Friday of every month at 7:15 p.m. Board room, seventh floor, State Office Building.

STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION — Meets last of each month. February date to be announced.

SCHOOL BOARD — Meets Thursday, Feb. 16 at 4 p.m. in Board Room, 3 E. 25th St.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION — Meets Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 2 p.m. Board room, Municipal Building, Lexington and Fayette Sts.

CITY COUNCIL — Meets Monday at 5 p.m., City Hall.

Coming events

FEB. 3-4

The second African - Asian Bazaar at the Islamic Propagation Center, 514 Wilson St. will be held from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. A matinee for children will be held both days from 1 to 5 p.m. Businessmen will display various types of merchandise — admission, 51 for adults, 50 cents for children.

An African-Asian Bazaar is scheduled for the same place, 514 Wilson St. Business men will display merchandise of all kinds with refreshments.

FEBRUARY 4

Test plays presented by Young Mrs. Alice R. Matthews, Lady Regent, given by Elmanuel Temple, Mrs. Mamie Temple, Mrs.

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