WHEN YOU FINISH READING YOUR AFRO PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

WIDOW IN 'SHOOT-OUT' ACQUITTED

(Story in Column 1)

HARVEST TIME in Maryland, in progress now, is a lovely Indian Summer poem, with deep yellow corn bulging from the crib, its dark brown stalks stacked in picturesque rows. Trees of brilliant color, form a backdrop against a bright blue sky. Overall is that definite haze fall brings. Add to this scene, the distant call of a crow, the rustle of a chilly breeze through the dried leaves, the report of the hunter's gun in the woods—this is an autumn idyl. AFRO photo by I. Henry Phillips.

Daughter testifies

"My stepfather kept after my mother.

"He said, I have one bullet to kill you.

"He shot her then her gun went off before I knew it.

"Mother sat down and told me she had been shot and asked for some water."

That was the testimony of Mrs. Mary Pride in Homicide Court at Central Tuesday before her mother, Mrs Ruth Jackson of the unit block N. Ellamont St., was found not guilty of shooting her husband Alfred L. Jackson.

BOTH MR. and Mrs. Jackson were shot during an altercation at their home last February 11.

Mr. Jackson was shot in the chest, and his wife was shot under the left arm. The bullet came out through her neck.

Judge A. Jerome Diener was told that the Jacksons had argued over money.

Mrs. Pride said her mother was shot with a 45 caliber automatic which Mr. Jackson "carried all the time", and that the deceased was shot with a .22 caliber revolver which he had given his wife for protection.

The .22 caliber revolver was never found.

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POLICE SAID they obtained a statement from Mrs. Jackson in which she declared that:

She and her husband argued in the basement over money and care for the children when he arrived home at 2:30 p.m.

After showing Mrs. Jackson a large sum of money, Mr. Jackson threatened his wife and the argument continued upstairs.

In the hallway they confronted each other with drawn guns and Mr. Jackson fired first.

Mrs. Jackson's attorney, Joseph Rosenthal, described the double shooting as a "family altercation that got out of hand."

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MRS. PRIDE said that her mother was preparing dinner when her stepfather arrived.

"They argued and when they came upstairs I asked them to stop it. My stepfather pulled out his gun and my mother told him to go ahead but he kept on after her," Mrs. Pride declared.

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UNDER QUESTIONING by Mr. Rosenthal, Mrs. Pride answered "Yes, when when asked, did your stepfather hit her?"

The attorney explained that his client's gun apparently went off when she fell against the wall and that there was no doubt that "the husband was the aggressor."

The court was also told that Mrs. Jackson kept a .22 caliber revolver under a pillow in her bedroom, and had obtained it because she worked late at night.

School girl trailed home

I have never been so upset in all my life.

"To think someone would have nerve to come up and say something like that."

Those were the comments of an Eastside housewife after an unidentified man tried to date her teen-aged daughter outside their home in the 1700 block E. Preston St., Monday.

When the 14-year-old girl fled into the house, a man with a pock marked face rang the doorbell and said, 'I've got $10 I want to spend on some colored girl."

By the time the girl had regained her composure, the man had driven away in a blue automobile.

CIG'ers guilty of trespassing

Three of the CIG'ers were were found guilty Friday morning. They were Douglass A. Curtis, 19; William Holmes, 19, and Miss Dorothy Feldman, 18.

Circuit Court Judge W. Albert Menchine deferred sentence until trials are completed for all nine defendants. Two others were being tried as the AFRO went to press and four others are to be heard later today.

The trespassing trials of nine college and high school students are set for Friday (today) in Baltimore County Circuit Court in Towson.

The students, all members of the Civic Interest Group, were jailed and charged with trespassing last August when they tried to buy food at the Double T Diner and Varsity restaurants on Route 40 west.

Free on bail, all will ask court trials and will be represented by NAACP attorneys, Tucker R. Dearing and Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell.

The students are:

William Hall, 19, 900 block W. Lexington; Douglas A. Curtis, 19, 700 block Dolphin St.; Donnie Fleming, 18, 900 block, Saratoga St.; David Gould, 23 Towson State Teachers College.

Also Russell Gwynn, 2200 block Liberty Heights Ave.; Miss Dorothy Feldman, 18, 4900 block Greenspring Ave.; Clifton Henry, 22, 1100 block W. Lexington St.; Clarence Logan, CIG chairman, and Miss Barbara Sheppard, 18, Radcliffe College.

The Maryland Court of Appeals is scheduled to hear several cases next week where students were convicted of trespassing in Court last year.

Ostend St. fire termed 'a tragedy'

"It was a tragedy.

"They brought that little girl out wrapped in a blanket, her arms dangling and her mother screaming, 'Is she dead?'

"I'll never forget it."

Those were the comments of a witness to a fire that claimed the life of five-year-old Michele Floyd Tuesday night.

Mrs. Ethel Boone of 811 W. Ostend St. told the AFRO she tried as best she knew to console the dead girl's mother, Mrs. Mary Floyd, when the fire destroyed their two-story row house at 815 Ostend St.

The burned child was taken to South Baltimore General Hospital where she died at 6:45 a.m. Wednesday.

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THE DEAD GIRL'S brother, Rapheal, four, suffered first, second and third degree burns over 20 percent of his body and is in critical condition at South Baltimore General.

A Southwestern District patrolman who attempted to rescue the children from the second floor was injured when a section of the first floor ceiling fell on him.

Patrolman Louis Reuwer was taken to Mercy Hospital with third degree burns of the neck and back.

Firemen were protected from the falling ceiling by their helmets.

The cause of the fire had not been determined at AFRO press time.

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ACCORDING TO POLICE, Mrs. Floyd was on the first floor when the fire broke out at 8:30 p.m.

When the mother and a neighbor tried to reach the sleeping children they were forced back by smoke and fire.

Witnesses said they did not know how Raphael managed to escape downstairs to safety.

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MRS. BOONE SAID the fire happened so quickly that "only the Lord knows what happened.

"When I got to the door the place was in a blaze and Mrs. Floyd was saying, 'Get my babies, get my babies.'

"She was so hysterical she could hardly talk.

"I brought her to my home to keep her from seeing what was happening. She just came to herself a few hours ago."

Mrs. Boone said that Mrs. Floyd and her daughter Symanthia could stay at her home "for as long as they like because we are neighbors."

Mrs. Boone stated that with the exception of a stove and refrigerator, the Floyd's lost all of their belongings.

She also had praise for Patrolman Reuwer.

Mrs. Boone said she was still trying to console Mrs. Floyd when the officer came to her house to obtain information for his report.

"When I saw him I said, 'Officer, my God what happened to you?' He said, 'The roof fell in on me.'"

FRANK GRAYSON of 802 N. Calhoun St. said he telephoned the Fire Department when he saw the blaze.

"Because it was Halloween and they had gotten so many false alarms, they (the Fire Department) called back to check.

"It didn't take them long to get here," Mr. Grayson explained.

Funeral services for Michele were held today (Friday).

'Since it was my truck, I drove it (loaded) home'

"The truck was just standing there loaded with furniture and nobody knew how it got there. Since it was my truck I drove it home, furniture and all."

Frederick Barnes, 28, unit, block Ellamont St., was telling his version of how $2,300 worth of furniture mysteriously disappeared from a Pulaski Highway warehouse and wound up in a Lafayette Ave. garage.

Barnes, former chauffeur for the furniture company, was convicted of larceny by Criminal Court Judge Dulany Foster Wednesday but sentence was delayed pending a probation report.

Julius Romano, prosecutor, told Judge Foster that Barnes stole the furniture, stored it in the garage and later exchanged it with a Dundalk man for a Cadillac.

WHEN BARNES testified the car was repossessed because he was unable to make monthly payments on the $3,000 balance, Judge Foster quipped:

"You came out on the short end of that deal, too, didn't you?"

Under questioning by defense counsel, George L. Russell Jr., Barnes told the court he drove another truck on the day in question because his was under repair.

"When I got back to the warehouse, I was surprised to see my truck at the warehouse. I figured it was ready, so I drove it home," he testified.

The chauffeur said when he found the truck loaded with furniture and couldn't find anyone who knew anything about it, "I became frightened and took it to the garage."

Explaining the trade which backfired, Barnes said "I just wanted to get rid of the furniture. It had been in the garage for two weeks.

Detectives were called in when a company official located part of the stolen loot in a private home, it was testified.

County resident wounded 3 times

A 51-year-old resident of the 200 block Chestnut St. was taken into custody by Dundalk Police Thursday following a shooting in Turner Station.

The victim of the shooting, Samuel Glen, 34, of 182 Chestnut St., is in critical condition at City Hospitals.

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ACCORDING TO police, Mr. Glen was shot in the left side of the stomach with a pistol during an argument at his home.

The suspect, who police said will be charged with assault with intent to kill, was arrested at the scene by Sgt. Donald Ruth and Patrolman Roy Nelson.

Pedestrian dies 19 days after mishap

Complications from injuries sustained in a traffic accident 19 days ago claimed the life of James Lewis, 59, of 839 W. Fairmount Ave. Tuesday.

Mr. Lewis was struck by a half ton truck while crossing at the intersection of Central and Ashland Aves. on October 13.

Mr. Lewis was admitted to St. Joseph Hospital with a fracture of the left leg.

The operator of the truck owned by a beverage concern was identified as Allen B. Anders Sr. of the 900 block Spangler Way.

MIAMI — Miss Meriel E. Collins, who earned a B.S. in history at Florida A. and M. University last year, is now studying for a master's degree at the University of Miami. She was editor of the '61 Rattler yearbook.

Registration — 110,250; 104 register this week

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

Who should register:

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 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Total registered as of May 31, 108,355.

Total registered for Nov. 1960 election: 106,306.

Registration this week period: 104.

Total to d ate 110,250.

	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.
Thursday	16	3	1
Friday	15	0	0
Monday	33	5	0
Tuesday	16	2	0
Wednesday	12	1	0

Total number of prospective voters of age unregistered, 64,744.

Baltimore Notebook

By MAX JOHNSON

The action Wednesday by the General Assembly's Legislative Council, in approving a proposed public accommodations bill, requires closer study — if a frank appraisal is to be made of this situation.

There was the 5-4 vote in the Judiciary Committee that brought the bill to the floor with an unfavorable report.

Then — came the Connell's 12-4 vote, which subsequently approved the bill, overriding the unfavorable report.

Those opposing votes clearly indicate just what effect those pleas by President John F. Kennedy and the State Department in Washington have had on some of our lawmakers.

These official pleas to Gov. J. Millard Tawes ask action to open service to all persons in public places along Route 40 in Maryland — because of humiliating incidents to foreign diplomats of color.

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THIS IS the highly publicized situation — and there have been little, if any, corrective results.

Now — it should be noted where the opposing votes to a state-wide public accommodations bill came from Wednesday in the Legislative Council.

They were voiced by lawmakers from Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot and Wicomico Counties on the Eastern Shore — and from Anne Arundel and Howard Counties, which lie south and southwest of Baltimore City.

Of these opposing counties, only a small portion of Howard's northern section — west of Baltimore and not between New York and Washington — contains a sector of Route 40.

There have been no publicized refusal of service incidents to foreign diplomats of color traveling in this county —probably because none of them has sought service there.

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FURTHER WEST to the state line on Route 40, in the direction of Pittsburgh, are Frederick, Washington and Allegany Counties.

General Assembly representatives of these three counties have voiced their support of proposed public accommodations legislation.

One of the initially publicized incidents to a foreign diplomat did occur this past March 9 in Washington County, near Hagerstown.

However, a Washington County General Assembly member was one of the sponsors of a public accommodations bill placed before the Assembly three days earlier on March 6.

Shortly after that Washington County incident — the mayor of Hagerstown publicly apologized to the diplomat, and had him return as guest of the town.

All of this is to indicate just what counties along Route 40 have been affected by these incidents.

They are Baltimore, Harford and Cecil Counties.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL representatives of these counties — with the exception of the one from Cecil who was absent — gave their endorsement Wednesday to a public accommodations bill.

The restaurant owners in their counties along Route 40 have suggested such a state-wide law.

It would clearly appear, then, that if any demonstration converting is to be done to help the cause of full citizenship rights for all in the area of public accommodations — the Eastern Shore and Southern Maryland present fertile field.

If a public accommodations bill is to be successful in the General Assembly — this is where the work must be done.

Lawmakers in this sector of the state gave clear evidence at the Legislative Council Wednesday — they are not concerned about the Route 40 situation.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Here is a schedule of public meetings of city agencies for the coming week.

CITY COUNCIL — 5 p.m. Monday, third floor, City Hall.

BOARD OF MUNICIPAL AND ZONING APPEALS— 1 p.m. Tuesday, Room 231, City Hall.

PLANNING COMMISSION — 2 p.m. Wednesday, Room 400, Municipal Building.

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

SCHOOL BOARD — 4 p.m. Nov. 16 at 3 E. 25th St.

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No. 1 — You may pick up the tickets at the AFRO office, 628 N. Eutaw St., from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday; and from noon until 6 p.m. on Sunday.

No. 2 — You may mail your request for tickets to the AFRO office at 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. The letter should include a check or money order made out to the AFRO Festival of Music.

The tickets will be sent by return mail.

No. 3 — A number of churches in the Baltimore area are cooperating with the Festival of Music. Check in your church on Sunday morning with your pastor, to determine whether your church has tickets for sale.

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NO MATTER which of the methods you use to obtain your tickets, we suggest that you purchase them as soon as possible, in order to assure yourself a seat at one of the season's top musical presentations.

On the bill will be two truly outstanding choirs — the Salem Methodist Youth Choir of New York City and the Town Choir of Baltimore.

The Festival will be presented in the Polytechnic Auditorium, North and Calvert St., at 5:30 p.m., Nov. 26.

The program lists music associated with the holiday season.

All proceeds will be used for the AFRO's Mrs. Santa Project which every year helps hundreds of needy Baltimore families.

If you would like to help in the project and also enjoy a memorable evening with the world's finest music, we suggest that you purchase your tickets today.

The AFRO'S Mrs. Santa will evidently have a long Christmas season of giving this year. She must be ready and — she needs your help.

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TO GIVE you a good example, here is what your money will purchase. Here is just a sample of the great service Mrs. Santa gives in the community.

On Monday, the AFRO was informed of the distress of a 32-year-old mother of seven children whose age range from 4 weeks to 14 years.

She had no food, no clothing, the children were sleeping on the floor. The family had been cut off the Welfare rolls. She and the children were residing at the home of

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WHEW! No Ride

BULLETIN!

Is It, or Isn't It?

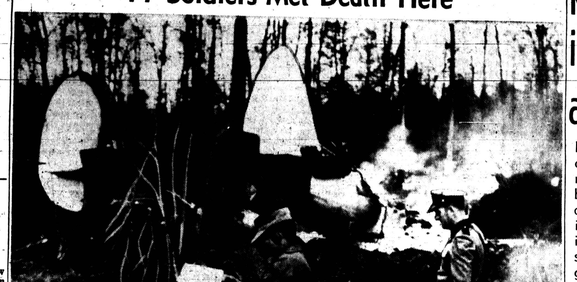
Will the Congress of Racial Equality hold a demonstration at places other than Route 40 Saturday (tomorrow) or won't it?

This is the question in wake of conflicting statements issued by the group late today (Friday).

Julius Hobson, CORE regional director, first said the organization will make every effort to "prevent 'sit-in' along Route 40 or anywhere else in Maryland."

Minutes later, Gordon Carey, national executive secretary, said the group will "participate" in demonstrations against restaurant segregation in Maryland at sites other than Route 40. No reason was given for the apparent last-minute switch.

77 Soldiers Met Death Here



DEATH AT DAWN — This was the scene at dawn Thursday where a non-scheduled Constellation airliner crashed near Richmond, Va., killing 77 persons. All but the crew members were Army recruits. The two survivors were crew members. The plane was en route from Newark, N.J. to Fort Jackson, S.C.

Route 40 inns get a reprieve

Riders hail promise of highway restaurants to integrate—but say they'll demonstrate if promise is broken. Nov. 22 is deadline. Prayer service tonight will go on as planned

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

Maryland and America's image here and abroad won an 11th hour reprieve late Wednesday.

It came when the Congress of Racial Equality halted the massive freedom ride planned to test restaurant segregation on Route 40 Nov. 11.

The action brought a sigh of relief to the Free State, which had become drumtight with tension. There was the threat of violence against Freedom Riders by segregationists, who had planned counter measures.

The "ride" was called off

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Singer Tommy Hunt collapses on stage

Tommy Hunt, popular ballad singer collapsed while singing on the Royal Theater stage Wednesday night and was rushed to Provident Hospital.

Rumors immediately spread that the teen-agers' idol had suffered a heart attack, but his road manager attributed the collapse to "overwork and exhaustion."

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THE MANAGER, Tico Ruffin, said the singer cancelled a scheduled Friday appearance in Richmond, Va., and was returning to New York for a check-up by his physician.

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Rites held for Tobias

NEW YORK — Had he lived till Friday, Dr. Channing H. Tobias would have received a citation from Alpha Gamma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. His daughter, Mrs. Mary Messner, will accept the award posthumously.

If he had remained with us two more years, Dr. Tobias would have known the results of his "Freedom by '63" vision. The militant organizations to which he devoted his time must now be guardians of this dream.

The former NAACP board chairman died Monday at Harkness Pavilion of Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center after a long illness.

Approximately 500 mourners attended funeral services Wednesday for Dr. Tobias at the imposing Riverside Church, 122nd St. and Riverside Dr. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

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OFFICIATING AT the 45-minute services were the Rev. Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, president of Morehouse College in Atlanta, and the Rev. Samuel H. Sweney, former pastor of St. Mark's Methodist Church.

The Rev. Dr. Mays eulogized Dr. Tobias as "one of America's great souls." He also noted the veteran leader was a man of integrity and honor.

"He was one who the lust of office could not spoil, and the spoils of office could not buy," the Rev. Dr. Mays said of the 1948 Spingarn Medalist.

Citing the many organizations to which he devoted his

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'No time to bury the dead' in Belize

"They don't even have time to bury the dead, so they just have to burn some and leave others about. You can just imagine how bad the place smells."

This graphic description of the destructive force of hurricane Hattie came from a teenaged girl in Belize, British Honduras.

Miss Dorothy Ann Bood, wrote to her friend, Miss Rosa Maytee Dawson, a student at Maryland State College.

"This is just a few lines to tell you that we are all safe.

"The house is completely gone, and we don't even have a piece of furniture left. As for clothes, I can only show you two dresses, but that doesn't matter.

"The only thing that I'm thankful for is that we are all safe. Belize is in a ghastly state. According to most people, it's even worse than (the hurricane of 1931).

"They don't even have time to bury the dead, so they just have to burn some and leave the others about. You can just imagine how bad the place smells."

"Enez, I'm very sorry that I have to annoy you now, but I guess it can't be helped. If you can help me with anything, it would be greatly appreciated.

"You can just post it in care of my work. The others would like to use the typewriter, so I guess I'll have to sign off now. Give my love to all.

Love,

Dorothy"

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MISS BOWENS, who has

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Ill-fated recruits came from Maryland, D.C., New Jersey

By Staff Correspondent

RICHMOND

Virginia's worst air disaster, which claimed 77 lives in a fiery crash near Richmond's Byrd Airport, Wednesday had various immediate effects.

It meant shock and sorrow for families of the young victims; a macabre excitement for thousands of curiosity seekers, their sympathy mixed with prayerful relief that none of the dead were neighborhood people.

But it meant a long hard day's work for hundreds of government officials and public service employees with an unpleasant task at hand.

One of the latter was Elmer Gordon, who since 1948 has been an assistant toxicologist in the state medical examiner's office.

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AND ON THURSDAY, he worked unusually hard.

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he worked unusually long, and he worked in unusual clothes. His outfit included heavy woolen shirt, coveralls, lumberjacket, rubber apron and gloves, and galoshes.

Mr. Gordon was among the teams of workers who had the gruesome task of recovering the bodies of the air crash victims. Most of the ill fated travelers were young army recruits from Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Washington winging their way aboard an Imperial Airlines constellation plane to do basic training at Ft. Jackson, S.C.

The medical examiner's office, in charge of recovery and identification of the bodies, had several units of assistants from various other official agencies.

These included the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology

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Prodded by JFK; Day softens

WASHINGTON

Prodded by President Kennedy, Postmaster General J. Edward Day lost no time Wednesday in toning down a statement he made criticizing the reinstatement of a Savannah, Ga., postman.

The Postmaster acted less than 30 minutes after the President said in answer to a question at a news conference that he thought Day "probably . . . feels he would like to recast that statement."

THE POSTMAN, W. W. Law, head of the Georgia NAACP, was reinstated last month by Postmaster General Day. In reprimanding and reinstating the mail carrier, Day called him "unsuitable" and said he would not want "a person with Law's record of conduct delivering mail to my

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City Jail clean up; new warden on duty

Hiram L. Schoonfield, warden of the City Jail, has handed down a list of 44 improvements destined to bring "a new day" to the Buren and Madison Sts. institution.

He took over control on Oct. 16. One week after his arrival, the new North building of the jail came into use to relieve overcrowding in the old jail and has remained free from sleeping in corridors in sections three and four.

On Wednesday of this week, Warden Schoonfield turned over an unprecedented report to the Jail Board which outlined the innovations he wants accomplished in the future and those he has already put in effect.

Harry D. Kaufman, president of the board, hailed the general housecleaning as "progress with a capital P"

All members of the board were present.

STARTING WITH removing prisoners' beds from the corridors, the "fall cleaning" process ranges from partitioning off the toilets exposed to the officers' dining area, through daily extermination of roaches, rats and mice, to white jackets for inmates serving food. Also raising of the American flag over the building, the first time in recent history.

Black Jacks and guns formerly carried by officers in the security perimeter of the jail are now outlawed. Bobby pins and curlers have been taken from cells of sex deviates. Their hair has been barbered into mannish haircuts.

Highlights of other

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No demonstration on Route 40, says student leader

Published reports to the contrary, the Civic Interest Group, composed of college students in the Baltimore area, will definitely NOT demonstrate on Route 40 this weekend.

Clarence Logan, CIG leader, said a newspaper report to that effect was in error.

"We definitely intend to abide by the agreement made by CORE, and give the restaurants time to act voluntarily. We certainly will NOT be out on the highway this weekend," he said.

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Race Relations Unit Averts Rte. 40 Showdown

By MOSES J. NEWSON

The Route 40 crisis brought the Governor's Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations an unexpected but deserved windfall.

It threw the spotlight on the Commission in a critical situation and the 10-year-old state agency came through in a manner which gained it new stature.

There is no question but that the Commission made an unprecedented effort to avert — at least temporarily, and possibly for good — a clash which, at best, promised to be painfully embarrassing.

At the darkest hour, when the Nov. 11 Freedom Ride by CORE seemed so certain most were bracing for the anti - discrimination protest, Commission chairman William C. Rogers Sr. still spoke of being "optimistic."

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY Douglas B. Sonder and Tony Konstant, chairman of the eight - member Route 40 Restaurant Owners Committee — as did State Department officials — put in miles of foot work and hours of persuading.

All the Commission joined in various phases of the meetings and long hours of discussion with both sides in quest of a solution.

Now that CORE has agreed to call off the 'ride' because a substantial number of Route 40 restaurants agreed to desegregate by Nov. 22, the Commission members look ahead to Dec. 15 and to the spring legislative session.

They are hopeful enough other restaurants will desegregate by Dec. 15 to stave off another Freedom Ride. They are also hopeful that, the legislature will pass an effective public accommodations law in the spring.

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THE AFRO was able to reach some of the Commission members for their thoughts on the situation—past, present and future.

Rabbi Israel M. Goldman, commission vice chairman, said:

"Of the many things which the Commission has done to promote human rights over the last decade, I consider this to be our crowning achievement.

"I want to pay tribute to Mr. Rogers, our chairman, and all the members who for the past several months have worked continuously to bring about the desegregation in the restaurants along Maryland's Route 40.

"We are grateful to those restaurant owners for their cooperation and to CORE for its sincere efforts and for their final decision to call off the Freedom Ride.

"I feel that our work is far from finished. We must now make equal accommodations open to all people all over the state.

"For this reason I believe that our Commission must now press for a good and strong equal accommodation bill in the legislature. I believe that the bill suggested by the legislative council is weak and faulty in many respects.

"We must try to get a better bill."

S. Edward Smith, another member, said:

"A committee of the Commission has been formed to draft a public accommodations bill that we hope to place before the legislative council next month.

"This one would not be connected with any individual or group, but would be a state - sponsored bill which we hope would have a better chance.

"As to the deliberations, a tremendous amount of efforts went into them. I think Douglas Sands is the unsung hero.

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