TIME OF CRIME SAVES BOY'S LIFE

Baltimore Notebook

by MAX JOHNSON

What can be done now to heal that growing rift between the Fourth District's two major independent Democratic organizations — before it is too late for an effective unity campaign for the May 15 primary?

This is the very big question facing conscientious Democratic voters — and proposed independent Democratic candidates — in this city district.

The two groups — the Fourth District Democratic Organization and the New Frontier Democratic Clubs—are at odds because they can't agree on a common State Senate candidate.

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AND, HEREBY, they have created an unfortunate situation — a state of affairs bordering on the ridiculous.

It is unfortunate because it's readily apparent that each organization needs the support of the other to win in the primary with any independent candidates.

This is true although colored Democrats are in the majority in the Fourth District.

Many such Democrats, it must be remembered, are still supporters of the district's political machine—rather than independent voters.

It is unfortunate, but true, that it takes money—more often, a lot of money — to win in an election to public office.

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THIS IS particularly factual where there is a seat involved as important as the State Senate.

A State Senator has many patronage jobs and favors at his disposal — and such patronage forms the backbone of a successful political organization.

Neither of these two comparatively new independent Democratic organizations can singly match the financial resources of this district's ruling political machine.

They could hardly to so together.

Neither of these two independent groups can even come close to matching the necessary precinct control, which the district's political machine has developed over a period of years.

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OFFICIALS OF the New Frontier Club — whose membership is limited to Fourth District residents—boast of some precinct control in the 15th Ward and the Lake Drive area.

James W. McAllister, assistant state's attorney; Murray Abramson, House of Delegates member, and S. Edward Smith, public school official, are top officers of this organization who have announced for the same Senate seat.

It is known here, though, that this group is really backing Mr. McAllister — and Messrs. Abramson and Smith concur.

The Fourth District Democratic Organization is composed of many members and officials who actually live in the Fifth District. Their campaign help must be questioned.

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THIS IS the organization of Mrs. Verda F. Welcome, House of Delegates member — and, of course, it has endorsed her announced candidacy for the State Senate.

Here, in brief, is a picture of these two independent Democratic organizations — and what they are up against.

Neither can sensibly hope to win with its candidates alone — without the solid support of the other.

Yet — here they are wasting valuable campaigning time fighting each other.

All of this brings to mind some comments that occurred a couple of weeks ago in a political newsheet, published by the Christiansted Democratic Club, in St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

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DR. G. JAMES FLEMING, director, Institute for Political Education, Morgan State College, was kind enough to bring this paper to my attention.

Commenting on its own political situation in St. Croix, the paper reads:

"Before long, we shall be able to separate the men from the boys and the mink from the mongoose — as those who are in politics only for personal advancement either get what they want, or are disappointed and quit.

"Then, those who are interested primarily in good government will have an opportunity to advance their political theories — these will emphasize 'what is right' and not the prevalent pattern of 'what will pay.'"

That brings us to this pertinent point — somebody should start thinking of what is best for the Fourth District.

The welfare of this district's people must be considered far above foolish personal feuding of this sort.

PROJECT INFORMATION — These members of the Baltimore Urban League's Community Participation Program met with Mayor J. Harold Grady Monday, as a phase of their project to acquaint themselves with city agencies and community problems. J. Percy Bond, league board member and chairman of the project, explains the program to the mayor.

Group seeks more city posts

"It is very encouraging to be brought into contact with a group of well developed people who are civic-minded enough to volunteer their services to the city government for assignment to important positions.

"The interest which they are demonstrating in civic affairs, by giving of their time and energy, is most commendable and should be put to good use."

Mayor J. Harold Grady **offered these comments after he met a group of young men in his City Hall office Monday afternoon. They are working with the Urban League to better acquaint themselves with city agencies and community issues.**

The project, under the heading of "Community Participation Conference," is under the direction of J. Percy Bond, League Board member, and Miss Betti Scott, League staff member.

Mr. Bond told Mayor Grady it was hoped that this project would encourage him to appoint more qualified colored citizens to the city's boards and commission.

"I HAVE made a very deliberate attempt to have broad representation on the board's and commmission," Mayor Grady stated. "This does not mean there isn't room for improvement, nor does it mean some were selected solely because they were colored.

"I try to select persons better acquainted with the field of the board of commission in question."

Following the meeting with the Mayor, William Mahoney, director of public relations, and Edward F. Borgerding executive assistant to the Mayor, discussed administrative city government procedures with the group.

Later, they attended the City Council session.

Loophole in law helps him

"Regardless of what they do to him, it won't bring my husband back. So I'm glad it's over."

Mrs. Lottie Simmons, 1100 block Myrtle Ave., gave this opinion Tuesday after hearing her husband's killer, a youth who once lived in their home, sentenced to 18 years in the penitentiary.

Thomas Long, 17, 100 block N. Fremont Ave., was convicted of second degree murder by chief Judge Emery H. Niles in Youth Court, for the ball peen-hammer-slaying of William Simmons, 79, a retired laborer.

George Helinski, prosecutor, who asked for a first-degree murder verdict, told Judge Niles that Long killed Mr. Simmons when the victim caught him in the act of robbing his home.

Punishment for same is life imprisonment or death in the gas chamber.

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IN REBUTTAL, George L. Russell Jr., defense attorney, argued the slaying could not be first degree murder because the state failed to show malice or premeditation.

Mr. Russell argued an act of burglary by day is a misdemeanor, according to criminal statutes, while it is a felony when committed at night, thus the case could not be one of first degree.

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JUDGE NILES agreed and returned the second-degree verdict. He imposed maxium penalty for the lesser crime, but made a five-year-burglary sentence concurrent.

Det. Lt. George Andrews and defendant Long were the only witnesses to take the stand.

A statement taken by Lt. Andrews was admitted into evidence. In it, Long admit-

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NAACP gets late but good reports

Due to their fall activities, several churches were unable to make their reports during the NAACP membership campaign.

These churches now have come up with excellent reports, the NAACP office disclosures.

Douglas Memorial and Shiloh Baptist are out front in first position. Not too far behind, with only one report in so far, is Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.

There are also several groups and organizations who within the next ten days will be making substantial reports.

Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, NAACP president, urges every minister, leader, captain, worker, member and well wisher to plan to make an extra large report Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the annual Christmas Party at the NAACP office, 1234 Druid Hill Ave.

Post takes money but ousts guests

BY GEORGE W. COLLINS

Sponsors of the Annual Frolic of U. S. Marine Post No. 1, American Legion has some explaining to do, according to Daniel Burkhardt, state adjutant.

Mr. Burkhardt gave this assurance Wednesday when informed of the strange circumstances surrounding a Dec. 2 affair supposedly held for the benefit of the post's Rehabilitation and Welfare Fund.

Tickets with an official Marine Corps insignia, were priced at $5 per couple and were offered to the public.

However, according to a complaint lodged by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thomas (he's a well - known businessman), colored guests were turned away when they appeared at the Nolan Nite Club, Monroe St and Wilkins Ave.

Mr. Thomas said an unidentified man, who said he was an official of the post, promised to refund their money.

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EXPLAINING HOW he obtained the tickets, Mr. Thomas said:

"A woman telephoned me at my place of business and asked me to take a ticket for a worthy cause. As I had done last year, I agreed. Shortly afterwards a man delivered the ticket and collected the money."

The businessman said he was unable to attend last year because of other commitments. But when he and his wife arrived at the club Saturday, they were told "sorry, but we can't serve you."

Another couple, James Brown Jr., 3900 block Gwynns Falls Pkwy., and his girl-friend, Miss Carolyn Scruggs 1300 block N. Caroline St., also attended. They too, were barred, Mr. Thomas told the AFRO.

On the basis of the complaint, Adjutant Burkhardt said, the post is guilty of at least two violations.

"First of all, all posts must have permission to solicit public support for their functions. I do not have a request for such permission from Marine Post No. 1".

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HE ADDED that the Legion does not sanction segregated affairs if they are supported by only legion members.

"But if the public is solicited for support, segregation is strictly forbidden," he declared.

Officers of Marine Post No. 1 could not be reached for comment. Mr. Burkhardt said he doesn't know them but representatives picked up mail from the War Memorial Legion office once or twice a week. The post has no office, he said.

"All persons who had tickets to the affair and were accorded such treatment should write me a letter," he said while promising to investigate the matter.

MAN ALIVE could have well been the expression of the owner of this automobile that was all but flattened when a roof blew off a house in the 1200 block McCulloh St., Tuesday. A short distance away, another man received a severe shock when high winds blew a tree and electrical wires across an automobile in which he was sitting.

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67 registered this week; registration, 110,705

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Who should register.

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

Hours you can register — Monday through Friday, 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.

Registered this week period: 67.

Total to date 110,705.

	Dem.	Rep.	In.
Thursday	11	2	0
Friday	7	2	0
Monday	17	3	0
Tuesday	15	3	0
Wednesday	6	3	1

Total number of prospective voters of age unregistered, 64,289.

Supreme Court admits Russell

George L. Russell Jr., prominent attorney and young Republican leader, was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court Monday.

Mr. Russell, graduate of Lincoln University and the University of Maryland Law School, was sponsored by Curtis B. Mitchell, well-known Washington attorney.

A native Baltimorean, Mr. Russell is a former police court magistrate, deputy director of the 1960 census and currently a member of the Jail Board.

Reliable reports indicate Mr. Russell is under consideration for a high post in the state government

He was admitted to the state bar in 1954 and permitted to practice before the Federal Court and Circuit Court of Appeals two years later.

Mr. Russell lives with his wife, Mrs. Marion A. Russell at 2317 Mosher St. They have no children. He is a member of the law firm of Brown and Allen, 1520 E. Monument St.

Pedestrian dies in traffic mishap

Injuries of the head and back sustained in a traffic accident claimed the life of Herbert Reed, 53, of 2707 Roslyn Ave. on Monday.

Mr. Reed was fatally injured when struck by a city bus at Garrison Blvd. and Roslyn Ave.

Services for Mr. Reed were scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Luke's Methodist Church.

MRS. KNIGHT TO SPEAK

The Rev. Mrs. Edna Knight will speak 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10 at the Church, Chase and Washington Sts. The previous week she conducted services at Bethel AME Church, Bay Shore, N.Y.

BURHA assistant resigns from job

Chester Gates, an administrative assistant with the Baltimore Urban Renewal Housing Agency has resigned.

Mr. Gates who was assigned to the Harlem Park area office is currently working in Syracuse, N.Y.

Test set for mother in 2 babies' deaths

PHILADELPHIA — Mrs. Roberta Olga Barnes, who a year ago was accused of murdering her two babies, was sent to a penal institution last week for further psychiatric examinations before going to trial. The request was made by the 23 year - old woman's attorney, Cecil B. Moore.

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BURHA Jim Crow?

Lonely, Hungry, Discouraged Families Appeal For Your Help

The need for people with kind hearts has never been greater, than it is now. They are needed to answer the pleas of hundreds of needy families who face a bleak and lonely Christmas.

These are the families to whom a simple gift, such as a basket of food, a few items of clothing, or a toy, would be a godsend

They are the poor families of our community, the lonely families who live day to day with poverty as a constant companion.

To help them, the AFRO is conducting its annual Mrs. Santa Project and in order for the project to be a success, the help of every reader is needed.

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IF YOU'VE been wondering what to do to put meaning into Christmas, the Mrs. Santa Project is probably the answer.

The easiest thing to do is to send a check or money order to the Mrs. Santa Fund here at the AFRO, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore 2, Md.

Any amount may be sent. Every penny will go to needy families or other needed items.

Another way to help is by adopting a needy family. You can do this by reading the cases of Mrs. Santa which are listed below.

When you find the case that you want to help by providing food, clothing, or toys, then pick up the telephone and call Mrs. Santa at Mulberry 5-6015.

She will give you the name

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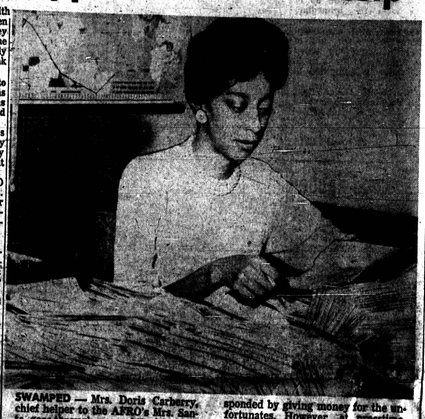

SWAMPED — Mrs. Doris Carberry, chief helper to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa, goes through some of the hundreds of letters appealing for help at Christmas time. Generous Baltimoreans responded by giving money for the unfortunates. However, at present, there were still many families needing assistance. You can help by calling Mrs. Santa at MUlberry 5-6015.

AFRO-Regent set yule party

Thee will be approximately 1,500 smiling faces at the Regent Theatre on Saturday morning, Dec. 23, when the AFRO and the Regent present their annual theatre party.

On hand to greet the youngsters will be one of Hollywood's best loved performers, Mr. Pop Lolly of WJZ-TV.

He will be followed by a brand new laugh filled feature length film starring America's favorite clown, Harry Langdon.

After the film, a live show will be presented featuring some of the best talent in Baltimore.

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HIS DREAM COMES TRUE

Rev. and Mrs. Matthews to Holy Land for Christmas

The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Baxter L. Matthews leave Wednesday afternoon from Friendship Airport for a six-week trip abroad.

He is pastor of Union Baptist Church. Plans call for the Matthewses to board the Airliner Italia in New York Wednesday evening, arriving in Rome and Beirut on Thursday.

On Saturday, they will be in Damascus. On Christmas Eve, they will go to Jerusalem, and attend midnight mass at the Church of the Nativity, nine miles outside of Jerusalem.

Christmas Day will also be spent in the Holy Land.

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THIS TRIP, the Rev. Mr. Matthews told the AFRO, is his first one abroad. It enables him to realize a "lifetime dream," a fitting climax to over 40 years in the ministry.

The trip was made possible largely through Mrs. John Hill (Margaret), widow of a distinguished Union Baptist deacon.

Mrs. Hill, onetime companion to Mrs. Thorp E. Thomas, now of Pottstown, Pa., gave Mrs. Hill some valuable stock, proceeds of which ($3,000), she earmarked for the minister's trip.

"I've worked very hard during these over 40 years. I'm glad of Mrs. Hill's gift. People ought to enjoy some things in later life," the Rev. Mr. Matthews explained.

The Matthewses' itinerary provides they will see the New Year in at Istanbul, Turkey. They will also visit Tel Aviv, Tibernius, Athens, Rome, Naples, Florence, Nice and Paris and London before they return to Baltimore on Jan. 28.—B.M.P.

Kennedy here

Attorney General Robert Kennedy is scheduled to be in Baltimore today (Friday) for the swearing in ceremonies for the new U.S. District Judge Harrison L. Winter, former city solicitor.

Discriminating restaurants to lose licenses

Restaurant segregation in Delaware appeared doomed Thursday when the License Bureau for restaurants issued an ultimatum.

"All owners who refuse to serve customers because of race or religion will not be permitted to renew their licenses," the directive said.

Author of the edict is unknown, but since the bureau is a state agency, it is assumed the order has the backing of Gov. Elbert N. Carvel.

Top cop to face Council

The reasons why no colored youths are enrolled in three of four Baltimore Police Boys Clubs will be aired at a City Council committee meeting Monday afternoon.

As a result of charges that colored youngsters are systematically excluded from the Southern, Southwestern, and Eastern District Clubs, the Council's Public Relations Committee will hear a special report from Police Commissioner Bernard L. Schmidt.

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FOLLOWING publication by the AFRO that colored youths are denied admissions to the three clubs, a resolution calling for an investigation was introduced by City Councilman Walter T. Dixon (4th-D).

The Baltimore branch of

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COMMISSIONER BERNARD L. SCHMIDT
Former inspector faces first major quiz

'We are now ready to ride,' promise 1,000 demonstrators

"We are ready to ride."

"We'll do what we have to do — and I hope it's nothing."

"I don't challenge their right to do so, but I question the wisdom and timing of the ride."

"We'll be there.... but I hope we won't be needed."

These statements were issued by four different people late Thursday, but they were all concerned with the Route 40 freedom ride, scheduled for tomorrow (Saturday).

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THE FIRST came from Edward Blankenheim, national field secretary for the Congress of Racial Equality, sponsor of the massive protest against restaurant segregation.

Edward Mester, executive secretary to Gov. J. Millard Tawes, gave the second one. He was stating the governor's position on the ride.

The final two came from persons responsible for policing the demonstration — Col. Carey Jarman, superintendent of Maryland State Police, and Gilbert Doyle, chief, Baltimore County police.

An estimated 1,000 Freedom Riders from New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Washington will join Marylanders in sit-ins and picket demonstrations at 35 restaurants practicing segregation, Mr. Blankenheim said.

Demonstrators from the north will visit restaurants on the Delaware section of the interstate highway, the coordinator said.

LOCAL RIDERS will join with Washington demonstrators at the staging area here, the Enon Baptist Church, Schroeder St. and Edmondson Ave., before moving north on the controversial highway.

Demonstrators will meet and return to Enon for a 5 p.m. rally, Mr. Blankenheim said.

Mr. Mester said Gov. Tawes feels the ride will hurt chances of getting a public accommodations law passed.

The governor met with the Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations Wednesday. He gave tentative approval of proposed amendments to the public accommodations law, approved earlier by the Legislative Committee, but rejected by demonstrators, Mr. Mester said.

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FOURTEEN "Freedom Riders Volunteers" whose offer to participate in the demonstration was rejected served notice they would join the 'ride' regardless of CORE's "sanction or permission."

They were turned down by recruiting officials when they refused to state whether they belonged to any groups on the attorney general's subversive list.

The 14, who urged national CORE officials to force the local chapter to drop the requirement, include:

Dave Sachs, Alan Gerwirtz, Gary Cohen, A. Robert Kaufman, Richard P. Griswold, Fred Feldmen, Miss Roberta Solomon, Robert Moscowitz, Morty Cohen, Dave Cohen, Herman Heyn, Miss Marilyn Cohen, Harry Krasner and Rod Speel.

Meanwhile, in Montgomery County, 900 persons vowed support of a county-wide bill to outlaw racial discrimination in places of public accomodations.

They appeared at a hearing before the City Council, Thursday night.

If such a bill is passed it would be the first in the state.

On Friday morning, James Farmer, national director of CORE, announced that after the Route 40 restaurants, CORE will turn its attention to motels and hotels on the highway.

He also said that CORE plans desegregation activities on major highways leading south.

Mr. Farmer said CORE is willing to negotiate the Sit 40 issue, but wants full desegregation.

No. 1 on list, but can't get post

The Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency has been charged with discrimination in employment.

Leveling the charge is Daniel L. Nicolas, an architect with 15 years experience in city planning and a master's degree in city and regional planning.

He has charged that though he qualified as number one in an examination for senior city planner with BURHA, the post has been left vacant ten months and no satisfactory reason has been given as to why he has been overlooked.

On Tuesday, the NAACP Legal Redress Committee asked for an investigation and a hearing before the BURHA Commissioners.

The complaint was filed with the NAACP last week by Mr. Nicolas, who has been employed by BURHA as a City Planner for three years.

Mr. Nicolas is a graduate architect with a degree from the University of Haiti. He holds a master's degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology in City and Regional Planning.

In June, he qualified No. 1 after an examination, to fill a vacancy as senior city planner.

The position has a starting salary of $6,700 and a maxi-

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Ga. cops jail 467 in two days

ALBANY, Ga. — Local police Tuesday and Wednesday pushed Mississippi right off the world news map by making more arrests in two days than Delta State officers in Jackson could accomplish in three months.

Local tax payers were herded off to jail Tuesday after they turned out in support of 11 Freedom Riders who were arrested the day before.

And the following day, 84 adults and 16 juveniles were rounded up and hussled off to jail as they neared City Hall.

All 467 citizens have been charged with creating a scene.

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BLUE STREAK SPECIAL

Children Can Write The Darndest Letters To Santa Claus, Says Post Office

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

Christmas is for children.

Abundant evidence of this was found Wednesday when the AFRO visited the main Post Office.

In the third - floor Claims and Inquiry section headed by Theodore Hess, there are thousands of letters from young tykes addressed to Santa Claus.

They come on all types of paper and without postage, zone numbers, correct spelling and grammar or properly addressed envelopes.

Of the hundreds of letters Mr. Hess selected at random, only one envelope carried a four-cent stamp.

A FEW HAD Christmas seals. One even had a merchant green stamp for postage, while one enterprising writer drew his own stamp, replete with the "4 cent" price tag.

Addressed simply to "Santa," "Santy Clause" or "Mr. Santa Claus," with as many variations in spelling as you'll find anywhere, the letters contain abundant humor, frankness, concern for others, honesty and promises to mend errant ways.

Mr. Hess and William Colbert, chief of administrative services, said the number of "Santa" letters received this year compares favorably with those of past years.

Many of the letters make it no further. Others go to a station in Lake Placid ,N.Y., with the likely name of "North Pole."

As near as possible, when the letters bear a return address, according to Mr. Hess, the station acknowledges receipt.

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HERE ARE some excerpts:

From Sandra Brannock: "It is almost Christmas and I am 'trieding' to be good next week. We are going to make some cookies and if "their is" any more left you can have as many as you want."

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A CHRISTMAS card signed by Barbara, Madeno made no request. It said: "North Pole, U.S.A., Dear Santa this card is for you."

One writer who signed his letter "Johns," sent Santa a pamphlet titled "My Book." In it were crayon drawings pictures and pasteups of Santa, leaves, toys and boys singing Christmas Carols.

"Johns" didn't ask for anything either.

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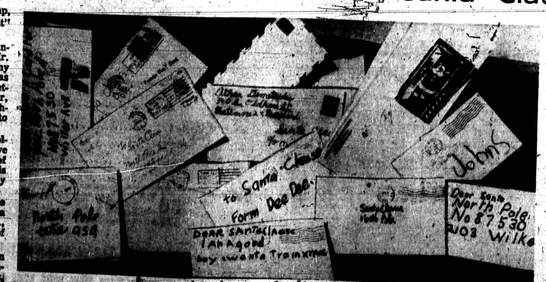
ONE WRITER, leaving off his name, didn't take any chances on getting his message across to Santa. On the reverse side of a used envelope are the words "To Santa."

Inside, also on used stationery, were two pictures, a cowboy set and a hobo and ladder outfit. Another one had an identical request on the envelope and letter.

Frances evidently doesn't trust the mailman. She is sending her friend this message through Santa: "Dear Gin, we won't be able to come Sunday."

Paul Reger, age 6, had this request: "Dear Santa, I don't want much prezents."



Letter from young fans of Santa Claus

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