NAACP Investigating Painter's Arrest

Baltimore Notebook

By MAX JOHNSON

The closer the June 1 deadline approaches for the filing of those petitions being circulated to force the Municipal Court and savings and loan bills to a referendum—the higher rages controversy they have aroused.

This, then, would appear to be an opportune time to take a close look at what all the fussing is about.

Let's look first at the Municipal Court controversy.

The General Assembly, during its 1959 session, passed a bill establishing a Municipal Court for Baltimore — and this was ratified into a constitutional amendment by voters in last November's general election.

This 1959 bill provided for 11 full-time judges to man the new court — which replaced the city's police court magistrate system May 1.

This legislation was bitterly opposed by the Baltimore General Assembly delegation — but Gov. J. Millard Tawes put his weight behind the bill and the counties pushed it through.

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PEEVED LEGISLATORS got another crack at the new Municipal court during the past winter General Assembly session — when legislation was drawn to detail its operation.

To satisfy to some extent the still angry opponents—a last-minute compromise was reached to add four more judges to the court's 11.

This General Assembly approved bill—adding the four judges and giving the new court more authority than the police magistrates—becomes effective June 1.

The Municipal Court will operate until then under the same powers of the old police courts.

Recently, there have appeared in circulation petitions to block this last General Assembly bill, from becoming effective June 1—by seeking to have it placed on the general election ballot as a referendum in November, 1962.

The petitioners are required to have the signatures of 10,000 qualified voters—5,000 of such signatures by June 1, and the remainder by July 1.

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SHOULD SUCH a referendum petition be successful — it would halt planned operation of the new Municipal Court until November of next year when voters would approve or disapprove.

This would mean that the new court — with ten of its judges paid $15,000 annually, and the chief judge $16,000—would operate for 18 month under the old police court system.

Now — the petitions can only affect the last General Assembly bill, detailing the court's operation, powers, and the adding of the four judges.

They cannot affect the now constitutional amendment which provided for the court and its 11 judges in the first place.

All of this has given rise to much speculation about what the backers of the court petitions hope to gain.

Do they hope that by delaying the full operation of the court for 18 months, taxpayers will become disgusted and demand legislation to revert to the police court system—or something more to the politicians liking?

Or—is this irritating action to force some political move not now apparent?

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THE THING becomes even more significant — when it is noted that the petitions are reportedly backed by the same forces which have fought the Municipal Court all along.

The savings and loan legislation, commonly known as the Case Commission bill, sets up regulations governing the operation of such organizations in Maryland — which is one of two States without such laws.

This bill was also hotly contested during the past General Assembly session by lawmakers who argued that the regulations were too restrictive.

Persistent rumors are that the forces backing the referendum petitions on this bill are the same as those supporting the Municipal Court petitions.

At any rate — Gov. Tawes has announced that he will call a special session of the General Assembly to pass again both bills as emergency measures, should the petitions be presented formally.

If nothing else—the whole thing has again pointed out that a lot of leaders in his own party are, displeased with Gov. Tawes handling of General Assembly legislation.

And he can hardly afford this—with an election coming up in a few months.

(THE DUKELAND APARTMENTS — This is an artist's conception of the proposed new Dukeland Apartments to be erected by the Earle Lipchin Co. of Baltimore under sponsorship of the Union Baptist Church, Druid Hill Ave. The apartments have been designed especially for aged persons and will have all the modern innovations aimed at making life more convenient and safer for the increasing number of elderly persons in the community.

Police say they took wrong man

A 29-year-old painter, arrested on suspicion of committing a robbery, was released this week when police learned he was innocent.

However, as an outgrowth of the incident officers charged the innocent man with resisting arrest, and admitted that he had been struck.

The painter was identified as Maryland Alexander Turner, 1200 block W. Franklin St., currently free under $2,000 bail awaiting action of the grand jury.

The NAACP is investigating the facts as reported by Mr. Turner are these:

He and a friend, Raymond Richardson, 37, 2100 block Callow Ave., were taking Mrs. Catherine Turner, 32, the painter's wife, to her job in Pikesville on Monday morning.

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On route they stopped in the 5500 block Park Heights Ave. so Mr. Turner could get a money order from a corner drugstore.

The first store was out of money orders, so he tried the one across the street.

On the way back to his car, police suddenly arrested him and placed handcuffs on him. When he protested Turner said he was struck.

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TAKEN TO the Northwestern police station, the trio was told a building and loan association in the area had been held up and they were under arrest as suspects.

According to a police report filed with Capt. William R. Franck, commander, the arresting officers, said the "subjects were arrested and held for apparent holdup attempt."

The report adds:

"Upon interrogation with Lt. George Courtney, it was learned that there was no holdup, but burglary. Three subjects apparently not having participated."

Two hours elapsed after their arrest, Mr. Richardson and Mrs. Turner were released at 11 a.m. by Lt. Courtney.

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MR. TURNER was held for a three p.m. court hearing Monday, charged with "resisting arrest."

Municipal Court Judge Aaron J. Baer held Mr. Turner for action of the grand jury, setting $2,500 bail.

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WHEN THE AFRO asked Lt. Courtney, acting captain in the absence of Captain Franck, to comment on the incident, he said on Thursday:

"I wasn't there, so I don't know exactly how it happened. However, I was told the man was hit.

"You can understand how he felt, being innocent, when the officers arrested him.

"You can also understand the position of police, answering a holdup alarm. They don't know what to expect."

Jail board okays due on Monday

The City Council's Executive Appointments Committee is expected to act favorably Monday afternoon on confirmation of those two new Republican Jail Board members proposed by Mayor J. Harold Grady.

The new appointees are: **George L. Russell Jr., attorney, 2317 W. Mosher St., and Dr. Joseph G. Laukaitis, physician, 4406 Garrison Blvd.**

The City Council's expected confirmation of the two will give the Jail Board—for the first time— two colored members.

IN ADDITION to Mr. Russell, David T. Mason, 3411 Rosedale Rd., attorney and claims adjuster with the Department of Employment Security, is a colored member whose term extends until July of next year.

Mr. Russell is to fill the unexpired term of Foster Fanseen, who resigned. This term ends July 1.

Mayor Grady noted this and recommended that Mr. Russell also be appointed for a full four - year term to end July 1, 1965.

Dr. Laukaitis, brother of William F. Laukaitis, city postmaster, is to fill the unexpired term of Dr. D. P. Alagia, who also resigned. He will serve until July 1 of next year.

Union Bapt. Church sponsors housing development for aged

The Earle Lipchin Co., local realtors under the guidance of its president, Earle Lipchin, is consultant and co-ordinator for the construction of a fifty-unit apartment building for the housing of the elderly citizens of Baltimore.

Working with the Earle Lipchin Co., and sponsoring the undertaking will be the Dukeland Homes Corporation, a non-profit group comprising members of the Union Baptist Church, 1219 Druid Hill Ave.

The church group, under the direction of its capable pastor, the Rev. Baxter L. Matthews, organized the sponsoring corporation solely for the purpose of giving the community this vital needed housing.

He was ably assisted by various members of the church, the board of trustees, and the board of deacons, from whose astute membership officers of the corporation were selected.

Reuben F. Jones was elected president of the group; A. Briscoe Koger, vice president; Muriel Stewart, secretary; Garmie Newsome, treasurer; and Linwood G. Koger Jr., general counsel.

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THE PROPOSED garden type apartments, to be located in the 1500 block of Dukeland St., will embody many of the latest features used in the housing industry.

Facilities such as the lowering of kitchen units, raising floor outlets, widening of doors, grab-bars in the baths, etc. are a few of the conveniences being installed with the aged and infirmed in mind.

There will be facilities for on-site parking, recreational areas, game room, laundry room, and space to be put aside for use as a dispensary at a later date.

Plans for this project were prepared in conjunction with the Housing and Home Financing Agency of the Federal Government.

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THE EARLE Lipchin Co., with offices at 530 St. Paul Pl., has delegated the specialized work of developing and packaging housing for elderly citizens, through non-profit organizations, to its multiple housing Department. This department has been responsible for many projects throughout the country. A ninety-unit, high-rise apartment building will be under way shortly in Lancaster, Pa., at the site of the Old Lafayette School.

Haircuts to cost $1.50 on June 1

An agreement signed by more than 30 journeymen barbers and proprietors of shops for a five-day 52-hour week becomes effective on Thursday, June 1.

Their organization is the International Union of Journeymen Barbers, of Local No. 795.

Under terms of the agreement the price of men's and women's haircuts will be $1.50; children's, $1; shave and neck trim, $1; shampoo and massages, $1.50.

All shops must also close on Sunday and one other day but remain open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. three days per week, and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

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Shop agreements are being signed for one year, and fines of $25 to $50 are provided for violations of the contract.

Herman L. Saunders is president of the Union and Eugene Redding and Pinkney J. Howell are the secretaries.

Witness says accident scene 'looked like a bowling alley'

"There were bodies all over the place. The street looked like a bowling alley when that truck overturned."

That was the description a witness gave of an accident that claimed the life of one man and sent eight others to the hospital Tuesday night.

Among the injured were the cab driver, William Harris, 53, of 5804 Hamlin Ave. who suffered cuts about the head and face.

His passenger, James Quarles, 32, of 2409 W. Lafayette Ave. who was admitted to Provident Hospital with injuries of the head, **of 2418 Etting St. died from face, and left leg injuries of the head and back when a delivery truck collided with a taxicab at Carey and Mosher Sts.**

Daniel H. Rogers Jr., 27, with injuries of the head, leg and back; Coleridge Caldwell, 37, of the 3200 block Burleith Ave. leg and shoulder injuries; and Mitchell Blackwell, 17, of the 2300 block Eutaw Pl., who suffered a leg injury.

SIX MEN who were riding with Mr. Rogers were also injured. They were:

William Seaberry, 27, of the 2400 block Etting St. who sustained injuries of the leg and back; Coleridge Caldwell, 37, of the 3200 block Burleith Ave. leg and shoulder injuries; and Mitch-

Southern Police Station given $225,000 'look'

The Southern District Police Station at Ostend and Patapsco Sts. has a new look.

The new features of the 65-year-old building were shown to the public Tuesday at dedication ceremonies.

Following brief talks by Mayor Grady and Police Commissioner James M. Hephron, the more than 150 guests ate lunch and were conducted on a tour of the building.

They saw the results of a $225,000 face lifting job that was completed in less than a year.

The 180 Southern District officers under the command of Capt. Elmer Z. Bowen continued to operate out of the station while renovation was in progress.

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THE FAMILIAR 30-foot ceiling at Southern has been eliminated.

The station has low ceilings, air conditioning, a court room with a judge's chamber, a roll call room, offices and a recreation room.

The Southern District Boys' Club is on the second floor.

The building also contains an auxiliary generator and a new heating plant.

A garage is to be constructed at a future date.

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THE NORTHERN District station on Keswick Rd. is the next structure scheduled for renovation.

Operations will continue at Northern also while contractors are putting that building in shape.

When the work is completed it will mark the end of the department's building program.

New station houses have been constructed in the Western, Eastern, Northeastern, Southwestern, and Southeastern Districts.

The Central District and the K-9 Corps headquarters were renovated.

DPW board okays plan aiding children of jobless parents

The State Department of Public Welfare board on Wednesday approved a proposed new ruling in its aid to dependent children program, which will allow such benefits to be paid to children of unemployed parents.

The new program will affect 2,200 families and children, Thomas J. S. Waxter, DPW director, revealed.

It was estimated that the program will cost $2,600,000 and will become effective following approval by the General Assembly's Legislative Council and the Board of Public Works.

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THE BOARD revealed that the courts will be asked to begin integration of the State's training schools in July.

Plans are to suggest commitment to the training schools on the basis of age groups to various institutions.

Meanwhile, the board announced that the members of the board of managers, school for girls, has asked Gov. J. Millard Tawes to racially integrate its board.

This school has three board vacancies which will be in effect as of June 1.

Now that the training schools have been ordered to integrate, the Barrett School for Girls will soon cease to exist.

Although the plans for a new Barrett School on the grounds at Montrose will be presented to the General Assembly as a formality, it is expected the Assembly, will act; instead, on plans to increase Montrose's capacity

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Playground sale to church okayed

The City Planning Commission on Wednesday approved the sale of a city playground near St. Leo's Catholic Church, 227 S. Exeter St., to that institution for $14,000.

The sale terms stipulate **that the playground must be operated without racial or religious discrimination.**

The city's Board of Estimates approved the sale earlier Wednesday at its noon meeting, along with the nondiscrimination stipulation.

This is the playground over which considerable controversy arose several weeks ago, when the Department of Parks and Recreation announced that it would be closed.

Irate residents of the area demanded that it be kept open, pointing out that there was not another nearby to service the children in the area.

The proposal, in ordinance form, now awaits City Council action.

County schools to be open May 30

Baltimore County public schools will be closed at 12 noon on Tuesday, May 30.

Schools will be open till 12 noon in order to allow pupils to make up time when County public schools were closed because of snow.

During the morning, pupils in classrooms throughout the County will observe Memorial Day through a variety of programs.

Four mothers are honored

The Carnation Milk Company and Radio Station WEBB recently honored four "Mothers of the Year" at a banquet held at the Garrison Lounge.

Mothers honored were Mrs. Louise Graves, 1408 N. Potomac St., Mrs. Muriel Cousin, 3903 Mondawmin Ave., Mrs. Ada Oram, 4418 St. Georges Ave., and Mrs. Johnnie Mae Hall, 1424 N. Eden St.

They were given lovely carnation corsages and were presented plaques.

AT DEDICATION—When the rebuilt Southern District Police Station was dedicated Tuesday, incoming guests were welcomed from left to right by Patrolmen Melvin P. Freemen and Robert L. Greene, inspector George S. Murphy, Capt. Elmer Z. Bowen and Patrolman Leroy L. Page.

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Dr. French takes post in Colorado

Dr. Joseph H. French, 2401 Mosher St., an instructor in neurology and a fellow in pediatrics at Johns Hopkins University, will leave in July to take the post as assistant professor at the University of Colorado, where he will teach pediatrics and neurology.

Dr. French has been on the Hopkins staff four years. He came to Baltimore from internship and residence in pediatrics at the Philadelphia General Hospital and St. Christopher's Hospital for Children.

He is one of 14 specialists in his field in the entire U.S.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Dr. French is a 1954 graduate of Ohio State University.

He and his wife, Mrs. Marilyn French, a native of Columbus, have been married 11 years. Their children are Leonore, 8; Lisa, 3; Mark, 6; and John 6 months.

A brother, Dr. Davis French, is a specialist in cardio-vascular surgery on the staff at Freedmen's Hospital, Washington.

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'Slapped Me Twice'

259 to receive Morgan diplomas

A total of 259 seniors students at Morgan State College has been listed as candidates for graduation to receive the bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degrees.

An additional 22 graduates, who completed the required number of credits during the Summer of 1960 will participate in Commencement exercises at the College on Monday, June 5, at 8 p.m.

Of the total number of candidates, 153 are from Baltimore City and an additional 44 are from other sections of Maryland.

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The remaining graduates come from sixteen other states and the District of Columbia.

Among the candidates are seven students from six foreign countries and overseas possessions of the United States.

Those states represented are: Alabama, Delaware, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington and West Virginia.

The overseas areas include: Bermuda, Greece, Liberia, South Africa, Virgin Islands and the West Indies.

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COMMENCEMENT activities will begin Saturday, June 3, with the annual business meeting of the General Alumni Association in McKeldin Student Union at 1:30 p.m.

Preceding the Alumni Dinner in Memorial Refectory at 5:30 p.m., class reunions will be held beginning with the class of 1901 and continuing each five years through 1956 in the Student Union Building at 3:30 p.m.

On Sunday, June 4, the Dean of Women's Reception for seniors, parents, faculty and friends will be held in the Truth House Sunken Parlor between three and 4 p.m.

The Rev. Marion C. Bascom Sr., pastor of Douglas Memorial Community Church in Baltimore, will deliver the Baccalaureate address in the Carl Murphy Auditorium at 6 p.m.

Commencement day will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a traditional breakfast for parents of graduates in Memorial Refectory at which the dean of women and the staff will serve as hostesses.

At 1:30 p.m., Reserve Officers swearing - in ceremonies will be held in the Carl Murphy Auditorium.

President and Mrs. Jenkins of the college will receive seniors, parents, faculty and friends at a reception in the McKeldin Student Union between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m.

His Excellency J. Millard Tawes, Governor of Maryland, will deliver the commencement address in Hughes Stadium at 6 p.m.

A dinner for recipients of Honorary Degrees will offi-

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INSPECTOR SCHMIDT

Schmidt police head

A 53-year-old career officer who was pounding the beat in the Northern District 27 years ago was named city police commissioner Wednesday.

Inspector Bernard J. Schmidt who emerged as a front running candidate for the post a week ago, was named by Gov. Tawes to succeed Commissioner James M. Hephron.

The new commissioner who is in charge of the Traffic Division is due to take office on September 1.

The division which he heads includes the taxicab bureau, the motorcycle section, the accident investigation division, school crossing guards and the meter maids.

Inspector Schmidt organized the taxicab bureau in 1943.

There are no colored traffic officers in the 350 man division headed by Inspt. Schmidt.

There are colored school crossing guards and a meter maid.

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IN AN interview with the AFRO on Thursday the new commissioner said, "I intend to protect the rights of all people, of course. That's in

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Hotel man on trial for dope

Melvin C. Hutt, a 45-year-old prominent Salisbury businessman is on trial in Federal Court here accused of conspiring to violate the narcotics law.

Mr. Hutt, operator of a Salisbury hotel and service station, is accused of taking part in a $100,000 dope operation which allegedly stretched from the Eastern Shore of Maryland to New York City.

According to Federal and State narcotics investigators, the businessman and seven other persons helped grow a crop of marihuana, to be disposed of in New York City.

Mr. Hutt has denied all connections with the alleged dope ring.

Taking the stand on Thursday afternoon, he contended that his association with Mr. and Mrs. George Copes Jr., of the 6000 block Oxford St., Philadelphia, grew out of a pending transaction to sell them his hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Copes who were charged with conspiracy, have already entered guilty pleas and will take the stand as government witnesses.

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ACCORDING TO statements given investigators by other defendants, the couple masterminded the narcotic operation.

Among those standing trial are three New Yorkers:

James Randolph, 30, 100 block W. 133rd St.

Maurice W. Woolford, 42, 100 block Hamilton Pl.

William L. Sawyer, 29, 300 block W. 133rd St.

Also two other persons from salisbury:

Melvin C. Hutt, 40, 500 block Delaware St., operator of the Franklin Hotel.

Nathaniel Doane, 40, 700

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MISSISSIPPI FRONT — Sam Hoskins (center) AFRO staff correspondent, is shown with another man outside Municipal Court in Jackson, Miss., where they sought admission this week. State troopers threw a cordon around the building and kept passersby moving during the trial of "Freedom Riders" inside the building.

She balked at calling him 'sir'

By SAMUEL MOSKINS
AFRO Staff Correspondent

JACKSON, Miss. — A 90-pound girl Freedom Rider told a press conference late Wednesday afternoon, she was slapped twice by a 200-pound Hinds County official because she failed to say "sir."

Miss Jean Catherine Thompson, 19, of New Orleans, made the charge against Max Thomas, prison farm superintendent, after being bailed out of the county jail where she and 18 other Freedom Riders had been since Tuesday.

They spent a day at the farm in Raymond, but were returned to the county jail here after the FBI started investigating reports of brutality at the farm. Miss Thomas said she had been questioned twice by FBI agents.

She told news reporters she was slapped Monday morning as she was being "checked in."

"I was sitting on a stool. Max Thomas asked me if I had a venereal disease. I told him no. He slapped me twice. Blood ran left side of the face and then on the right. I fell over almost off the stool," the girl said.

She stated that when he repeated the question she answered "no sir" and was not slapped again.

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EARLIER THE superintendent had instructed the Freedom Riders to say "yes sir" and "no sir" to all prison officials, Miss Thompson declared.

Asked why she answered "no sir" instead of "no," she said that she did not want to be struck again.

Thomas could not be reached at the farm. An aide who identified himself as Reese Hopson said he knew nothing of the incident, but "I think that it's all wrong though."

The girl Freedom Rider also stated that two more Freedom Riders, the Rev. C. T. Vivian and Henry J. Thomas, 19, of Elton, Fla., a student at Howard University, also were beaten.

"I saw Vivian all bloody and a cut on the right side of his forehead," Miss Thompson declared.

The minister was treated by the prison physician.

ALTHOUGH THE prison superintendent refused to confirm or deny the report that a guard struck the minister several times for fail-

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Mississippi 'wire-tapping' telephones

JACKSON, Miss. — The belief that there is considerable "wire-tapping" of telephones here was expressed last Thursday by Albert Jones, director of the State Sovereignty Commission.

The question was asked by newspaper reporters here covering the arrival, arrest and trial of the 27 Freedom Riders from Montgomery, Ala.

The reporters discovered that a number of persons active in civil rights are reluctant to discuss the subject

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KKK signs cut on abducted Freedom Rider—still to fight

SUMPTER S.C. — "I'm not through fighting. They made me want to fight more. They are not going to stop me. Some of will have to die before we get our rights and I may as well be one of them."

Freedom Rider Herman K. Harris, 21-year-old Morehouse College sophomore from Englewood, N.J. gave the AFRO that statement this week after four men abducted him Saturday night and carved KKK and Nazi signs over his body.

Mr. Harris, president of the Sumter CORE student chapter, traveled with the original Freedom Riders from Sumter to New Orleans and was beaten at Birmingham, Ala.

The student told the AFRO:

"I had gone to the president's home where I had noticed a light and was headed to the store for some soap. A car had that passed me earlier on the campus pulled along side me.

"Someone put something over my head and pressed something in my left side. They threatened to castrate me. They said they were doing it because you been making all the trouble."

"They drove around about 10 or 15 minutes after forcing me into the car. Then they stopped and started beating me. They knocked me to the ground.

"They started carving something on me, from my thighs up to my neck, which they said was a map that I could use to find them with.

"It was not Morris, a cable for the Dores Taxi and Livery Service for 18 years, who gave police a description of the car used by the suspects.

It was a routine night for Mr. Morris, a World War II veteran and father of 13 children, until he received a call for a pickup at 1270 North Ave., Plainfield, at about 12:40 a.m.

On arrival at the scene, Mr. Morris recalled, he saw Mrs. Ewell and Mrs. Tyson seated in a stalled white Cadillac. Mrs. Ewell's son, James, had placed the call for the cab when the 1961 auto stalled while he was at the wheel.

Mr. Morris said he was attempting to get the car started when another vehicle drove up. He said one of the two men got out of the car and said, "I'm a mechanic. Maybe I can help you."

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THE CABBIE said when the man got the car started he walked over to his taxi to call night dispatcher John Davis to order a second cab and report that he was driving Mrs. Ewell home.

"I noticed the car moving," said Mr. Morris, "and ran over on foot to tell him to stop. He had the two women in the car and he started out like a bat out of the devil."

Mr. Morris said when he

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Alert cabbie helps nab murder suspect

PLAINFIELD, N.J.—Veteran cab driver Wilbur Morris played the key role early Friday in the swift arrest of two suspects in the rape-murder of two socially prominent Union County matrons.

Arraigned before Magistrate Warren J. Lynch Monday on murder charges were Lorelle Parks, 22, of 142 Pineview Terr., Plainfield, and Joseph Macey, 22, of 327 North Ave., Dunellen.

The murder victims were Mrs. Eleanor Ewell, 51, of Westfield, wife of a Mack Truck Company vice president, and Mrs. Eleanor B. Tyson, 50, of Plainfield, wife of a Wall Street broker.

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"I noticed the car moving," said Mr. Morris, "and ran over on foot to tell him to stop. He had the two women in the car and he started out like a bat out of the devil."

Mr. Morris said when he

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Governor Tawes has responsibility for appointment of new police chief

AN EDITORIAL

The six-year term of Police Commissioner James M. Hephron expired June 1st.

Gov. Millard Tawes has asked him to remain in office until September 1st to orientate his successor.

As predicted, the governor has promoted an inspector, Bernard J. Schmidt, rather than an outsider, to become commissioner.

In 1953, Governor Herbert R. O'Conor appointed Hamilton R. Atkinson commissioner (1943-49), the first to be promoted from the ranks. He became a very excellent commissioner indeed.

Reports are current that Lt. John Bienmiller (Canine Corps), Lt. Lock Humphreys (Hotels, Pickpockets), and Lt. Vincent Gavin (State's Attorneys office) are to be promoted to captains.

This leaves room for promotions of three new lieutenants. Right now, one of those mentioned for these promotions to lieutenant is colored.

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COMMISSIONER HEPHRON'S administration has not been a happy one for us.

He found the police department with all promotions barred to colored cops above the grade of sergeant.

At the close of his term of office, that discrimination still exists.

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TO UNDERSTAND the history of the Baltimore Police Department better, AFRO readers should recall that:

Police Commissioner Charles D. Gaither (1920-37) told the AFRO colored applicants would

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Del. Methodists vote to integrate; action up to D.C., N.C. conferences

The all - colored Baltimore Area of the Methodist Church is likely to become the first unit of the denomination to integrate by transferring en masse to one of the five geographical jurisdictions.

First step toward such integration was taken last week at the Delaware Conference meeting in Philadelphia. Delegates voted overwhelmingly to transfer to the all - white Northeastern Jurisdiction, which administers churches in the East Coast area.

This action, subject to approval by the Washington and North Carolina Conferences, was recommended by the church's Board of Christian Social Concerns.

The Washington Conference meets at Morgan State College in Baltimore, June 7 - 11, and the N.C. Church, Charlotte June 14-18.

SINCE 1939, when the Methodist churches were unified, there has been strong objection to the policy which limited colored members to the Jim crow Central Jurisdiction, but assigned all other members to jurisdictions on a geographical basis.

The Baltimore Area includes its church membership outstanding leaders who have been outspoken against such segregation, as practiced by their church.

The Rt. Rev. Edgar A. Love is presiding bishop of the area. He officiated at the Delaware Conference meeting at Philadelphia's Tindley Temple, which was attended by 330 ministerial and lay delegates.

ASKED TO predict whether the Washington and N.C. Conferences meeting

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