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Girl Friends to present Debutantes

with Lula Jones Garrett

And now . . . the Baltimore chapter of Girl Friends will present a group of 20 debutantes.

Their cotillion, now being planned for the Christmas holidays, and at the Alcazar, will, however, be a benefit affair . . . their effort to aid the Provident Hospital.

Heretofore the chapter has lent a hand to NAACP, FEPC and the National Service Scholarship fund. Now, they say, charity begins at home, and a great home need is to help Provident Hospital in its present financial campaign.

The December cotillion will be a seated - at - tables affair; the debutantes to be sponsored by town clubs, which will also sponsor sub-debs, who will automatically be presented in 1962.

The cotillion is the format being used by a number of the 23 units of Girl Friends to produce funds for their favorite charities.

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EMMA A. AND ALONZO KELLY hosted at the most elegant dinner in their equally elegant Hilton Road home, Sunday afternoon.

It was their first party (not including club obligations, etc.) since their marriage and since moving into their new home.

The hostess, in a beautifully fitting black moire sheath, the V-neck enhanced with a huge diagonal bow and sparked with a rhinestone clip, flitted from dining room buffet, to living room, and to step - down oak paneled library, over which guests spread. Early in the afternoon she had done the clever thing of placing hors d'oeuvres, spreads, dips, etc. at intervals in the library, where, also drinks were served . . . and where, after the dinner, coffee was poured.

Assisting her in hostess duties was Mrs. P. D. G. Pennington of this city and Mrs. Goodloe D. White of Salisbury, Md.

Guests included Dr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Thomas of Sparrows Point, Dr. and Mrs. Raymond B. Hunt, Dr. and Mrs. White, Dr. and Mrs. Lonnie Greene;

Miss Hermione Wharton, Mr. and Mrs. A. Jack Thomas, Mrs. Blanche W. McCrary, Mr. and Mrs. Hammond Mc. and Mrs. John Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wilson;

Mrs. Naomi Stanley, Mrs. Mrs. Clifton W. Sherrard, Mark Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton W. Sherrard, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Clark of Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Johnson of Washington, Mrs. Olivia Doctor of Washington and Mr. and Mrs. Van V. Mathews of the same city.

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THE ALUMNAE CHAPTER of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority held its executive meeting at Soror Catherine Green's Tuesday night.

Soror Lucille Ventur, president, conducted th Pyramid pledge ceremony for the following pledgees now on pro: Mesdames Louise Lamb, Patricia Press, Evelyn Brooks, Beatrice Wright, Susan Price and Miss Joyce Williams.

Soror Martha Bradford is dean of pledgees and her committee includes Sorors Mary C. Spellman, Mary Pitts, Phyllis McKinney, Laura Knight and Mildred Taylor.

This Saturday, will be Delta Fun and Games night starting at 8:30 at the Kappa House in place of the regular meeting.

Soror Ruby Gill's committee to raise funds for the National Sit-Ins met before the executive meeting. They are planning a Teen - Age Record Hop to be held on Friday, May 12 at the Milton Avenue Methodist Church.

May Week activities will start Sunday, May 7th with worship at Union Baptist Church. Monday, May 8th, executive meeting and initiating at Coppin Teachers College. On Thursday, May 11th, there will be two Fancy Pants Cocktail and Coke hours, one at Soror Josephine Brown's and the other at Soror Bernice McDaniels.

May Week will climax with the Annual Mother- Daughter luncheon to be held at Wilson's on Saturday, May 13th.

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THE 11-12 GROUP of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. held its April activity in the form of a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Ruth Lighston.

Mrs. Frances Wood is age-group chairman and Mrs. Ruth Lighston, activity chairman.

Parents and children participating were: Mrs. Evelyn Bass and Rita; Mildred Murphy and Hartshorn; Doris Oswell and Carole; Vyna Skinner and Daniel; Ann David; Jacqueline Lewis and James; Ruth White and Carl and Robert; Ruth Lighston and Susan and Ruth; and J. Edward Turpin.

This same group just completed its annual bowling tournament with Gai Harrison winning first place trophy in the boy's division. Frances (Toni) Wood won the girl's division. Reuben Jones and Miles Harrison conducted the three-month activity.

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THE STUDENT UNION BUILDING of Morgan State College set a beautiful scene for the annual dinner meeting of the Maryland Pharmaceutical Society.

The speaker for the occasion was Dr. Addison W. Pope, research psychologist, who spoke on the modern approach to treatment of mental disorders. Dr. Pope, who is associated with the Acute Psychiatric Clinic of the University Hospital and the Crownsville State Hospital, described the physical plants of these institutions and the work being carried on by the staffs.

During his talk, Dr. Pope used slides and recorded tapes to illustrate highlights of this discussion. The pharmacists and their guests were given an informative lecture on how drugs are used in psychiatric therapy.

Mrs. Ramona Dorcas, of City Hospitals, presided at the meeting which was attended by Messrs. and Mesdames William Ross, Anthony Allen, George Lee, E. Lloyd Davis, Bernard Ralph, William Harris, Wesley Shelton; Messrs. Bernard White, Richard Butler, John Hagan, Harold Holmes, Omar Doah, Mesdames Lilla Barnum and Misses Jean Lewis, Mattie Thomas and Louise Crawford.

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THE APRIL MEETING of the Baltimore Club of the National Association of Business and Professional Women continued the theme "Africa's Awakening" Tuesday evening at the YWCA with an exhibit of African arts and film strips and concluded with a service of African foods.

The session opened with a rehearsal of the choral group directed by Charlotte Swan, followed by the business. Then the co-chairmen, Dejores C. Hunt and Sedonia Merritt, assisted by four exhibit hostesses, demonstrated and explained the six tables of displays.

Dr. Hunt talked about the books, magazines and papers on the African situation, Sedonia Merritt described the origins and characteristics of African art and Rosalee Briner discussed the materials, subjects and processes used. Sallie Elev presented film-strip on native tribes, Harriette Howard gave an African fable and Ruth Forster discussed native foods.

The committee on the African series concluded the program with a series of three African foods including kupta, a sort of African hamburger, oat bread and rice flour pudding. Other committee members were Edith Saunders and the president, Alice Ford. Victor Ajaero, African student at Morgan acted as a resource person. Exhibits were loaned by Ruth W. Lewis, Mary Carter Smith, Phyllis McKinney and Edith Saunders.

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Hostesses for the meeting were Jennie Robinson, Inez Redmond, Lucille Rusk, Josephine Lansey, Elizabeth M. Phillips, and Louise Harris.

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ON THURSDAY the members of the Delta Alpha Chapter of Pi Beta Sigma Sorority climaxed their Easter activity for the Veteran's Hospital.

Over 250 individual baskets were given to the hospital. Sorors Joyce Blanchard, Freddie Heath, and Mary Carter Smith distributed baskets to Ward 3. Others were given out by members of the current pledge group.

On Wednesday, the staff of the hospital honored volunteer workers at a ceremony in the auditorium of the hospital. Mary Carter Smith accepted thanks for the volunteer work done by Phi Beta Sigma Sorority over the past three years.

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PHILOMATHIANS held their last lecture meeting of the season on last Saturday evening when the speaker was Dr. Lawrence D. Reddick, professor of American government at Coppin State Teachers College.

Meeting was at the Morgan Park home of Dr. Carl Murphy, with Mrs. Frank W. Phillips Jr. as hostess.

Dr. Reddick gave his impressions of inside Africa.

Members present were Mesdames Mae W. Allen, Thomas I. Brown, Ralph V. Cook, Howard L. Cornish, Frederick H. Dedmond, Carol B. Diggs, Martin D. Jenkins, William H. Hicks, Douglass Shepperd, Miss Sarah I. Sampson and Dr. Ruth Brett Quarles.

Guests included: Dr. Benjamin Quarles, Miss Jane Katy, Mesdames Eugene Byrd, John Murphy 3rd, Robert Matthews 3rd, Leeland Jones Jr., Louis E. Harmon, David Wright, S. Edward Smith, Mrs. Frances Wood, and Mrs. Reddick, who is visiting here from Atlanta.

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CO - CHAIRMEN JOSEPH BRACEY and Clark Davis are still very secretive about plans for that Alpha spring formal to end all spring formals set for Saturday, May 12.

Thrashing out details of the elaborate affair consumed most of the March meeting of Delta Lambda chapter Monday night in the Men's Club Room of Lexington-Poe Homes.

Frank Veney, who is president, did allow the brothers time to come up for air while enjoying a color slide display of the "Land of Pleasant Living" by Chuck Richards.

Then it was back to the task of completing plans for the gala of galas. We did learn that bids to the affair are expected to go out next week.

CELEBRATE — Mr. and Mrs. James A. Caldwell, 2134 W. Fayette St., observed their 32nd wedding anniversary on Sunday.

Jaguars mark 3rd birthday

JAGUARS, formerly the Jolly-ettes, celebrated their third anniversary with a gala affair at Federal Post No. 19, 1502 Madison Ave., recently.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. Rosa Griffiths. The gavel was presented to the new president by the outgoing president. A gift from the members of the club was given to Mrs. S. Rice for her former years of service. The group was led in a very inspiring prayer by Mrs. Florence Evans.

The members of the club were then presented to the audience. They are:

Luther W. Rice, president; Mildred Williams, Rosa Griffiths, Otto Fennicke, Estelle McCray, Rosalie Martin, Irene Stewart, Susie Rice, Robert Tillman, and Fred Griffiths.

This was followed by a speech by Howard Fleming. The program was closed with a toast by Lewis B. Jenkins.

A beautifully decorated cake was presented to the club by Mrs. Mary Awkward and Miss Aphelia Gibbs.

Guests were:

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Parks, Mrs. Ethel Brown, Miss Shirley Tillman, C. M. Stewart, Miss Bettie Stewart, Ezell Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. John Lee Taylor, Mrs. Sarah Larkins, Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Daisy Peterson, Daniel B. Julius, Mrs. Mable Fisher:

Fleming Howard, Benjamin Day, Katherine Chapman, Miss Olivia Peakes, Miss Ophelia F. C. Gibbs, Miss Mary F. Awkward, Mrs. Mary Logan, Mrs. Florence Evans, Lewis B. Jenkins, Miss Marie Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bell.

VAGs celebrate anniversary

The Sharp Street Methodist Church of Mt. Winans was the setting for the first anniversary of the VAG's Club, recently.

The club was organized to memorialize the late Mrs. Vivian Garth Alleyne. They have as their motto her favorite quotation "Service is the rent you pay for the space you occupy on earth."

Following a sermon by the Rev. H. R. Pratt, the club made a contribution to the Woman's Day activities.

Later they met at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth W. Parker, where they discussed plans for a dance in June. Mrs. Fannie Lane is chairman.

Mrs. Ruth B. Brown heads the group. Other officers are Mesdames Mazie B. Rea, vice president; Gladys Knox, secretary; Gloria Barron, financial secretary; Vella Macklin, chairman of hospitality; and Serena G. Forehand, chairman of publicity.

Members also include Mes-

BAPTIST HOUSING PLANS NOW COMPLETE

ST. LOUIS — The Rev. W. D. Thompson, chairman of the local entertainment committee announced last week completion of plans for housing the divisions and departments of the National Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress meeting, here June 19-25, when 12,000 delegates are expected.

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Operation Ballot: Slight Gains, But Nearly Four Million Can't Vote In 11 States

By SAMUEL HOSKINS
WASHINGTON, D.C.

For one reason or another, there are nearly four million colored persons of voting age in the South who are not able to vote.

The reasons for this wholesale disfranchisement, thanks to the Civil Rights Commission Report of 1959, are well known by both the Congress and the Executive branch of government.

Remedies to correct this glaring defect in the election process have been suggested to all three branches of the government—Executive, Legislative and Judicial.

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TO DATE, ONLY a fraction of the major suggestions by the commission has been enacted into law — the voting referee provisions known as the Civil Rights Act of 1960.

However, had all the recommendations been approved according to a majority of the commission's members, the remedy would be only stop-gap.

The only ultimate solution to the problem of securing and protecting the right to vote, according to five of the six members, is a constitutional amendment to establish a free and universal franchise throughout the U.S.

This is true because "Most denials of the right to vote are in fact accomplished through the discriminatory application and administration of such State laws.

"It appears to be impossible to enforce an impartial administration of the literacy tests now in force in some states, for when there is a will to discriminate, these tests provide the way," the Commission reported to the President.

DESPITE THE modest gains in some areas on the voting issue, the fact still remains that approximately 75 per cent of the potential colored voters in the South still are disfranchised.

Now that the new assistant attorney general, Burke Marshall, has been informed, an urgent and timely question is what does the Kennedy Administration intend to do about the voteless millions of the South?

Will the Justice Department, with the backing of the White House, mount a full-scale offensive against the forces in the South which make the vote in the South a thing of race and color?

THERE WAS considerable rejoicing in Macon County, Ga., over the March 17 ruling of U.S. District Judge Frank M. Johnson Jr. in the case Tuskegee voters brought against county registers.

There was some justification for the reaction. The ruling clearly was a sweeping victory for the government and Tuskegee citizens deprived of their right to vote through political chicanery.

Following a two-week trial, Judge Johnson ordered the following:

(1) Immediate registering of 64 colored applicants previously rejected by the registrars.

(2) Macon County registrars must meet at least two days in Tuskegee, accept applicants in the order they appear, examine them at least six at a time and keep the registration office open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

(3) REQUIRE NO APPLICANT to read and write any portion of the Constitution longer than 50 words.

(4) Permit any registered voter to vouch for any number of applicants.

(5) Within 20 days of examining an applicant, inform the applicant by mail whether he has been registered and, if not, tell him why.

(6) Register any colored persons whose performance in attempting to register is equal to the least qualified white applicant ever registered.

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INDICATING THAT he means for his ruling to be effective, Judge Johnson directed the board to report to him on its progress once a month until further notice.

He ordered the registrars to keep voting records available for federal agents and asks the Justice Department to file similar reports.

Also, the judge requested the Justice Department to be ready to bring any necessary contempt proceedings and to give him the names of possible federal voting referees in event they are needed to replace the registrars.

Subsequently, the jurist has extended his order to adjacent Bullock County where he has threatened to abolish the requirement that applicants must have registered voters to vouch for them.

AS SWEEPING as the ruling is, it applies to only two counties in Alabama — Butlock and Macon — where voters have filed formal complaints which resulted in expensive and time-consuming litigation.

For instance, the Tuskegee case actually started in 1958 when the Civil Rights Department held a hearing in Montgomery as a result of complaints from colored applicants that they were denied the right to register.

Behind these complaints was the 1957 gerrymandering law enacted by the Legislature which reduced the number of registered colored voters in Tuskegee township from four hundred to four.

IN ORDER to accomplish this, the town was changed from a municipality with four sides to a monstrocity with 28 sides.

After Macon County registrars refused to testify at the Commission hearing, the Justice Department filed suit on Feb. 7, 1960.

The government lost the case in the lower courts when the judges ruled that the resignation of the registrars left no one to sue.

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IN A UNANIMOUS decision handed down on Nov. 21, 1960, the Supreme Court reversed the lower courts and ordered Judge Johnson to rehear the case.

The opinion, written by Justice Felix Frankfurter, stated that when a legislature "singles out a readily isolated segment of a racial minority for special discriminatory treatment, it violates the 15th Amendment."

Judge Johnson's subsequent rulings stem from the Supreme Court's decision.

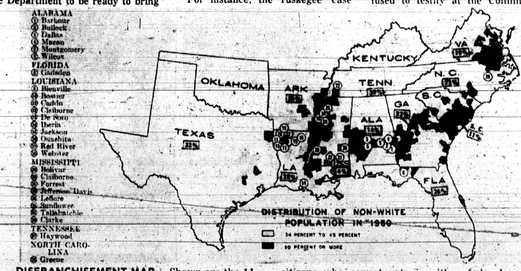
The point is the Tuskegee case required almost three years for determination.

IF THE BATTLE for the ballot is to be fought in Southern states where there is opposition to colored voting on a county-by-county basis, there will be decades of litigation over the issue.

Stiff resistance to registration will almost assuredly be made in the 150 counties in 11 southern states where colored constitute more than 50 percent of the population.

If the voteless millions of these states are to become first-class citizens, a major ballot-box offensive is needed. In fact, it is long overdue.

The Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department has the facts. In the Civil Rights Acts of 1957 and 1960 it has the tools necessary to at least start the drive which eventually must bring true democracy to the South.



DISFRANCHISEMENT MAP— Shown are the 11 southern states (excluding Oklahoma and Kentucky) which together, have almost three million citizens who cannot vote in either federal or state elections. Note that registration of colored is lowest in Mississippi.

Western allies seen evading commitment in the Congo

By Charles P. Howard Sr.

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. — The situation in the Congo once renamed the situation in the United Nations, has now returned to being the Situation in the Congo.

International politics at its dirtiest is now going on in the former Belgian Congo and the man caught in the middle is Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold.

He is in the middle because he insists upon running the United Nations operation in the Congo as a "sacred trust of civilization" and refuses to be the tool of either the East or the West, with the result that the Russians are cutting his throat from the front, while the United States stabs him in the back.

He deserves neither, and decent humanity from both East and West should arise in indignation and say, "enough."

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THE CONGO problem has been before the United Nations since July 13, 1960, when the then Prime Minister Patrice Lumumba and President Joseph Kasavubu together addressed "an urgent appeal to the United Nations to request the United Nations to give it all possible assistance with a view to the withdrawal of the Belgian troops and to safeguard the unity, the territorial integrity and the sovereignity of the Congo."

On the initative of the Secretary - General, the Security Council met on the same day, and on the day following passed a resolution to meet these requests. The United States supported that resolution and subsequent ones to the same effect.

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AT STAKE in the Congo, and coloring every move, there is the vast mineral riches of the Province of Katanga and South Kasai. There never has been any question about the determination of Belgium and her principal allies, the United States, Britain and France to keep these riches in their control.

However, two things were of primary necessity — to keep political and physical control of Katanga and Kasai Provinces and to prevent the establishment of a strong "Central government" in Leopoldville.

IN THE meantime Ambassador Stevenson comes out in support of the Tanarive Conference proposals, which would divide up the Congo into 10 or 20 separate "sovereign" states.

Realizing that this step is in direct contradiction of Security Council Resolutions, guaranteeing the "territorial integrity" and unity of the Congo — United States spokesmen when asked to explain this "sabotaging of the United Nations program by Ambassador Stevenson," refuse to comment on the matter.

In the meantime Ambassador Rajeshwar Dayal has come to the United Nations for the sessions of the General Assembly and to report to Mr. Hammarskjold. He went down to Washington the other day to see the President and others of the State Department. He did not see the President, the President was busy. He was wined and dined and given the red carpet treatment otherwise. Ambassador Stevenson back at the UN in New York, on Mr. Dayal's return is reported to have inquired in substance, if he "had plans for other employment."

Secretary - General Hammarskjold who supports Mr. Dayal unstintingly, may be able, for a time, to survive the Russian throat cutting. He can at least see them coming, but it is doubtful he will be able to survive the US stabs in the back, after all he is a man of great sensitivity.

PEOPLE

DR. GORE — MISS PURVIS — MR. POWELL

ELIZABETH CITY, N.C. — At the 21st annual College Day observance at Elizabeth City State Teachers College, Miss Martha A. Purvis of Rocky Mount, president of the senior class, took over as "president of the college for a day."

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — A plaque for outstanding leadership in education and as a statesman was presented to President George W. Gore Jr., of Florida A. and M. University at the Southern Regional Conference of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity at the university last weekend.

ORANGEBURG, S.C. — A South Carolina State College senior, Harold Powell of Jacksonboro, has won a Danforth Fellowship to study speech correction at Pennsylvania State University.

TOLEDO, Ohio—Thomas L. Barnett has been employed as executive secretary of Indiana Avenue Branch YMCA, succeeding Harold Strickland, who held the post for 10 years. Mr. Strickland is now field secretary for the NAACP, with offices in Columbus.

CLEVELAND — A former chief librarian at Wilberforce University, Casper L. Jordan, has assumed the post of supervisor for technical processes for the Niagara Falls (N.Y.) School system. He is a graduate of Western Reserve and Atlanta Universities.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Visiting Fulbright professor at Emory University in Atlanta, Dr. Alan Conway, lectured on American history at Florida A. and M. University Friday and Saturday. He is professor of history at the University of Wales, British Isles.

SALISBURY, N.C. — President S. E. Duncan has announced the appointment of Miss Julia B. Duncan as acting business manager of Livingstone College, filling a vacancy created by the resignation of E. J. Junior who accepted a similar post at Albany (Ga.) State College.

SAVANNAH, Ga. — A Savannah State College junior, Abraham Jones, has secured summer employment at the famous Henry Street Settlement in NYC. He will serve as a specialized counselor, working with problem children in the Lower East side area.

DURHAM, N.C. — A former public relations director at North Carolina College, A. M. Rivera Jr., has been named customer relations counselor for the American Yearbook Co. The photographer also has served as sports information director at A. and T. College.

Cabinet rank for Weaver opposed

WASHINGTON — The elevation of Housing Administrator Robert C. Weaver to cabinet status as head of a proposed department of urban affairs is being bitterly opposed here by two groups: Southern Democrats and Republicans — who claim they are not acting in concert.

The Southern Democrats are opposing the proposal because President Kennedy because Weaver who is most likely to head up the department is a "security risk."

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THE REPUBLICANS too, disclaim that they are impelled by racial considerations, declaring it is a device to extend the authority of the Federal Government.

However, both groups frequently in the past, have combined forces to defeat civil rights legislation. It has been noted that their pointed disavowals of racial motives makes their opposition suspect.

HIS EXCELLENCY W. M. C. Halm of Ghana, chairman of a luncheon session at Conference on African Resources held recently at New York University, introduced principal speakers Dr. George D. Stoddard, Chancellor of the University and Hon. G. Mennen Williams, assistant secretary for African Affairs. Ambassador Halm left is here with Edgar D. Draper, right, assistant director for the conference, and John L. Wilks, national vice chairman of United States Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Psychologists say public should know suicide danger signs

WASHINGTON

Suicide generally does not occur suddenly, without warning. Most persons who kill themselves give subtle cues beforehand.

If these clues are recognized and understood, many suicides might be prevented, according to two Veteran Administration psychologists who have been studying suicide for the past 10 years.

The psychologists are Drs. Edwin S. Shneidman and Norman L. Farberow, co-directors of the Suicide Prevention Center in Los Angeles, Calif., a clinic supported by a U. S. Public Health Service grant.

As a result of "their findings, the VA is undertaking a program aimed at helping prevent suicide by stimulating scientific inquiry on and dissemination of the subject by its hospital personnel.

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MEDICAL BULLETINS based on Dr. Shneidman and Dr. Farberow's research are being distributed by the VA to its 170 hospitals for study by personnel who come in contact with patients.

The two VA psychologists believe the public needs to be told more about suicide.

"If suicide is to be prevented, the public's numerous misconceptions about it "must be dispelled."

They say one of the most common of the many misconceptions about suicide is that people who make threats of or unsuccessful attempts at it seldom actually kill themselves.

On the contrary, such a threat or attempt is a significant indication that the person may actually commit suicide the next time he is seriously disturbed.

SOME OF THE other common misconceptions about suicide are:

1. A state of deep depression always precedes suicide.

Not so, according to the psychologists. Although depression is the main psychiatric symptom that should be associated with the possibility of suicide, depression is not always present or, manifest in those who commit suicide.

2. Improvement after an emotional crisis means the risk of suicide is over.

Research shows this is untrue. Almost half of the individuals who were in an emotional crisis, and subsequently committed suicide, did so within 90 days of having passed the crisis and after they had seemed to be on the way to recovery.

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3. ALL SUICIDAL individuals are mentally ill. False, the doctors say.

Although the majority of individuals who commit suicide are seriously disturbed emotionally or have character disorders, they are not mentally ill.

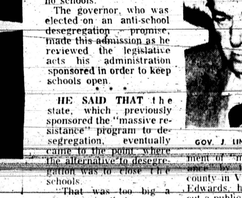
4. Suicide is limited to a specific class of people.

On the contrary, suicide appears at all economic levels, in fact Dunlap said, the very rich or to the very poor.

5. Suicide can be controlled by making it a crime. Dr. Shneidman and Dr. Farberow say such legislation has been known to increase the number of suicides.

"NO OTHER way out," was what this 38-year-old father of four children, Dr. Bibbs of Indianapolis, Ind., told police before committing suicide several years ago. Police tried for three hours to get him not to jump.

VA GOVERNOR ADMITS: Alternate to mixed schools is no schools



GOV. J. LINDSAY ALMOND

RICHMOND, Va. — Gov. J. Lindsay Almond of Virginia admitted last Friday that Southern states opposing school desegregation have but two alternatives — desegregated schools or no schools.

The governor, who was elected on an anti-school desegregation promise, made this admission as he reviewed the legislative acts his administration sponsored in order to keep schools open.

HE SAID THAT the state, which previously sponsored the "massive resistance" program to desegregation, eventually came to the point where the alternative to desegregation was to close the schools.

That was too big a price to pay," the governor said. Had the schools been closed, he added, the people of the state "would have risen up to curse us."

ALMOND SAID he feels that his efforts to save public schools in Virginia was the greatest single contribution of his administration.

Despite the abandonment of "massive resistance" as a statewide policy, one county in Virginia, Prince Edwards, has been without a public school system for almost two years.

THE COUNTY board of education voted to abandon public schools rather than desegregate as ordered by a federal court.

In a number of other Virginia communities, public schools were closed under state law which forbade desegregation.

CONVENTION CALENDAR

APRIL 15

New York City — Garter Institute to be sponsored by seven Alpha Phi Alpha Chapters of Metropolitan New York at Toonsend Hall, City College.

Baltimore, Md. — Annual convention of the Ancient Egyptian Holy Name Union at Lord Baltimore Hotel in observance of the golden anniversary of the union.

APRIL 16

Norfolk, Va. — The 19th annual state convention of the Virginia Beauticians Association convenes at the International Longshoremen's Association Hall. Continues through April 19.

APRIL 21

Newark, N.J. — Beginning of three-day convention of Jehovah's Witnesses at the Newark Armory. Over 2,000 delegates expected.

APRIL 21

Raleigh, N.C. — The 19th Northeastern Regional Conference of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority convenes on the campus of Shaw University. Beta Lambda Sigma Chapter, conference host. Conference continues through April 23.

Baltimore, Md. — The 140th session of the Baltimore Annual Conference AME Churches, to be held at St. John's Church, 810 N. Carrollton Ave. Continues through April 30.

MAY 2

Marshall, Tex. — The 31st annual session of the L. K. Williams Ministers Institute convenes at Bishop College. Also the 19th session of the women's department of the institute. Both continue through May 7.

MAY 4

Baton Rouge, La. — The Louisiana Conference (Methodist) Women's Society begins a four-day annual meeting at Marks Church here.

JUNE 19

St. Louis, Mo. — National Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress meets at Kiel Auditorium. Continues through June 25.

Apartheid police re-arrest 2 South African raid victims

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — The apartheid government of Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd arrested, April 4, two of the people he freed, defendants of the group freed two weeks ago.

They are Joseph Molewa, executive of the Pan-African Congress and Duma Nkwe, secretary general of the African National Congress.

Both men are accused of having helped to organize an All-African Conference at Pietermaritzberg, last month.

From Lisbon, Portugal, the Lusitania news agency reported April 5 that 12 Portugese soldiers were killed and seven injured during a battle the previous day with natives in Angola West Africa.

The agency gave no report on the number of natives killed or injured.

According to the report, the fighting occurred near the Congo border.