PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

## Baltimore Notebook

By MAX JOHNSON

The first few days of a new year usually bring — from newspaper folks whose jobs are to closely observe various facets of life — predictions of things to come.

This column, therefore, moves now with this long, established trend — and looks forward to some political issues in the state.

**Here are predictions of some political matters—which would seem from here to be a good thing to put your two bucks on to win.**

It should be noted at the outset — these predictions are based, of course, on what appears to be shaping in the discernible future.

And they are presented here to stimulate some serious thought — whether you are for or against these forecasts.

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SO — LET'S get straightway to the business at hand.

PRIMARY GUBERNATORIAL WINNER — Gov. J. Millard Tawes, seeking a second term: George P. Mahoney, three times an unsuccessful candidate for governor, and David Hume, former treasurer, Democratic State Central Committee, are currently considered the top announced Democratic gubernatorial candidates.

Gov. Tawes has two marked advantages going for him.

**He is "in" — and he has, in addition to other resources, a publicly known kitty of over $200,000 to lure votes and machine support, as a result of that Sept. 21 campaign dinner.**

Yet — the Governor has irritated many voters with his teachers' pay-raise plan, angered many more with his new sales tax, and displeased still more voters with his handling of the state's public accommodations issue.

So — I predict Gov. Tawes will win the May 15 primary nomination.

Idealistic views have a way of taking second place in the thinking of too many voters — to an election dollar.

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PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS BILL PASSAGE — When the General Assembly convenes Feb. 7, the Legislative Council will present an administration-backed, state-wide public accommodations bill for passage.

This will be a 30-day budget session — during which the law provides that the exemption of one county automatically kills a bill.

**That this situation will prevail in reference to the public accommodations bill now prepared — and those others sure to be introduced — is a foregone conclusion.**

So — I predict the General Assembly will pass a public accommodations bill in a special session, immediately upon adjournment of the regular session.

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FOURTH DISTRICT SENATE PRIMARY WINNER— As matters now stand, Senator J. Alvin Jones, seeking a second term, and Mrs. Verda F. Welcome, first term House of Delegates member, are announced senatorial candidates for the Democratic nomination.

**Senator Jones is affiliated with the district's ruling political machine of James H. (Jack) Pollack — but can point to no worthwhile senatorial accomplishments to merit his re-election.**

Mrs. Welcome is an independent Democrat — and, likewise, will find difficulty in pointing to a noteworthy General Assembly accomplishment to campaign on for the senatorship.

Meanwhile, a third independent candidate for the Senate is being readied by a Democratic organization in this district — at odds with Mrs. Welcome's group.

This candidate, a newcomer to politics, has even less to offer.

So — considering the independent vote split, I predict Senator Jones will win the May 15 nomination.

PROVIDENT HOSPITAL — The Legislative Council has for introduction at the coming Assembly session, bills to furnish city and state aid on an equal basis for the construction of a new Provident Hospital.

However — this proposed legislation requires that the community raise $1,000,000 to supplement the city and state aid for a new Provident.

**Womanpower, a community-wide organization headed by Mrs. Victorine Q. Adams, has been working rather successfully on this community supplement for some time.**

So — I predict the Provident Hospital campaign will get off the ground, with necessary enabling legislation and an intensified funds-raising drive, before the year is out.

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FIFTH DISTRICT ASSEMBLY SLATE — Heretofore, no colored candidates have been on either of the two Democratic factions' tickets, as candidates for the General Assembly's House of Delegates seats.

**These two factions are the Goodman-Kovens group, and the Pollack forces.**

So — I predict at least one such candidate will be on the slate of one of these factions for the May 15 primary, and will emerge a winner.

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FOURTH DISTRICT REPUBLICAN SENATE CHANCES — As of this writing, no Republican has announced as a candidate for his party's nomination to the Senate in the city's Fourth District.

GOP bigwigs have been trying to influence John L. Berry, retired business executive, who has many notable civic and political "firsts" to his credit, to run.

Mr. Berry has exhibited lukewarm interest — but not to the extent many folks would like to see.

Now — they are considering drafting him, and are hoping he will respond.

**So — I predict that, as matters appear to be shaping, a Republican of Mr. Berry's statue would win the Fourth District Senate seat in the November general election.**

Here, then, are this column's political predictions.

The best way to argue with them is — by your vote.

PROUD MOTHER — Mrs. Ross Jones, mother of the first baby born in the city in 1962, rests in the maternity ward at City Hospitals.

## NAB SKATING GANG

### Three get 35 years in prison

In unrelated cases, three men were sentenced to a total of 35 years in prison in Criminal Court Wednesday.

Two of the cases involved relatives.

Nathaniel W. Brown, 28, 1300 block N. Fremont Ave., was convicted of second degree murder in the fatal stabbing of his brother, Charles Brown, 35, 1400 block Division St.

Evidence introduced by Russell J. White, assistant state's attorney, showed the brothers fought during a drinking party last July in the 2000 block Pennsylvania Ave.

Charles was pronounced dead at Provident Hospital following the 2 a.m. altercation, the state charged. He suffered several stab wounds of the body.

Nathaniel, who testified "we have argued all our lives," said the slaying occurred when he tried to take the knife from his brother. Judge Dulany Foster imposed a five-year House of Correction term.

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A 15 - YEAR prison sentence went to James B. Mercer, 20, 2000 block Guilford Ave., when Chief Judge Emory H. Niles found him guilty of second degree murder.

Witnesses testified Mercer stabbed Archie L. Ward of the 2000 block Barclay St. last March when they argued over a pair of gloves.

Police said the sidewalk brawl occurred at 20th St. and Guilford Ave. when the men claimed ownership of the same pair of gloves.

WILLIE L. ROSS, alias "Reccio," drew a 15-year penitentiary term when Judge Foster found him guilty of criminally assaulting his sister-in-law.

Southern District Sgt. Donald Einolf and Officer James Morsell, testified Ross, also nicknamed "Rev," allegedly committed the act while his wife was confined to the hospital in September.

Denying the accusation, Ross told the court his relative lodged the charge because he objected to her having visitors in his home while his wife was away.

Judge Foster, in imposing sentence pointed to Ross's long record of emotional disturbances which were instrumental in his being released from the army after one month's service.

## 2 officers crack teen operation

Two Western district plainclothesmen, Patrolmen Charles Scroggs and Stephen Tabling, who specialize in tracking down strange sounding gangs, hit the jackpot again this week.

Newest tag added to the growing collection of gang names are the "Roller-Skating Bandits."

Capt. Wade Poole, Western commander, said Thursday the officers, working with squads from Southwestern, Central, and Northwestern, arrested 14 members of the — roller - skating, purse snatching gang.

Captain Poole said more charges and more young gang members will be picked up before the investigation is complete.

At least eight charges have already been lodged and the skating purse snatchers released in custody of their parents.

Scroggs, Tabling and Officers Charles Rout and George Mandris were cited this morning by Police Commissioner Bernard T. Schmidt.

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THE YOUTHS, according to Captain Poole, ranged in ages from 12 to 15 and answered to such names as "Snoots," "Vic," "Huckleback," "Jo-Jo," "Blessing" and "Boxhead."

The willowy youngsters, investigators reported, weighed between 85 and 90 pounds and were led by a 13-year-old "chief" from the 1300 block N. Fremont Ave.

**Police said the gang stole purses from both women pedestrians and motorists. They would approach autos, as if in search of a ride, yank open the door and snatch pocketbooks from the seat, police said.**

Retreating to concealed areas, the youthful robbers would don roller skates, sling over their shoulders, and make a fast getaway.

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TO INSURE physical fitness, in addition to roller skating, gang members would lift weights, the investigation revealed.

The bandits took more than $1,000 since Dec. 1, police said, but were afraid of spending two $50 bills, they told investigators, because it "might attract attention."

Officers recovered the bills when they picked up a gang member who pointed an accusing finger at his accomplices, Capt. Poole said.

**Several elderly women were treated for shock and injuries resulting from the thefts, it was reported.**

Officers Tabling and Scroggs have also bagged such gangs as the "Gold Tooth Bandits," "The Overall Bandits," and the "Shotgun Bandits," among others.

FIRST BORN — nurse Emily, Baker of City Hospitals holds the first baby born in Baltimore in the New Year. The little girl was born at 1:46 a.m.

## BURHA can help selfs big families

By MOSES J. NEWSON

The Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency can get some of its low-income "big families" into good homes and help its Harlem Park project at the same time.

**BURHA could turn the trick by rehabilitating some of the buildings in its 153-acre Harlem Park area and renting them to families needing hard-to-get 4 and 5 bedroom homes.**

Already the Harlem Park project has become a key test of whether public and private efforts can successfully curb blight by rehabilitating homes rather than by razing and rebuilding.

A limited "big family" program would allow Baltimore to determine if it can employ such a method here to ease one of its most pressing housing needs.

BURHA, the AFRO learned this week, has taken a look at the operation of such a program in Philadelphia but has not reached a conclusion on whether to attempt it here.

Edgar M. Ewing, assistant director for renewal operations, told the AFRO, "We are studying the possibilities."

**He indicated a considerable amount of red tape would be involved in such a program because it would have to be tied in with the federal public housing program.**

There is a definite need in Baltimore for more good housing for large families in the low income bracket.

Miss Esther Stegal, supervisor of BURHA's housing application office, said most of the families on the public housing list seeking 4 and 5-bedroom units "have an indefinite wait."

ACCORDING to the age and sex of children in a family, 6 to 9 persons would require a 4-bedroom unit and 7 to 11 members would require a 5-bedroom unit.

One of the problems for such families, as sized up by Harry B. Weiss, director of housing management, is that "landlords don't want them, especially when they have low incomes."

**As far as public housing goes, a major problem is that there simply are too few units.**

Mr. Weiss said that of the total 9,522 public housing units in the city, only 394 or 4.03 percent are set aside for 4-bedroom families and just 41 or 0.43 per cent are for 5-bedroom family needs.

"We need more public housing with large units," Mr. Weiss said. He added that large families in housing projects do not move out because they have no place to go.

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THAT ACCOUNTS for the indefinite waiting list.

But there is another problem, too.

The five-year-old Lafayette Courts are already 27 percent overcrowded, on a unit - family - size basis, because of the growth of families after their admittance.

Here is an example of how the turnover goes:

Of the 6,400 families which applied for public housing in

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## Burglars hit Enon Baptist Church

Western District police are still on the lookout for the thief, or thieves, who ransacked offices in Enon Baptist Church, Edmondson Ave. and Schroeder St., Monday evening or early Tuesday morning.

**Two adding machines, two typewriters and a tape recorder were stolen in the burglary, police were told.**

Entrance was apparently gained, Sgt. William Buskard reported, through a rest room window. The screen had been removed, and then replaced after the burglary, he said.

Joe N. Thompson, church custodian, said he left the church at 3:30 p.m. New Year's day, and returned at 10 a.m. the following day, and discovered the burglary.

## Expected in February, Brenda Lee arrives in time to get AFRO's $100

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Jones (Carolyn), 837 E. 43rd St., were due some unexpected events on the first day of the New Year.

**First of all, the baby they thought was due in February, arrived at 1:46 a.m. on Jan. 1, almost a month early—and quite by surprise.**

Second, the young couple (she is 17, he is 22) looked forward to their first child being a boy—and the youngster turned out to be a girl. They named her Brenda Lee.

Last, as the real unexpected event the parents received a $100 check for their new baby as she became the winner of the AFRO annual New Year's Baby award.

Her birth at 1:46 a.m. at City Hospitals was the first recorded by the AFRO City Desk.

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WHEN THE AFRO visited the mother at the hospital on Tuesday she was so overcome she could hardly speak, only smiled.

**Recovering shortly, she said she would use the check to buy the lucky little girl, "everything she needs" including a crib, clothes and the pink pink and white things a new born Miss needs when she arrives in the world.**

Actually, she is not premature. Her mother explains, "I got my dates mixed. I was wrong. The baby was right. She got here on time."

Mr. and Mrs. Jones have been married a little more than a year. Mr. Jones, age 22, is a furniture firm worker, a former student at Carver High School, Towson, Md. She was a former student at Central Consolidated School, Bel Air Md.

They have resided in Baltimore over two years.

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MORE THAN two dozen other infants arrived in Baltimore hospitals on the first day of the New Year. As they set up a chain of yowls in maternity wards about town, their noisy announcement rivaled the revelry of adults in the streets.

**Small wonder, for the new baby girls out-numbered the boys. The AFRO count was 15 girls, 10 boys.**

Arriving at 2:55 a.m. at Johns Hopkins Hospital was a 4 pound 6½ ounce boy whose mother is Mrs. Carolyn Eloane, 1010 Homewood Ave.

**Others at Hopkins were a** girl, 6 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Mrs. Hazel West, 1130 Wilmont Ct., who arrived at 9:05 a.m.; a boy, 6 pounds, 6 ounces, born at 8:05 a.m. to Mrs. Helen Clymer, Route 9, Box 416, Pasadena, Md.; a 6 pound, 8 ounce boy to Mrs. Larsen Yee, 4107 W. Belvedere Ave.; and a 7 pound, 7 ounce girl at 4:07 p.m. to Mrs. Delores Cherry, 1617 E. Chase St.

At Franklin Square Hospital, the heavyweight champion, a boy, weighing 9 pounds, 11 ounces, was born to Mrs. Dorothy Phipps, 1822 W. Franklin St., at 5:28 a.m.

Others making their advent there included four girls, a 6 pound, 5 ounce girl to Mrs. Betty Johnson, 720 N. Gilmor, at 1:38 a.m.; a 7 pound, 7½ ounce girl to Mrs. Geraldine Sands, 221 Cherry Hill Rd., at 9 p.m.; a 7 pound 7 ounce girl to Mrs. Julia Johnson, 200 Seagull Ave., at 3:24 p.m.; a 6 pound, 14 ounce girl to Mrs. Annie Loyles, 654 Courtland St., at 4:42 p.m.

And two boys, a 7 pound 2 ounce to Mrs. Josephine

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## Police seek relatives of fire victim

Police are seeking relatives of Mrs. Louise Turner, 49, formerly of 812 N. Bruce St.

Mrs. Turner died in Provident Hospital Wednesday, where she had been confined since Dec. 16 suffering burns over most of her body.

**Fire investigators said she was fatally burned when fire struck the first floor of her home at 6 a.m. while she slept.**

Cause of the fire was listed as a coal stove which heated the apartment.

Mrs. Turner's body was unclaimed at AFRO press-time.

## Leadenhall to give statement on pastor's resignation next week

The board of trustees of one of the city's most venerable religious institutions, has no statement to make as yet on the Dec. 12 resignation of the pastor, the Rev. Thomas B. Davis.

On Wednesday, Isaac Bannister, chairman of the board of trustees, told the AFRO:

"The officers of the church want to get together first and when we issue a statement, we want it to be definite and true. A statement will come next Wednesday."

Mr. Bannister admitted that the Rev. Mr. Davis, who has been pastor of the 122-year-old church for 13 years, had submitted his resignation 23 days ago.

He stated that the minister has not been in the pulpit since that time and the board has been out of touch with him.

The Rev. Mr. Davis came to the Leadenhall pulpit in 1949 to succeed the Rev. M. C. Allen who is now president of the Virginia Seminary College, Lynchburg, Va. The congregation has 700 members.

## Do youths use crutch?

Dr. Saul M. Perdue, principal of Carver Vocational and Technical Senior High School, will be guest on the Know the Facts series on Radio Station WEBB Sunday from 2:15 to 2:30 p.m.

This week's subject will be "Does the colored youth of today use past injustices as crutches for his failure to prepare himself for the world of work."

This Sunday's program will be the third of a 13-week series being sponsored by the Baltimore Urban League in cooperation with WEBB.

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## 88 registered this week; registration, 110,984

If you have not yet registered to become eligible to vote, you may now go 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 — Monday through Friday, 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: 106,306.
Registered this week period: 88.
Total to date 110,984.

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Total number of prospective voters of age unregistered, 64,010.

A HEALTHY DISCUSSION — Representatives of industry and commerce put their heads together on plans for the 1962 CICHA (Commerce and Industry Combined Health Appeal) campaign. From left to right, campaign leaders are, W. F. Marks, Armco Steel Corporation; W. J. Witte, Gas and Electric Co.; J. M. Hepbron, CICHA campaign consultant; C. R. Zarfoss, Western Maryland Railway; Carlyle Barton Sr., CICHA Board President; J. P. Cooper Jr., C and P Telephone Co., and H. E. Emmart, Maryland National Bank.

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BLUE STREAK SPECIAL

# THE STORY OF BALTIMORE'S JURIES

## Different cards used for jurors

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

Does Baltimore exclude colored persons from jury duty?

The U.S. Civil Rights Commission says yes.

But when the AFRO raised the question this week local court officials emphatically denied it.

Here are the facts.

The commission, in its 1961 report to the President and Congress, said Baltimore keeps the number of colored jurors — both petit and grand — to a bare minimum, despite the fact that colored citizens represent 35 per cent of the city's total population.

The Deep South, the report shows, bans colored jurors outright.

Baltimore, using a more sophisticated and subtle approach, arrives at the same goal — exclusion — although with a lesser degree of success than its sisters to the South.

The commission calls the Baltimore variety of exclusion "token representation."

Baltimore calls its system of selecting jurors "insuring proportional representation," the AFRO learned this week.

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THE CIVIL RIGHTS unit said southern city fathers have a sure fire way of getting rid of colored jurors. To qualify for service they must be registered voters, the commission said.

Since few get on the voting rolls, the question of colored jurors becomes moot in the Land of Cotton.

Baltimore, which only requires that a person be a resident and over 25 but under 70, to qualify for jury duty, controls the number of non-white jurors with a 'color check."

### White for White

The roster of prospective jurors is broken down on basis of color . . . white cards for whites and yellow cards for colored persons.

This alone is in violation of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, the commission said.

"The Supreme Court has made it plain that consideration of race in jury selection is unconstitutional," the report declared.

H. S. Bullen, jury commissioner who has held the job for 15 years, denies that color is a determining factor in the ultimate number of non-white jurors picked for service.

He points out that when the jury judge draws names from the copper barrel every three weeks to make up the petit panels for the Court, there is no evidence which points to the race of the persons whose names are drawn.

This is true.

But color DOES enter the picture, the AFRO found. Here's how.

Thousands of questionnaires, carrying no provisions for racial designations, are sent to the persons whose names are taken from the telephone directory, City directory, and voting lists.

Prospective jurors complete the questionnaire and bring it to the commission's office IN PERSON.

Those found eligible for jury service have their names put on the jury service roster and the master file. This is when the different colored cards are made up.

The in-service file numbers about 3,000, Mr. Bullen said.

From it, where colored jurors are denoted by the yellow card, a clerk types up a roster of 750 names, each time the panels change.

The court officials makes certain that of the 750 names, 150 are those of colored persons.

### Commissioner Denies

The Commissioner heatedly denied that the card code is used so that the number of colored residents on the juries will be held to a minimum.

**He contended that if race were not used in making up the lists, the present proportion of colored jurors, admittedly far below the non-white population percentage, would be even less.**

However, he was unable to explain how the Federal District Court, across the street, which does not keep jury lists on a racial basis, invariably has more colored jurors than state courts.

Wilfred W. Butschky, the Federal clerk, who said the selections are made at random, pointed out that Federal court juries always have fair representation.

It is not unusual, he said, for the panel to have six and seven colored members.

In the city courts, however, rarely, if ever more than two non-white members are on the grand jury.

COURT RECORDS show that within the past 10 years, the racial breakdown of the 30 grand juries looked like this:

**Two have had no colored members; two have had three, and the remainder had either one or two.**

Asked if color was not the reason for the comparatively skimpy number of colored jurors selected, what is the reason, Mr. Bullen said:

"Most 'high class' colored people are exempted from jury duty because of the nature of their jobs — teachers, doctors, lawyers, etc.

"Others," he continued, "because of economical reasons, ask to be excluded from service."

Asked if a sufficient number of colored prospective jurors weren't available for service who do not fit in the high class or economically depressed category, Mr. Bullen replied:

"The judges will not pick truck drivers and laborers

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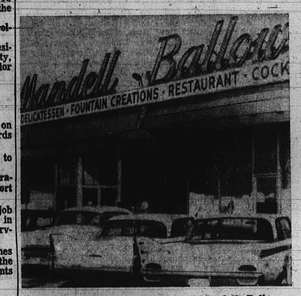
# DARK - SKINNED JEWS BARRED BY RESTAURANT




CLOSED DOORS — This is the Mandell Ballow Restaurant on Reisterstown Rd., scene of a number of anti-segregation demonstrations. A member of the Jewish community has reported that dark Yemenites were denied entrance.

Racial discrimination of a new type made its appearance in Baltimore recently.

This time, it was not a colored American or an African visitor who felt the sting of discrimination.

**This time, it was a dark-skinned Israeli — a dark-skinned Jew.**

And the place that reportedly did the discriminating was a Jewish restaurant on Reistertown Rd. — .

THE VICTIMS of the incident were Israelis of Yemenite extraction.

The roots of the Yemenites lie deep in antiquity, and the Queen of Sheba came from the tribe.

**Prior to 1949, the Yemenites lived in Yeman, a country in the southwestern part of the Arabian Peninsula between the British protectorate of Aden and the Saudia Arabian Asir.**

In 1949 they were airlifted to the new nation of Israel, where they now number 200,000.

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THE YEMENITES who were insulted in Baltimore were crew members of the "Ampal," an Israeli merchant ship which docked here in December, enroute to Japan.

All the crew members were invited to attend a dance at the Jewish Community Center.

On leaving the ship, they were accompanied by Harold Klein, a young member of Baltimore's Jewish community, who, because of his close attachment to Israel, regularly meets the ships from this nation when they dock in Baltimore.

**This is the way Mr. Klein describes what happened.**

"Enroute to the Center, I was asked by the only boy in the group who could speak Yiddish (all the rest speak only Hebrew or Arabic) where they could get a good Kosher hot dog, and I stopped at a Hilltop Restaurant.

"Leading the way, I was stunned when the door was shut behind me, barring my darker skinned "Chaverim" from entering.

"Sidewalk explanations in three languages failed miserably to erase the great injustice that had just been committed.

"These were no idealistic freedom - riders, but fellow Jews from Eretz Israel . . . a very proud and sensitive segment of our people.

"Excuses and apologies fell upon deaf ears, as the sting of rejection had already been felt.

"This is a most sad introduction to Baltimore Jewry, and this distorted impression of our hospitality will remain engraved on their memories.

"Our way of life, our religion, and our people had its beginning as a family — is this the way to treat a brother?"

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AS IF IN answer to this last question, the Habonim Labor Zionist Youth group has announced plans to picket the restaurant on Saturday night.

It was noted that the incident carried a strong note of irony with it, since Israel was proclaimed a Republic in 1948 and was to serve as the home land for the Jewish people, where there would be no discrimination because of race or religion.

A spokesman for the restaurant was contacted Thursday night and said he knew nothing of the alleged incident.

## U. S. to lend Morgan $940G for dormitory

WASHINGTON

A college housing loan of $940,000 to Morgan State College has been announced by Commissioner Sidney H. Wolner of the Community Facilities Administration.

**The loan will be used to build a three-story dormitory to house 200 men students. It will be located on the east bank of Herring Run and on the north side of Cold Spring Lane.**

Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, president of Morgan State, told the AFRO that architect Albert Cassell of Washington and Maryland has nearly completed plans for the dormitory and "we hope to get it under contract before June."

Dr. Jenkins said plans call for the dormitory being completed in late summer of 1963 to be ready for the 1963-64 school year.

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DR. JENKINS noted that the $940,000 loan "is entirely self-liquidating and the new dormitory is being constructed at no cost to the State of Maryland."

As a result, he said, "there will necessarily be a substantial increase in rates charged to students, particularly out-of-state students."

Dr. Jenkins said the new dormitory will provide additional accommodations on the campus for 90 women and 110 men students.

Women students will be affected, Dr. Jenkins ex-

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## Teacher dies at her school

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. from Macedonia Baptist Church for Miss Carol Lorraine W. Lanvale St., an English teacher at Garrison Junior High School.

Miss Lomax was dead on arrival at Lutheran Hospital Tuesday afternoon. She was taken there from the school after she collapsed while working on the school newspaper, "The Ranger", with Mrs. Adele Fing, who also teaches English at the school.

Mrs. Fing said that Miss Lomax complained of a severe headache, and then went into convulsions before she collapsed. Death was attributed to cerebral hemorrhage.

Mrs. Fing said after the nurse and the school doctor were unable to revive her an ambulance was summoned to take Miss Lomax to the hospital.

The two teachers took over management of the paper Jan. 2 when Mrs. Marsia Cravens went out on maternity leave.

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DR. ELAINE C. DAVIS, a vice - principal, called Miss Lomax "an excellent teacher who was making a fine contribution to the school.

"This is why she was teaching accelerated seventh grade English," Dr. Davis said. Miss Lomax also taught ninth grade English, and was advisor to both the drama club and the senior class.

A sister, Miss Gwendolyn Lomax, also teaches at the

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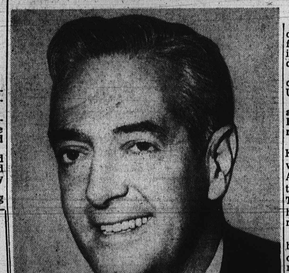
## COSMOS CLUB SNUBS CARL ROWAN, TOP PERSONALITIES CALL IT QUITS



RESIGNS — Howard K. Smith, one of America's top newscasters, also quit the Cosmos.

By DAN DAY

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — The attempt by Carl Rowan, deputy assistant secretary of state for public affairs, and friends to establish a "New Membership Frontier" at the intellectually elite Cosmos Club hit the front page Tuesday.

When it did, it created a social drama of what some called "epic proportions" in that the President of the United States became somewhat directly involved.

**The Cosmos Club, located in the Old Townsend Mansion at 2121 Massachusetts Ave., NW, turned down Mr. Rowan's application to "integrate" its ranks Monday night.**

On hearing the news, John K. Galbraith, former Harvard professor and now U.S. Ambassador to India, got in touch with the White House Tuesday and announced that he was resigning his club membership.

He wanted the President to be among the first to learn of his actions because, as a result, he would have to withdraw his sponsorship of Mr. Kennedy for membership. Mr. Galbraith is presently undergoing treatment for a sinus ailment at the Bethesda (Md.) Naval Hospital.

At his press briefing Wednesday morning, Pierre Salinger, White House Press Secretary, told newsmen in response to a query that in his "judgment the President's application for membership in the Cosmos Club would not be resubmitted." That appeared to be the final word from Mr. Kennedy

The rejection of Mr. Rowan led Edward R. Murrow, director of the United States Information Agency; and Raymond Swing, Voice of America commentator, to cut their ties with the club.

**Mr. Murrow was making an inspection tour of the USIA installation in Liberia**

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## Wife of jurist freed in slaying

(Special To The AFRO)

MIAMI, Fla. — Mrs. Eugenia B. Thomas, 37, wife of the South's first colored judge since reconstruction was freed of murder charges at a Justice of the Peace Court hearing this week.

Mrs. Thomas had been accused of masterminding the holdup of an alleged lottery counting house across the street from her home and letting two male accomplices use her porch as a lookout.

**The two men carried out the robbery and a woman, Beatrice Dunaway, was shot to death when she resisted.**

Two suspects, Aubrey Henry, 27, and Clarence Simpson, 26, were bound over to the grand jury on first degree murder charges.

But Justice of Peace Ralph B. Ferguson ruled that the statements by the two men given after their arrests, and implicating Mrs. Thomas, were not admissible against her but only applied to themselves.

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MRS. THOMAS is the wife of L. E. Thomas, who in the early 50's became the South's first colored judge since shortly after the Civil War.

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## Wilma is excited over visit

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Wilma Rudolph Ward was bubbling with enthusiasm as she prepared to board a plane here today (Friday) for Baltimore, Md., where she is to be honored in a series of top-level ceremonies during the weekend.

**The attractive, 21-year-old senior is to be cited by Maryland Gov. J. Millard Tawes, by Baltimore Mayor J. Harold Grady and by the AFRO-AMERICAN for her outstanding achievements as woman athlete of the year and winner of the 1961 James E. Sullivan Award.**

"I am looking forward to returning to Baltimore," declared the bride of three months as she completed her academic classwork for the week-end and hurriedly packed for the trip North.

"I've always wanted to get back to Baltimore since my brief stopover at Morgan

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## JFK cites need for urban affairs post 'at Cabinet table'

By DAN DAY (NNPA)

WASHINGTON

President Kennedy told a joint session of Congress Thursday the nation's urban areas, containing three-fourths of our population, need representation "at the Cabinet table" by Department of Urban Affairs and Housing.

The Chief Executive was delivering his annual State of the Union message to the Legislators assembled in the House chamber.

Mr. Kennedy said, "A strong America depends on its cities—America's glory and sometime American's shame." He declared the country had stepped up existing urban renewal and housing programs and had launched new ones.

But, he stressed, sense required that he "urged a new department of urban affairs and housing." The best guess on Capitol Hill is that, if and when such a department comes into being, it will be headed by the present United States Housing Administrator Robert C. Weaver.

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IN STRENGTHENING the economy, the President said, the task must be done at home. He urged Congress to enact measures to expand the country's growth and job opportunities.

Mr. Kennedy urged passage of a Manpower, Training and Development Act to "stop the waste of able-bodied men and women who want to work. He asked for action on the Youth Employment Opportunities Act to help train and place million of young Americans.

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HE RECEIVED several rounds of applause when he discussed "Civil Rights."

"America stands for progress in human rights as well as economic affairs, and a strong America requires the assurance of full and equal rights to all its citizens, of any race or of any color. This Administration has shown as never before how much could be done through the full use of executive powers —through the enforcement of laws already passed by the Congress — through persuasion, negotiation and litigation, to secure the constitutional rights of all: the right to vote, the right to travel without hindrance across state lines, and the right to free public education.

"I issued last March a comprehensive order to guarantee the rights to equal

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## Warming trend seen in city this weekend

Baltimore experienced its coldest day of the year Thursday when the temperature dipped to 3 degrees above zero in the suburbs and 10 in the city.

But the weatherman predicted a warming trend for the week-end with snow possibly due on Sunday.

**Last year this time the temperature was a cool 49 degrees, with no snow on the ground. Today (Friday) last year the temperature shot up to 57 degrees.**

The warmest Jan. 11 on record was a balmy 64 degrees registered in 1926.

The freezing temperatures caused a number of water meters to freeze and covered some roads with a slick sheet of ice.

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THE WATER department thawed out the meters in a three-minute operation, and salt sprinkled on the roads

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