HOPKINS UNIV. SEEN DISCRIMINATING

Baltimore Notebook

By MAX JOHNSON

There appears to be shaping in the city's Fourth District a correction of the situation that has thwarted the people's efforts in the past to elect their own candidates.

Movement is now under way to bring about organizational harmony and unity behind a single slate of candidates.

While there may have been some unity of purpose among the district's independent Democratic organizations — there the thing has ended in the past.

Candidates with various and sundry backings have muddied the election waters for each other.

Consequently, they have had little success against the candidates fielded by the district's political machine.

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HAVING TAKEN a long, serious look at the outcome of these past elections — officials of the Greater New Frontier Democratic Club and the Fourth District Organization are spearheading a unity drive.

They are soliciting the cooperation of every organization in the district.

The plans are to set up a slate of candidates acceptable to all such groups — designed to attract their combined support.

These candidates will be one for the State Senate, six for the House of Delegates, seven for delegates to the Democratic State Convention, and three for the State Central Committee.

Almost certain to be added is a candidate for Congress — now that Dr. Logan Kearse, pastor, Cornerstone Baptist Church, has announced his bid for that post.

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S. EDWARD SMITH, chairman, board of governors, the New Frontier group, had this to say Thursday on the matter of selection of the candidates:

"It was decided to begin interviewing candidates throughout the entire district, in order to get the best available candidates, and to insure that all Democratic clubs will have a chance to submit names of members of their respective organizations.

"In that way, it was felt that we could gain the fullest cooperation of every segment of the district, and, as such, put in the race a ticket that would be representative—and one that would win.

"The ticket will be so drawn up as to have every race, religion and ethnic group represented.

"We know that we can win so that all of the people can share in representative government, but we can only win with the cooperation of every aspirant — every Democratic club working together in absolute harmony."

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HERE, THEN, are the stated aims toward unifying the Fourth District's independent Democratic organizations — to combine their efforts for the May primary.

Surely, clear-thinking citizens must agree this is something that should have been done long ago.

For those not yet contacted who may be interested—these two organizations can be reached thusly:

New Frontier Democratic Club, at 2044 Ruxton Ave., and the Fourth District Democratic Organization, at 3423 Holmes Ave.

Mrs. Verda F. Welcome, (4th D., Balto.) House of Delegates member, is an official of the latter organization.

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A MAJORITY of the registered voters in the Fourth District are citizens of color —, but their representatives are not.

These citizens are in a position to elect their own choice of law-makers to office.

They don't have to continue to take whom somebody dictatorially picks for them.

This move by these two groups to gather combined efforts and unity of action — should make this a forceful fact.

MEET THE NURSES — A first was established at the Franklin Square Hospital School of Nursing on Tuesday when Mrs. Barbara J. White (left) and Mrs. Eleanor C. Mack received the caps which mean they are now registered nurses. To the right is Mrs. Helen E. D. Martin, another graduate.

Abramson may join 4th group

Indication that Murray Abramson, member of the House of Delegates, may join forces with the Fourth District Democratic Organization, a federation of independent groups, was evident Monday.

Mr. Abramson was seen in a huddle with Mrs. Verda Welcome, also a member of the House of Delegates from the 4th District and Raymond V. Hayshert, executive secretary of the Fourth District Organization during a luncheon conference at Wilson's Restaurant.

Abramson, long a member of the Jack Pollack organization, split with the fading 4th District boss last year. Since then neither has had a kind word for each other. Pollack even filed suit against Abramson in People's Court.

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NEITHER ABRAMSON nor Hayshert would confirm that an agreement had been reached. Such an alliance would bring added strength to the Fourth District Organization for the impending state and city primaries.

The group, which strongly favors good government and opposes bossism, has announced plans to offer a full slate of candidates representing segments of the district.

The addition of Abramson's name, Mr. Hayshert admitted, would help the ticket in the upper areas of the district. CWM.

Douglass trio attends clinic

The clinic for student newspapers sponsored by the H. G. Roebuck and Son, Inc., printers of the Douglass Course and many other school newspapers to be held at Baltimore City College, Saturday morning, Sept. 23 at 9:30 will be attended by Courier reporters, Rita Gibson, Jacqueline Murphy and Richard Bailey.

JOURNALISM CLASS members who attended the Newspaper orientation conference for school writers were Anna Ricks and Julia Smith.

Chester Bowles raps segregation

Acting Secretary of State Chester Bowles said Wednesday that the failure of restaurants and other public eating places to provide service to African diplomats is harming the reputation and image of America abroad.

He cited criticisms voiced in the African press and by African government officials.

"The incidents involving African diplomats or American citizens in which they have been refused service in public places are not only morally wrong but have most unfortunate repercussions abroad," the Acting Secretary said.

"For example, here is what certain African newspapers said following the refusal of a Maryland restaurant to give service to Dr. William Fitzjohn of Sierra Leone:"

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"IT IS TRAGIC that some governments still apparently fail to realize that warm-hearted utterances mean nothing so long as this kind of incident is allowed to occur," Freetown Daily Mail, Sierra Leone, West Africa

"... if conditions in the United States are typified by the recent news involving Dr. Fitzjohn, I do not care to lead the Sierra Leone delegation to the U.N. General Assembly in New York."—Prime Minister of Sierra Leone.

"However well meaning the intentions of the present United States President in his manifested desire to stand by Africa in its fight for freedom from foreign rule are, all his efforts will be doomed if the incurable disease of color bar is not drastically eradicated from the United States," the Independen paper — Freetown, Sierra Leone.

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"FURTHERMORE," said the Acting Secretary, "when the Second Secretary of the Nigerian Embassy was refused breakfast in a restaurant, given some food in a paper bag, and told to eat it outside — the following reactions were voiced in Nigeria:

"By this disgraceful act of racial discrimination, the U.S. forfeits its claim to world leadership." — Lagos Daily Times, Nigeria.

"While Mr. Uchuno as an individual might have accepted the so-called apology, the insult to the country as a whole has not been stoned for."—King papers of Lagos, Nigeria.

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"... A COUNTRY devoid of respect for human dignity, a country with a completely bankrupt racial policy, a country which still lives in the Dark Ages, has no claim to the leadership of free men." — West African Pilot, Nigeria:

"U.S. policy for Africa might be laudable on paper, but a people suffering from the bite of the bug of Negrophobia cannot often impress us.

"It is to be seen how a nation of Klu Klux Klan officials can bring world peace. The qualities of Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson are nonexistent anymore in America." Lagos—Daily Mail, Nigeria.

Students at school do survey

A blistering report charging Johns Hopkins University with practicing or supporting racial discrimination in several areas was made public Thursday by a committee of 50 Hopkins students.

The Hopkins Committee for Basic Freedoms termed the university "derelict" in recent years with regard to race relations in certain areas.

It cited the absence of colored employes "in other than menial tasks" and urged the adoption of a fair employment practices system.

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THE COMMITTEE "deplored the fact that the school avoided high schools in colored communities when recruiting and interviewing potential students."

It criticized the "University's listing of housing facilities which deny access to certain members of the University community" on the grounds it perpetuates discrimination in so doing.

The committee suggested that Hopkins suffers from the reputation of being a "Southern" school and called for the barring of fraternities with racial or religious discrimination clauses in their charters.

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THE COMMITTEE said some departments have had a few colored persons in the recent past but some have never had an application.

"A number of department chairmen were exceedingly concerned over the limitations which local segregation imposed on their ability to admit qualified applicants who are colored," the report said.

"In general, we were told that few colored apply to Hopkins in part, did not take to exhibit educational disadvantages imposed on the Negroes colored at lower levels. Those who do apply frequently are not as well prepared as the other candidates.

"There were only two or three chairmen whose assurances that race played no personal part in their consideration of applicants seemed anything less than wholly sincere."

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THE REPORT said that "only about 6 of this year's 2,000 applicants were colored. We feel that this is a most important area for concern and action. In a very real sense, the good name of Johns Hopkins is at stake. This reputation for discrimination has pernicious consequences."

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The report stated: "Where a pattern of discrimination exists, has existed, or is believed to exist, it is not sufficient to announce only that colored will be accepted on the same basis as any other applicant . . . it is necessary to offer positive evidence that discrimination has ceased."

Members of the committee said it had been thought that when Hopkins entered the segregation fight it changed Program it "was assumed the student would be colored. This however has not turned out to be true.

"It appears that this only substantiates our case."

The committee called upon the president, Milton Eisenhower, and trustees for forthright and direct public statements, their aversion to the evil form of racial discrimination."

Lynn Poole, of the University's public relations office, denied the University practices discrimination.

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HE SAID there is no discrimination in the Bradford Apartments owned by the University. Mr. Lynn said numerous persons who list places with the school make stipulations, some based on race, and that the school would continue taking such

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Plans unveiled for local Playboy club

Plans for opening a Playboy key club, females and all, at 1005 Morton St., were presented to the Board of Liquor Commissioners Thursday.

The business venture of three Baltimoreans and a New York real estate dealer were outlined when the commissioners were asked to transfer a Class "B" beer, wine and liquor license from 1105 N. Fremont Ave. to the Morton St. address.

The license presently held by Casper N. Pigott Jr. is being sought by Mr. and Mrs. Appelbaum and Herbert L. Klawans.

A decision on the application was withheld.

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MR. APPELBAUM told the commissioners that he and his wife would own 30 percent of the business, Mr. Klawans 30 per cent, and Irving Neilbium of New York, 40 per cent.

The applicants said the proposed club would operate under a franchise granted by the Playboy agency in Chicago, and would be "open to all without regard to race, creed or color."

More than 60 persons, mostly businessmen were at the hearing to vote in favor of the proposal.

The applicants also turned over to the board petitions containing the signatures of 700 persons.

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THROUGH THEIR attorney, C. William Brooks, opponents sought to invoke the 51 per cent majority rule.

Should 51 percent of the property owners in the Eastern - Chase St. area oppose the transfer, the Board would have to rule in their favor.

The opponents claim that there are enough liquor outlets in the area.

One opponent told the Board, "The name Playboy is just what it implies."

If they are allowed to open, she said, "playboys will be there and they have bunnies (waitresses in brief attire) and what do you do with bunnies? You play with them," the woman stated.

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THE BOARD WAS also informed that Mr. Pigott had filed a protest.

Joseph Van Collom Jr., executive secretary of the Liquor Board explained that Mr. Pigott based his protest on the fact that "he did not sign a contract for transfer of the license from the present address."

Although he is supposed to have "entered into an agreement to sell his license for $6,000, he (Pigott) claims his signature was obtained under duress, Mr. Van Collom declared.

FRANCIS J. MEAGHER, attorney for the applicants said that Mr. Pigott had signed a contract and that the signing was witnessed by S. C. L. Brown.

Mr. Van Collom replied: "He apparently had a change of heart."

Chairman Thomas F. McNulty said the board would rule on the application but that the two parties would have to take their grievances to court.

'The Golden Touch' is not so golden

The "Golden Touch" proved the downfall of a postal worker in Federal Court, Wednesday.

Milton B. Tankard, 55, 2700 block E. Preston St., pleaded guilty to mail theft and was given two years probation by Federal Judge W. Calvin Chestnut.

John Underwood, U. S. District Attorney, said postal inspectors caught Tankard sifting the mails last May.

Among the items the clerk put the touch on were the phonograph records with these titles: "The Golden Touch" and "Jackie Gleason Presents That Moment."

Mr. Underwood told Judge Chestnut that inspectors suspected the clerk of light fingering the mails when they found several opened packages and envelopes in the area where he worked.

Postal officials said Tankard was a former construction worker and had worked in the post office for two and a half years.

School Board approves new H-P school

The School Board approved the award of the contract for the Harlem Park Elementary - Junior High School on Thursday at its regular meeting.

The contract went to Piracci Construction Co. for their lowest submitted bid of $5,300,000.

The school board also approved the $723,457 addition to Mt. Washington Elementary School; the bid of $9,574,840 to construct the new Rock Glen School; the $313,913 addition and alteration contract for School No. 20 at Lock Raven Rd. and Gorsuch Ave.

New schools recommended and approved including No. 58 at 5635 Hilton Rd., No. 29 at Pressbury, Payson, Baker, Pulaski and Rupp Sts. The Hilton Rd. school will be ready for occupancy in 1962 while the School No. 29 will be ready in 1963.

All members of the school board were present at the 4 p.m. meeting except Dr. William D. McElroy. The meeting lasted three and a half hours.

Detective foils hold-up, praised by Commissioner

Detective James H. Watkins was commended personally by Police Commissioner Bernard Schmidt for foiling an attempted robbery Wednesday evening while on his way home from work.

In commending the detective, the commissioner said: "I want to thank you for your observance and good police work. You've done a great job."

Commissioner Schmidt asked that Det. Watkins action become a permanent part of his record, along with the commendation.

DET. WATKINS arrested four women in an attempted robbery of a man Wednesday night at Pennsylvania and Mosher St.

Trial for the women has been continued until Tuesday, 3 p.m. at Western District Police Court.

Charged with assault and robbery are Mrs. Ella Mae Smith, 29, of the 700 block Newington Ave., $5,000; Miss Alice Bawler, 30 of the 500 block Tennessee Ave., Atlantic City, N.J., $2,000; Mrs. Mary Hall, of the 400 block N. Gorman St.; $3,000; and Mrs. Loretta Parker, 23, of 700 block Lenox St.; $3,000.

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STOPPING HIS car when he saw four women back a man against a wall in apparent robbery attempt, Det. Watkins said he went to the rescue.

Mrs. Hall was accidentally shot in the leg trying to grab the detective's gun. Two men raced toward him as Mr. Watkins at the time, were not linked to the robbery attempt.

Mrs. Hall was treated at Provident Hospital for a flesh wound and released into police custody.

The women were held at the Pine St. Station until bail was set.

Mr. Watkins is married and is father of five children. The family lives in the 1600 block Poplar Grove St.

Three youths held in death of man, 34

Three young men were arraigned in Homicide Court Tuesday in the fatal shooting of James Lee Rogers, 34, of the 800 block Lorman St.

Charged with shooting Mr. Rogers with a 22 caliber revolver were Matthew Jones and William A. Jones of the 800 block N. Gilmor St. and Robert Lawrence of the 1400 block Mosher St.

The men were ordered held without bail pending a hearing.

Judge Basil A. Thomas was told that police were questioning two more men concerning the slaying.

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MR. ROGERS was found lying on the pavement at Laurens and Parnah Sts. Saturday and was pronounced dead on arrival at Provident Hospital.

Western District Patrolmen James Lang and Thomas Webster reported that a few minutes later they captured a 16-year-old youth who ran from an automobile parked in the 1200 block of N. Gilmor St.

Other occupants in the car escaped.

The officers said the youth directed them to the year of a home in the 1500 block Winchester St. where they found a revolver containing five empty shells.

Mrs. Vera Oden dies during operation

Mrs. Vera L. Odem, 33-year-old Social Services Supervisor at Crownsville State Hospital died during an operating at Midland Memorial Hospital in Queens, N.Y. on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Odem left her post at Crownsville on Friday after work and journeyed to New York on Sunday, apparently not seriously ill.

Surviving are her mother, Mrs. Julia Ferguson, Fayetteville, N.C. AFRO mother of the year 1954; two brothers, Dr. Horace D. Ferguson, chief of Dental Service, Crownsville State Hospital; Herman Ferguson, New York City; and a sister, Mrs. Inez Easley, Neptune, N.J.

At AFRO presstime, funeral services had not been set. However burial will be at Fayetteville, N.C.

91 new voters this week; registration — 109,743

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 registered to vote.

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

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

Total registered as of May 31, 108,355.
Total registered for Nov. 1960 election: 106,308.
Registration this week period: 91.
Total to date 109,743.

	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.
Thursday	12	2	0
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Wednesday	15	4	0

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No racial segregation in shelters

BERLIN, Md. — There will be no racial segregation in public buildings designated as hurricane shelters, the State Police said Wednesday.

Sgt. William C. Dykes of the Salisbury State Police Barracks, denied a published report that Bickingham Elementary School here would be for white storm victims and the Flower Street School for colored persons seeking shelter from the hurricane.

"They will take either race at either school," Sgt. Dykes said.

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HE EXPLAINED:

"We asked various disaster people to provide a list of buildings to be used for storm shelter. In making up the list, one school was designed as a colored school and another as colored for decorative purposes. It wasn't the intent of the Red Cross or the Civil Defense to segregate the centers."

The report, published in the Morning Sun on Wednesday under a Berlin, Md. dateline, said:

"Emergency shelters prepared here today in anticipation of storm evacuation from the costal areas were racially segregated.

"State police reported that facilities in the Buckingham Elementary School would be for white victims while the Flower Street School would be for colored victims."

Gov. Tawes placed Maryland on a "maximum alert" Tuesday as Hurricane Esther threatened the State.

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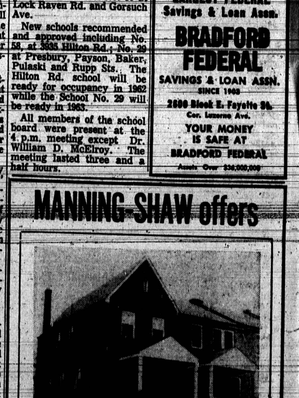

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WILLIAMS FLEES U. S. BY NEW UNDERGROUND R. R.

WAS IT SUICIDE?

'Lady in the Lake' case closed

By HERB MANGRUM

Was the death of Miss Louise Olivia (Weesie) Riley homicide or suicide?

The world may never know for the case involving the lady in the lake has been marked "closed."

An autopsy report indicated Tuesday that the 22-year-old textile worker met death by drowning.

[illegible] officers who investigated the case, there was nothing to indicate that Miss Riley was murdered.

There were no marks of violence on the body when it was fished from the Druid Hill Park reservoir on Monday.

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NO REASONABLE explanation has been given as to:

1. Why Miss Riley would want to take her own life.

Relatives told the AFRO she had not been ill.

On the morning of her disappearance (Sunday) Miss Riley had attended a wedding anniversary party near her home at 2319 Whittier Ave.

Some of those who were at the party told reporters that Miss Riley appeared to have enjoyed herself, and was in a "happy frame of mind" when she started home through an alley at about 4:30 a.m.

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MRS. MINNIE RILEY (She reported her daughter missing on Sunday) said she sat "for a long time" in a window waiting for "Weesie" to come home.

Miss Emma Jean Ebron, the last person to see Miss Riley alive, said she walked as they parted at 2317 Whittier Ave., Miss Riley promised to see her in the morning.

Both friends in relatives said there was nothing unusual about Miss Riley walking to her home through the alleyway.

Police were told that Miss Riley was very upset about having "let her" slip away into the pre-dawn darkness in Druid Hill Park.

The reservoir where her body was found is located

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TROUBLE STRETCH—Down Route 40 in Maryland a stop for coffee could turn into an international incident affecting the relationship of the nation with other countries.

49 miles of highway and no place to stop and eat

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

A 49-mile ribbon of concrete stretching from the city limits of Baltimore to the state line of Delaware.

Forty-nine miles of highway dotted with garish motels and saturated with restaurants, both hailed at sight by the multicolored glare of neon lights to draw the weary traveler.

This is Route 40—49 miles of highway jim-crowed all the way.

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DISCRIMINATION along ROUTE 40 is nothing new. It has existed since the highway has existed—such complete discrimination that the highway has been blacked out and put down in Mississippi and feel at home.

No one seemed too excited about it in the past—no one except perhaps the colored travelers who were humiliated by being turned away from motels and restaurants.

But then suddenly all has changed and people are now excited about Maryland Route 40.

The cause about because American diplomatic officials found themselves hailed by a serious problem that threatened this nation's international relations.

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THE PAST FEW years have seen the emergence of a number of independent African and Asian nations, and as a magnet draws bits of metal, the U.S. draws representatives of these countries.

First, there is Washington, the capital of the free world, the source from which all blessing, or at least a great percentage of them, flow.

Then there is the United Nations, to which these new nations eagerly seek membership, and where, having once been admitted, they are courted by both the East and the West.

The capital of the world in New York City — the capital of the free world in Washington—and Route 40 as a link.

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PROUD OF THEIR newly won freedom, glad to be from under the yoke of colonial masters, the Africans and Asians thought they were the equal of any other man.

But a stop along Maryland's Route 40, to seek service in place of public accommodation, was enough to knock this idea out of their heads.

At home, they could have millions; at the UN they could be in Washington, they could have been important personages, but on Route 40 they were nothing — they were nothing because of their skin coloration.

Each time a dark visitor was turned away from a door the Communists gleefully circulated the story.

It was manna from heavenly manna for the propaganda mills, and best of all, from the Communists viewpoint, America had to admit that the racial incidents were true.

The colored peoples of the world, who constitute two-thirds of the world's population, have heard the stories and presumably have lost at least a little of their faith in the democracy America espouses.

Many diplomats, true to a diplomat's code, are conservative of bent and publicity shy. They have preferred not to report the incidents to the American government, but instead have returned home to spread the stories.

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MULTIPLY ONE incident by another, and then another, and yet another, ad infinitum, and the image of America becomes blurred.

This is no polite World as we live—this is a world in which diametrically opposed political philosophies are in conflict.

Americans are badly outnumbered by the rest of the world's people.

Without allies we stand alone, facing an evil menace which threatens the world.

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Dr. Allen at Hopkins Hospital

Dr. Willard W. Allen, grand master emeritus of Maryland Masons and Sovereign grand commander of Prince Hall, Scottish Rite Masons, is confined to room 210, Marbury Clinic, Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Dr. Allen's condition was reported satisfactory at AFRO presstime.

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Harnessing power of southern voters is aim of participants in SCLS meet

NASHVILLE, Tenn. NNPA — Harnessing the power of the colored voter, in the ultimate achievement of all citizenship rights, is the aim of some 200 conferees gathered here Wednesday for the annual meeting of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Inc.

Under the leadership of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. president, and the Rev. Wyatt T. Walker, executive director, the SCLS Wednesday immediately revolved around two main points:

1. The use of non violence to mean the existing protest, and securing the right of the ballot for every citizen.

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IN SECURING the rights of the ballot, Dr. King asserted that any successful voter registration drive, long or short range, must be church oriented.

"The civil rights struggle of the colored community," he said, "has directly paralleled the activity and development of the colored church.

Dr. Walker summed up some specific proposals to be placed before the conference.

1. Acceptance of total responsibility for organizing registration programs in the States of Alabama and Louisiana (except New Orleans);

2. Acceptance of partial responsibility for similar projected programs in Florida, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia.

With respect to Georgia, he said the SCLS is willing to accept total responsibility for Atlanta, explaining that "a sound base has been laid in this project and SCLS would reluctantly forego the opportunity to exploit the start that has been made in the area."

THE SCLC programs

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AFTER 41 YEARS

Ed Wilson to retire from Morgan

After 41 years of service at Morgan State College Edward N. Wilson will retire July 1, 1962, as registrar at the college.

Mr. Wilson's post will be filled by William W. Proctor, now assistant professor of mathematics.

In order to acquaint Mr. Proctor with the new office and to relieve part of the work load, he has been appointed to the temporary position of associate registrar.

The action came at the Thursday meeting of the Morgan State College board of trustees. Mr. Wilson, the retiring registrar, is a graduate of Morgan and the University of Pennsylvania.

In other actions, the board named D. Therman B. O'Daniel, assistant professor of English, as director of the summer school.

Dr. O'Daniel is a graduate of Lincoln University (Pa.) the University of Pennsylvania and earned his Ph. D. at the University of Ottawa.

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APPOINTED assistant director of the evening college was Mrs. Doris G. Wheeler. Mrs. Wheeler is a graduate of Morgan State College and the University of Maryland. She is head of the business department of Carver Vocational Technical High School.

Mrs. Fronnie W. Sodipo, a graduate of North Carolina College and Atlanta University, was appointed instructor in the department of biology.

Mrs. Lenora S. Schwartz was appointed instructor in

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Maryland Bridge Association votes to end discrimination in memberships

The Maryland Bridge Association, by a vote of 158 to 34, passed an amendment which states: ". . .no person may be denied membership on the basis of race or color."

This means that for the first time the 27½ year history of the association, all qualified bridge players are eligible to join the American Contract Bridge League.

The national organization approved desegregation three years ago, but left the matter up to the individual state units.

Twice previously the issue was voted on in Maryland, and defeated.

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AT THE summer national tournament, held in Washington, D.C. this past June, the doors were thrown open to all players.

Just two weeks ago, the D.C. unit of the ACBL admitted six players to membership. Victor Daly, national president of the American Bridge Association; Dr. Joseph Henry, Carlisle Pratt, Mrs. Clyde Woolridge, James Lee and District Commissioner John B. Duncan.

LEON SIEGELBAUM, president of the Maryland Bridge Association, states he is pleased with the overwhelming majority for the amendment.

The vote was taken at the annual meeting of the association at the Emerson Hotel, Wednesday night.

The official announcement of the action will be made to members of the American Bridge Association Monday night at the YMCA prior to the regular city duplicate match.

Harold Seaborne, president of the Baltimore Bridge Unit, hails results of the vote as a "step forward in Maryland."

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Escapes FBI net in Canada and Mexico

AFRO's Worthy first to report Monroe, N.C. rights leader in Cuba

By WILLIAM WORTHY

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HAVANA, Cuba — Robert Williams, the militant civil rights fighter from Monroe, N.C., has eluded the international manhunt of a month's duration and is now safe in Cuba.

I know because I ran into him Thursday, relaxed and smiling as he was leaving the ministry of foreign affairs. He appeared a free and unworried man.

Williams said very soon he will "begin refuting and documenting the officials' lies hatched in Monroe and echoed in Washington about the Aug. 27 kidnaping that never took place."

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HE SAID HE will tell his story to the people of the world over the shortwave radio system of Havana.

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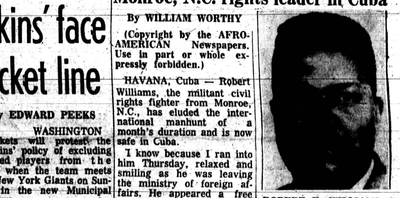

ROBERT F. WILLIAMS

fold: "You will soon be hanging in the Courthouse Square."

HE SAID this was his moment of decision, that he told the four members of his family they would have to head for Cuba with just the clothes on their backs.

He said he chose Cuba, because he concluded that even in northern cities he would be extradited to South Carolina where he would have been shot in a trumped up escape effort or tried on a phony kidnap charge.

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'Skins' face picket line

By EDWARD PEEKS

WASHINGTON

Pickets will protest the Redskins' policy of excluding colored players from the team when the team meets the New York Giants on Sunday in the new Municipal Stadium.

The NAACP Youth Group will lead the protest with pickets at each of the seven entrances of the District's "dream stadium" which was recently completed at the cost of some $25 million.

"We are urging residents of the District to stay away in droves," declared the Rev. E. Franklin Jackson, NAACP president, after he and Sterling Tucker, executive director of the Washington Urban League, issued a joint statement.

They called the Redskins' policy "an intolerable violation of the universal concept of fair play that observes no color line in athletics and a flouting of democratic principles."

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THE STATEMENT also said:

"The hearts of many were gladdened last spring when the secretary of interior announced that the Washington Redskins would be required to comply with the nondiscriminatory clause in the contract for use of the new D.C. stadium.

"But the gladness was saddened. Therman B. O'Daniel, assistant professor of English, as director of the summer school.

"But the compliance requisite would be waived for the upcoming season.

The explanation given was that the time elapsed precluded recruitment of satisfactory colored personnel by the Redskins, but that the club had pledged to play up colored players before the opening of the 1962 season."

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Williams said very soon he will "begin refuting and documenting the officials' lies hatched in Monroe and echoed in Washington about the Aug. 27 kidnaping that never took place."

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