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

Baltimore Notebook

By MAX JOHNSON

This column, in last Friday's AFRO, carried these statements — relative to the Fourth District's announced State Senate candidates:

"Senator (J. Alvin) 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. (Verda F.) Welcome is an independent Democrat — and, likewise will find difficulty in pointing to a noteworthy General Assembly accomplishment to campaign on for the senatorship."

These comments preceded this column's prediction Senator Jones would win the May 15 primary — because of the independent vote split in this district.

Mrs. Welcome, rounding out her first term as a House of Delegates member, has taken strong exception.

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SHE SENT the AFRO this letter in reply—

"Before Mr. Max Johnson, political columnist for your paper, gets too far along, and too far wrong in his predictions, it might be well to set the record straight on the following statement."

(Here she refers to this column's comment that she will find difficulty in pointing to a noteworthy General Assembly accomplishment to campaign on for election to the Senate.

"Although I have read on many occasions Mr. Johnson's column, I do not know the length of his experience in the field in which he is now engaged.

"From the looks of things, he is almost wholly unaware of what goes on in the legislative chambers of the State House in Annapolis.

"Consequently, it just might be enlightening for him to know that:

"1. Just getting elected to the Legislature is an accomplishment.

"2. Being in the position of a legislator; being able to see, hear and discover what goes on that affects the people — all the people of the state — is an accomplishment.

"3. Being on hand to hear and observe, and, therefore, helping to prevent humiliating, detrimental and dangerous legislation from being passed as an a ccomplishment.

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"LET'S MENTION a few specifics as documentary evidence:

"1. Helping to prevent passage of t he Illegitimacy Bill, which provided for the sterilization of unwed mothers after the birth of the second child.

"2. Helping to prevent gerrymandering of the Fourth District.

"3. Helping to prevent passage of legislation granting special privileges to holders of liquor licenses dislocated by urban renewal.

"4. Attempting to have the state compensate a man (Horace Spriggs) for serving time in the penitentiary for a crime he did not commit.

"5. Introducing the first resolution which led to the recent commemoration at thhe State House of Matt Henson, Arctic explorer.

"Evidently, Mr. Johnson does not consider the foregoing as noteworthy, but they represent efforts punctuated by sweat and hard work.

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"LET'S FACE another fact: The growing concern felt by people of goodwill toward the matter of equal public accommodations is due in a large part to the persistent and consistent effort made within the last three years by persons in the local community, city and state who have worked closely and untiringly with me.

"If and when necessary, I can furnish documentation of other fruit-bearing efforts.

"A final word how, to you, Mr. Johnson. I have learned much from my efforts, noteworthy or not.

"In fact, I think that I have accomplished a great deal, and as a candidate for another public office, I have dreams for greater accomplishments.

"You wouldn't rob a lady of dreams, would you?"

Special cop found innocent of theft

"If I were convinced this was true, I would give you a record.

"I hate to see a man lose $12, but I'm going to give you the benefit of the doubt. Not guilty."

Those were the comments of Judge Howard L. Aaron in Western Municipal Court Wednesday when a special officer was charged with the theft of $12 from an elderly man.

Arthur Ray Wright Jr., 20, of the 2000 block W. Mulberry St. was found innocent of taking the money from Frank Johnson of the 1500 block N. Mount St.

Wright, a part-time boxer, told the court he could not have taken the money because he was in training at the YMCA when the crime was committed.

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MR. JOHNSON said he was in the men's room in Lafayette Market when Wright showed him a badge and accused him of drinking in public.

Mr. Johnson identified Wright as the man who removed the money from his wallet on the pretense of looking at his identification papers.

"After he let me go I looked in my wallet and the money was gone," Mr. Johnson declared.

The victim said the man who took his money even had Baltimore City police officeer who happened to be passing by.

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MR. WRIGHT said he was busy training for a bout in California.

The defendant stated that he started his boxing career 10 years ago, and had had 86 professional bouts.

Wright said he surrendered himself to police when he learned through his girl friend, that a warrant had been issued for his arrest.

Wright concluded his testimony with the statement: "A man can't be in two places at the same time."

Mr. Johnson added: "that's the man."

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SUSPEND 4 POLICE OFFICERS

Two charged with drinking

Four members of the Police Department have been served with charges and suspended from duty as of today (Friday), pending a hearing before the Police Commissioner Bernard Schmidt on Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 10 a.m.

The police officers are Det. Lt. James S. Kemple, charged with "neglect of duty"; Policewoman Sgt. Ethyle T. Diven, same charge; and two additional policewomen, Joan R. Miller and Bernice Gross, charged with "neglect of duty and drinking while on active duty."

The action was disclosed by Chief Inspector George J. Murphy.

He announced that the individuals were charged with "infraction of departmental rules" and were served with the charges today.

Woman, 4 men charged as $4,000 'Shotgun Bandits'

A matron and four men who allegedly used a shotgun in a series of hold-ups that netted them almost $4,000 were held on $77,500 total bail Wednesday for action of the grand jury.

Charged before Judge Howard L. Aaron in Western Municipal Court were:

Mrs. Annie Mae Young, 43, of the 2100 block Poplar Grove St.; Louis Stanley Jackson, 38, laborer, 2800 block Pressman St.; Robert Eugene Miller, 37, janitor, 2000 block Walbrook Ave.; William Roosevelt McKee, 29, laborer, 3700 block Columbus Dr.; and Joseph Benjamin McCoy, a 26-year-old silk screen printer of the 2500 block Madison Ave.

Bail for Mr. Jackson was set at $3,000 each on 12 charges including 10 holdups, an attempted holdup and a burglary.

Mr. Miller was held on $3,000 bail each on three charges; and Mr. McCoy on $3,000 each on four charges.

Mr. McKee was ordered held on $10,000 total bail on two charges, and Mrs. Young, $10,000 on four charges.

Wife seeks divorce, claims parents forced her to marry

Mrs. Judith Grinnage Neale, having reached the age of 21, filed suit in Circuit Court No. 2, last week to end what she termed a parent - enforced marriage to Howard Lee Neale, Jr.

Mrs. Neale gave her address as 1014 N. Bentalou St., and that of Mr. Neale as 3813 Callaway Ave. She is asking for an annulment of the marriage.

IN HER petition, Mrs. Neale says that her parents imposed constant and unremitting pressure upon her to marry Mr. Neale.

She says that she submitted to her parents' demand and involuntarily participated in a marriage ceremony in Arlington County, Va. on May 26, 1961. She points out out that she was under 21 years of age at the time.

Her petition states that the marriage was solely because of duress and that she had no intention of entering into a valid contract with Mr. Neale.

Following the marriage the petition says, she was taken home by her father and Mr. Neale went to his home. The alleged marriage was never consummated and she never assumed or used his name, she says.

Now she is an adult and she wants the marriage annulled, she says.

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CHARGING THAT his wife found romance, as well as learning in evening school, Murray Carwile of 3215 Brighton St., divorced her, this week.

He added that his wife, Mrs. Essie Mae Carwile of 3215 Cantisle Ave., left him on Feb. 1, 1958, after advising him that she no longer wanted him.

"She found new romance at night school and the next thing I knew she was moving out", said the husband. They were married on May 20, 1946, and were parents of a 10 - year - old adopted son. The court gave the child into custody of the father.

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CHARLES DIXON of 1320 N. Linwood St. divorced Mrs. Cleo Dixon of 1918 Orleans St., on grounds of desertion.

He said that his wife left him in 1957 and returned to her parents' home because she was tired of his being in the Navy and her having to assume responsibility for the house.

They were married in 1946 and became parents of three children. They are with the mother. Mr. Dixon is still in the Navy.

'I have been looking for a job.'—Higgins

EDWARD HIGGINS JR.

"I have been trying to get a job.

"Do you think you can find a job for me?"

This came from Edward Higgins, 23, 1717 Washington St., who was released Dec. 29 from the Maryland House of Correction, Jessups, Md., after it was disclosed he had no part in a robbery for which he was sentenced.

Mr. Higgins and another youth were sentenced to 10 years for allegedly robbing a store in the 1400 block Pratt St., last January.

A re-trial last December, prompted by letters Mr. Higgins sent to Governor Tawes protesting his innocence and new evidence presented by Howard Reamer, prosecutor, were the prime movers in Mr. Higgins' release.

AT THE re-trial, the woman clerk who had picked Mr. Higgins out of the line-up last January said she had made a mistake.

"I had never seen that woman before." Mr. Higgins said at the time.

"She said she was sorry for making a mistake.

"I was glad she told the truth," Mr. Higgins declared. Mr. Higgins has not found a job as yet but he has been in touch with a break shoe company. They are considering him for employment.

While he was confined, Mr. Higgins said his thoughts were primarily "about getting out of there."

When he was not on his job in the laundry, Mr. Higgins wrote the letters to the governor, President Kennedy and to the NAACP.

IN THE LETTERS, Mr. Higgins told them, "I was in there for nothing. They put me in jail behind my record."

Mr. Higgins had served several sentences for larceny and burglary and was h e l d three times for investigation for junking without a license.

"After I kept writing as much he (Governor Tawes) looked into it," Mr. Higgins asserted. Higgins said h e wrote constantly for about six months.

During his confinement, the Higgins family, including his four sisters, mother and father never lost faith that he was innocent.

Their faith in him was rewarded when Gov. T a w e s signed the release papers in December.

Rev. Kearse charges ban at Pen

"I regret this action was taken since the inmates received spiritual help from my broadcasts.

"But it is a price I have to pay in the fight for Civil Rights. The action will not stop my fight for our rights. I regret it very much that the inmates must share in this price."

Speaking on Wednesday was Dr. I. Logan Kearse, pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church, as he charged that officials at the Maryland Penitentiary, have placed an "off-limits" tag on his Sunday night radio program.

Warden Vernon Peppersack immediately denied the charge saying that the inmates themselves selected the programs that they wanted to hear.

He explained that the broadcasts of two stations are piped into the cells every day.

Each cell contains two headsets, so that one man can listen to one station, and his cellmate can hear the other at the same time.

Mr. Peppersack said t h a t the prisoners recently voted for the two stations they wanted to hear, and the two selected were stations which emphasized rock and roll music.

He also said that the rules of the penitentiary provide that radios be turned off at 10 p.m., unless special permission is sought by a prisoner and granted by the prison's officials.

Radios are also located in the shops and in the recreation halls, and these are capable of getting any station a prisoner wants, Mr. Peppersack.

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THE QUESTION of whether Dr. Kearse's broadcasts are being kept out of the Penitentiary came up on Sunday, when a former penitentiary inmate appeared at the church and told the audience of some 1,500 persons, that the broadcasts had been banned.

He said: "It was made

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101 registered this week; registration, 111,085

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 — 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: 101.

Total to date 111,085.

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Thursday	19	5	0
Friday	6	3	0
Monday	33	4	0
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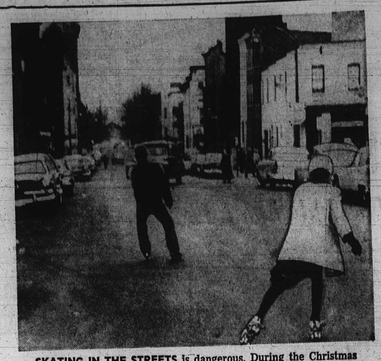
Wednesday	8	0	1

Total number of prospective voters of age unregistered, 63,909.

Final registration date before May 15 primary — April 14.



SKATING IN THE STREETS is dangerous. During the Christmas holidays, blessed with usually warm weather, children put on their skates and zipped through the streets. Drivers had to watch for skaters who might suddenly dart out from behind parked cars.

Flirting with death— on a busy city street

During the past Christmas thousands of children received gifts of roller skates. This made them extremely happy and anxious to try their new toy. Naturally they wished to become proficient in roller skating and began by practicing on the street and heavily traveled highways, which often resulted in much sorrow and tragedy to many families.

Skating is very enjoyable pastime, but a very dangerous one when indulged in on streets and highways where automobiles ply back and forth and there is little chance of avoiding an accident.

Many times these children are totally unaware of the danger involved because their parents have neglected to train them in safe playing practices and also to instill in their minds the knowledge of the painful consequences which result when they ignore safety precautions.

In the past few days there has been a definite increase in injuries sustained by children while roller skating in the streets and highways in Maryland.

We suggest that parents should alert their children to the dangers of skating in the streets so that scenes like the one above, will not be repeated.

Fla. Businessman, Scout leader to address CherryHill conclave

L. M. Argrett, vice president of the Afro-American Insurance Company, Jacksonville, Fla., will be the guest speaker at the Cherry Hill Scouters' Conclave and Dinner, Jan. 18, at 8 p.m. at the Cherry Hill Community Center of the Cherry Hill Homes Housing Project.

Mr. Argrett has a long record of service in the program of scouting, having been former chairman of the Cherokee District committee of North Florida Council of the Boy Scouts of America, chairman of the Troop Committee of Bethel Baptist Institutional Church, former chairman of the Scout Camp Development, Camp Coacoochee, North Florida Council, BSA; holder of the Scouter's Key and the Silver Beaver Award and now a member-at-large of the Cherokee District, Florida Council.

He is a 32nd Degree Mason and Shriner and chairman of the board of deacons of the Bethel Baptist Institutional Church, Jacksonville.

THE DINNER is being sponsored by the Scounting units of the Cherry Hill Community, to acquaint more people of this community with their program and with the need for more adult leadership in the area of training for youth.

Music for the program will be by the Cherry Hill Junior High School Choir.

The Rev. E. Rudolph Obey, minister of the Cherry Hill Community Church (United Presbyterian) is chairman. Van Story Branch, manager of the Cherry Hill Homes Housing Project, is co-chairman; and Marion Rudd, scout executive of the Old Glory District, BSA, is coordinator.

Tickets are available at $1.50 each and may be obtained from the Cherry Hill Community Presbyterian Church, First Baptist Church, Cherry Hill Methodist Church and all the schools of the Cherry Hill Community.

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Food runs low

Funds have run low in 47 Costa Rican food centers where daily meals are supplied undernourished school children through a program begun by CARE, the Cooperative for American Relief Everywhere. Contributions may be sent to CARE at 1123 North Eutaw St., Baltimore 1.

Leadenhall says pastor quit to resume studies

The Rev. Thomas B. Davis, pastor for 13 years of the Leadenhall Baptist Church, resigned on Dec. 12 "in order to further his education at the Graduate School of Religion of the University of Chicago," the Joint Official Board said Thursday.

The statement issued by the church board said Dr. Davis would preach his final sermon at Leadenhall on Sunday morning.

It said the surprise resignation came at a called meeting on Dec. 12.

The Joint Official Board praised the Rev. Mr. Davis for "many outstanding church accomplishments."

LISTED WERE the addition of more than 1,000 members, exterior and interior renovation of the main building of the church and construction of a modern educational building.

The board statement also quoted this paragraph from Dr. Davis' resignation:

"As I leave, believe me when I say I leave with love in my heart towards everyone. Time will not lessen the affection I bear you, nor render less strong the deep debt of gratitude I owe you for the opportunity of serving you these 13 years."

Mr. Jones was wrong

Bernard R. (Sneezy) Jones, 20, 3000 block W. North Ave. was wrong.

Patrolman Jonathan Couser said when he stopped him on Sunday night at North Ave. and Rosedale St., Mr. Jones said, "You won't arrest me because you don't want to get up at 8 a.m. to appear in court."

In Northwestern Municipal Court — at the 8 a.m. session next morning — Mr. Jones was fined $15 and costs on a disorderly charge.

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BLUE STREAK SPECIAL

THE POLICE AND CIVIL RIGHTS

THE CHARGE—The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights charges that the victims of lawlessness on the part of law enforcement agencies are "the poor and racial minorities."

THE FACT—No policeman on a force of over 3,000 in Baltimore has in recent years been dismissed because of alleged brutality, even though numerous complaints have been filed.

THE SCORECARD—In one 14-month period, from April 19, 1956, to August 4, 1957, nine colored persons were killed. Total for white victims during the same time — one.

BY GEORGE COLLINS

If you are poor and become involved with the law, you have one strike against you before the slow-grinding wheels of justice make the first move.

If you are colored and are accused, or even suspected, of committing a crime, the same is true, perhaps even more so.

But if you are poor and colored — you've had it!

In fact being colored in itself has proven to be a crime in many instances. Such instances are neither isolated nor bound by geographical limitations.

Last week the AFRO confirmed a report by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights that Baltimore jurors lists are kept on a segregated basis.

This week it takes a further look at crime and punishment locally.

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WHETHER IT'S east, west, north, or south, when a person of color travels the lonely road from crime to punishment the ageless refrain, "equal justice under the law," becomes highly suspected.

Jury exclusions, police brutality, illegal arrests, invasion of privacy, and other injustices committed in the course of law enforcement are reserved for the poor and the black, the U.S. civil rights unit has found.

In its 1961 report the commission says:

"The victims of lawlessness in the enforcement are usually those whose economic and social status afford little or no protective armor — the poor and racial minorities."

Ironically for persons falling in this category, there is little hope of escaping the situation for the following reason, in the opinion of the commission:

"Members of the minority races, are often prevented by discrimination in general from being anything but poor."

This method of meting out justice has given rise to a baffling question.

". . . While almost every case of unlawful official violence or discrimination studied by the commission involved colored victims, it was not always clear whether the victim suffered because of his race or because of his lowly economic status," the Commission reported.

DURING ITS study of police brutality in several states —north and south — the commission found that policemen can violate the rights of colored citizens, including unnecessary killings, without fear of punishment.

In Baltimore, this is the situation.

Despite mounting reports of police brutality, no Baltimore policeman has been kicked off the force in recent years because of it.

This, in effect, says that of the city's 3,029 police officers, 2 majors, 38 sergeants, 106 lieutenants, 34 captains, eight inspectors, one chief inspector, and the commissioner — none has gone beyond the limits of "necessary force" in effecting arrests.

The Facts

HOWEVER, A check of NAACP and AFRO files reveals these facts.

The records show, that in the face of evidence supporting charges of brutality or misconduct, the officer uses a number of stock excuses.

"Acted in line of duty," "self-defense," "justifiable homicide," and "necessary force," are standard cliches used when policemen are accused of tramping on the rights of colored persons.

This is how a complaint against a police officer is processed.

The victim complains to the district commander. The commander, captain in rank and superior of the accused officer, conducts his own investigation.

The captain's findings are referred to the inspector, who investigates further. The inspector then sends the complaint to the chief inspector, along with what is inquiry has uncovered.

Following still another investigation, the chief inspector takes the matter to the commissioner.

At a subsequent hearing where the commissioner and chief inspector make up the board that renders the final decision, those involved — the complainant, offending officers, and district commander — are brought together.

It is strictly a police operation — from beginning to end.

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UNTIL PHILADELPHIA established its Police Advisory Board, made up of distinguished private citizens, independent of the Police Department, it was plagued with brutality complaints, the civil rights agency said.

However, since it began operating in 1958, there has been a sharp decline in such cases, the agency reported.

Punishment is still the responsibility of the commissioner, but citizens no longer are compelled to take their cause to the all-police board of inquiry.

First of its kind in the country, it is the consensus that

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POSTAL WORKERS CHARGE TOP JOBS 'OFF LIMITS'

By FRANK HUNT

He Heads It

POSTMASTER WILLIAM F. LAUKAITIS

A colored worker in the Baltimore Post Office can go so far and no further, the New Frontier and a new promotional system notwithstanding, according to the Baltimore branch of the National Alliance of Postal Employees.

Seen as the primary cause of the low ceiling is the all-white committee which decides whether or not a qualified colored man will get a chance at a top-level job.

The committee selects three names out of a number of applicants who have passed written examinations received favorable evaluations from their supervisors, and passed the interview.

The names are sent to Baltimore Postmaster William F. Laukaitis, who makes the final selection.

But the committee is made up of persons of a rank one step higher than the rank of the person who is applying for the promotion.

And since there are no colored men above Grade nine, hence there are none on the committee which passes on aspirants to Grade 10 and higher.

Of the 4,300 workers in the Postal System 1,7000 are colored.

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POSTMASTER Laukitis, who admits that the names of colored applicants come to him "infrequently", pointed to this four-year-record in which, he said, he has made more promotions for colored personnel than any postmaster prior to his administration.

"I don't make promotions on the basis of a man's color or religion. I have to follow the line. If all of the names sent to me were Asiatic, I would have to select an Asiatic, if they were all colored, I would have to select a colored applicant. If they were all white, I would have to select a white man for the job.

"The procedure has been established by the department rather clearly. It is supposed to safeguard against any discriminatory action.

As a safeguard against discriminatory practices, the new procedure, which was set down in a directive from the Assistant Postmaster Generals' office in the spring of 1960, has been a complete flop.

According to figures published in the newspaper of the National Alliance of Postal Employees, there have been only three promotions of colored workers above the rank of Grade seven since 1957.

On grade nine came about through job re-classification; a second grade nine was promoted several weeks ago, and a colored man was moved to grade eight last year.

In the meantime, there have been at least fifty promotions above grade seven since, 1957, the article stated.

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THE ALLIANCE maintained that Baltimore is the only city of its size which does not have a colored man

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He Raps It

ALLIANCE HEAD JOHN WHITE

Tawes promises his full support for rights law

Gov. J. Millard Tawes announced Thursday that public accommodations legislation and reapportionment of the General Assembly would receive the full support of his administration forces, when the Assembly convenes Feb. 7.

The Governor issued the announcement, following a meeting earlier in the day with General Assembly leaders. It will mark the first time an Administration - sponsored bill will be up for action.

He said they had decided also to give administration backing to four other pending bills.

One is a change in the constitution to tighten requirements for referendum petitions, another would protect consumers and investors against unscrupulous practices, a third measure would tighten Maryland's Blue Sky law, and the fourth would create a system of deposit insurance for state - chartered building and loan associations.

A spokesman for the Governor said the bill to aid the construction of a new Provident Hospital was discussed at the Thursday meeting, but no agreement was reached as to administration support.

However, Gov. Tawes said at his press conference Wednesday that he would call a special session of the General Assembly to pass public accommodation legislation, if such a measure failed in the regular session.

He said also that the bill for a new Provident Hospital would also be brought in at this special session, if it did not pass the 30 - day session.

WEEK-END WEATHER

Cold: Snow which began today (Friday) ends Saturday. Sunday, moderating, fair. Monday, cold.

County takes lead in Maryland

"We're very pleased. It's a great step forward."

A spokesman for the Montgomery County Branch of the NAACP expressed the above sentiment in lauding the law passed this week by the County Council outlawing racial discrimination in most places of public accommodation.

"We feel that the rest of Maryland will know that it can be done we'll show 'them the way,' said Atty. Joseph Ferer, a member of the Executive Board of the group.

Mr. Ferer and several other board members expressed regret over the exclusion of taverns and bars from the scope of the law, but added, "we hope to get rid of that exclusion when the people see how well this

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JFK attempts to justify stand

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — President Kennedy cited the "best interest of the public" Monday in explaining why he has failed to issue a promised executive order barring discrimination in Federally-assisted housing.

In response to a question put to him by a reporter at his afternoon news conference, the Chief Executive said it was his considered judgment that he had acted in the best interest of the public in not signing the document.

He said his Administration has made more real progress in its one - year tenure than had been achieved in the past eight years.

HE RECITED the actions taken by Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy (his brother), the Interstate Commerce Commission and Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson's committee on Equal Employment Opportunity.

But the President, in a serious vein, declared that he "plans to meet his responsibilities" in regard to the matter — implying that some positive steps would be taken in the coming months, but gave no hint as to what these steps might be.

WHEN ASKED about his attitude concerning membership in private social clubs, like the Cosmos and Metropolitan Clubs of Washington which practice racial discrimination, the President reiterated his previous stand that the subject should be "decided by the individual" concerned.

For his part, referring to the Cosmos Club (which two weeks ago turned down the application of Carl Rowan, assistant secretary of State for Public Affairs), Mr. Kennedy said his own application to that club "would not be renewed."

Southern U. shuts down in wake of protests

(Special to the AFRO)

BATON ROUGE, La. —All 4,500 students were asked to leave the campus of Southern University at 2 p.m. Thursday. Indefinite shutdown followed student downtown demonstrations against segregation in eating places and stores.

Seventy students were arrested; 63 were subsequently paroled in care of college authorities.

When charges against seven alleged ringleaders were not dropped, students decided that all be set free or none.

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AN ESTIMATED 3,000 students picketed the home of President Felton Clark all night Wednesday even though temperatures were in the high 20's.

College authorities s a i d that resulting disorders — breaking of windows and setting of small fires, led to the shutdown order.

Thursday was the close of the first semester and normally half the student b o d y would leave for their homes until re-registration begins next week.

Authorities pointed out that under state law any student who is arrested auto-

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Social workers asked to move Baltimore meet

By MOSES J. NEWSON

Delegates coming here for the March 1 - 3 Eastern Regional Conference of the Child Welfare League will be urged to patronize only desegregated restaurants.

This is one step in a four-point program aimed at preventing embarrassment to delegates attending the conference, scheduled to attract 1,000 persons, about 150 of them colored, the AFRO learned.

The conference, scheduled for the Lord Baltimore Hotel, will be meeting here for the first time in 15 years and the local NAACP and Civic Interest Group have urged it be transferred to another city because of the discriminatory service policy of some local restaurants.

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CLARENCE LOGAN, chairman of the CIG, and Mrs. Juanita Mitchell, chairman of the NAACP legal redress committee, called on Joseph R. Reid, executive director, Child Welfare League of America, and Clark L. Mock, chairman, Family and Children's Society here and Eastern region chairman, to transfer the conference.

Mr. Mock told the AFRO the both groups executive committee had appointed a 13 - member unit headed by Albert Berney, president of the Maryland State Conference of Social Welfare, to work with restaurants.

He said the unit is working on this four - point program:

1. Determining the policy each restaurant would follow as to service.

2. Urging those who do not serve colored to do so.

3. Making up to distribute to all delegates a list showing which restaurants are integrated.

4. Recommending t h a t white delegates do not patronize restaurants which do not serve colored.

There is also the possibil-

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JUDGE E. EVERETT LANE bids farewell to People's Court

Judge Lane says farewell to robes

By MAX JOHNSON

Baltimore loses the services today (Friday) of a history - making judge.

Judge E. Everett Lane retires from the bench in People's Court.

The first and only member of his race to sit in this court here, Judge Lane reaches the mandatory retirement age for Maryland judges of 70 years on Monday.

The law requires retirement, however, the day before retirement age is reached. Which means in this instance, Judge Lane's last working day is today.

SO, JUDGE LANE, appointed to office in January, 1957, and elected by city - wide vote in November, 1958, to a seven-year term, now goes into mandatory retirement.

His term would normally expire Dec. 31, 1965.

How does he view the days ahead?

"My retirement will be a novel experience for me," he said Thursday in his second floor office in the People's Court Building.

"I hope to catch up on my reading, travelling, fishing and the theatre. Primarily, I will have adequate time to devote to civic committees on which I serve."

A handsome, genial man who looks far, far younger than his years, Judge Lane's retirement has come as a shock to many of his friends and acquaintances about the city, who had no idea he is so close to 70 years old.

"It may be as I told them," he said, commenting on the reaction, "that in my back yard I have a fountain of youth. Whatever

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Mrs. Mays moves to shed Willie

JUAREZ, Mexico — Charging incompatibility, the wife of baseball star Willie Mays, Wednesday, filed for a divorce here before Civil Court Judge Carlos Uranga Munoz.

Mrs. Marghuerite Scarlett Wendell Mays, who gave her age as 33, said she and the San Francisco Giants star had reached a property settlement and agreed upon an undisclosed monthly alimony sum.

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HER ATTORNEY revealed that she also asked custody of the couple's two - year - old adopted son, Michael.

During previous marital difficulties, Mays once stated publicly that he was being "s p e n t into - bankruptcy."

Mrs. Mays, divorced twice before, once said she would never divorce the $80,000- a - year baseball player because she was a Catholic.

The divorce application s t a t e s they have been separated since Sept. 25, 1961.

Not all bowl at Towson

Colored students at Towson State Teachers College are being kept from taking a duckpin bowling elective course because a bowling alley in the area does not admit colored patrons.

The alley is a member of the Baltimore Bowling Association which has yet to lower its color bar.

President of the college Dr. Earl Hawkins, said he was written the association yearly, asking that they allow colored students to use the lanes.

But Dr. Hawkins reports no progress, thus far.

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OFFERED BY the Women's Athletic Association a student group, the course in basic duckpin techniques is given after school, and car-

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Bar owner rips license, walks out of hearing

"There ain't going to be no hearing here today because I'm being persecuted.

"I ran a nice club for 17 years, now I'm being lied on.

With those comments, Albert Caplan, owner of Chick's Bar at 535 - W. Baltimore St., tore up his liquor license, and stalked out of a hearing in City Hall Thursday afternoon.

The turn of events caught the three-man Board of Liquor Commissioners by complete surprise.

By the time they had regained their composure, Mr. Caplan and his barmaids were leaving the room.

Frank J. Hanson, a member of the Board, muttered in disbelief, "He has license up." Mr. Hanson then sought to impress upon Mr. Caplan the fact that he had "put himself out of business."

Chairman Thomas F. McNulty said "The man must be out of his mind at the minute," and asked fellow Board members not to take action until an investigation could be held.

By his actions, Mr. Caplan automatically closed down a $40,000 Club that specialized

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