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

CROWNSVILLE READY FOR INSPECTION

Baltimore Notebook

By MAX JOHNSON

This is again "Brickbat Time" for this column—time when opportunity is given citizens, who may have taken issue with observations made here, to express their disagreements.

Senator J. Alvin Jones (4th D.) now wants to disagree publicly.

This column carried these statements in the AFRO's Jan. 6 edition — in brief comments about the Fourth District's announced State Senate candidates:

"Senator Jones is affiliated with the district's ruling political machine of James H. (Jack) Pollack — but can point to no worthwhile senatorial accomplishment 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 came as this column predicted Senator Jones would win the May 15 primary — because the district's independent Democratic factions were fighting each other.

Mrs. Welcome disagreed on the matter of her accomplishments — and her allegations were published here last week.

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NOW — SENATOR JONES, who was ahead in the whole thing, has sent this columnist this reply:

"I observe in your column "Baltimore Notebook" in the Jan. 13 edition of the AFRO-AMERICAN, that you gave Mrs. Verda Welcome the courtesy of expressing her disagreement with your views of her accomplishments in the State Legislature.

"I fully realize that noteworthy or worthwhile accomplishments in any field are largely a matter of personal opinion.

"I have no intention of contradicting your evaluation of my worthiness in the State Senate, but I do feel that some of your readers might differ with your evaluation if they are made aware of the things I have tried and accomplished, during my tenure of three years in the Maryland State Senate.

"In view of this, I am writing to request you, in a spirit of fair play, to extend to me the same courtesy you did extend to Mrs. Verda Welcome.

"I am enclosing a list of the bills and resolutions which I sponsored during my last three years, and an explanation to each.

"I realize that this is quite lengthy but I will leave it to your fairness and excellent editorial ability to convey to your readers enough facts which will enable them to judge for themselves whether or not my senatorial efforts and accomplishments have been worthwhile."

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SENATOR JONES then lists these resolutions and bills he sponsored which were passed by the General Assembly:

1959 — S.B. 237, took the authority of appointing the executive secretary to the Governor's Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations from under the State's merit system and gave it to the Governor.

S.B. 567, It is now possible because of this law for any qualified lawyer, other than incumbent judges to run in elections for judges of the People's Court.

SJR 15, Maryland's ratification of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

SJR 18, "This resolution passed both houses of the Legislature and was duly signed by the Governor, but due to the fact that it called for the memorial to Mr. (Mat) Henson be established at Pomonkey High School in Charles County, it was felt a more suitable location should be obtained.

"It was decided later to have the memorial erected in the State House at Annapolis, which necessitated new legislation in the 1961 session of the Legislature in the form of Senate Resolution No. 23 by Senators Jones and (John T.) Parran."

1960 — S.B. 68, "correcting language of the Governor's Interracial Commission bill, and giving Commission added authority."

S.B. 39, "Increasing the service charges for bad checks presented the Dept. of Motor Vehicles in payment of license fees."

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1961 — SJR 21, "Senators Jones and (Edward S.) Northrop, providing for a study of narcotic addiction and treatment thereof in the State."

SJR 22, "Senators Jones and Parran, Matthew Henson Memorial, providing for the memorial to be erected in State House at Annapolis."

S.B. 93, revising formula for number of voters required from 1,500 to 7,500 to sign petition for candidates for public office in Baltimore to avoid primary election and enter general election.

S.B. 259, raising pay of judges of elections in Baltimore from $20 to $30 a day.

S.B. 280, relating to turn signals on all automobiles.

S.B. 281, raising rental for polling places in Baltimore to $35 a day.

S.B. 342, providing for members of Board of Electrical Examiners and Supervisors to be appointed by the Governor with advice and consent of the Senate.

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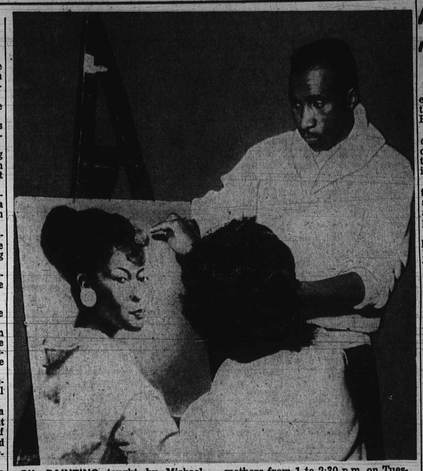
THIS, THEN, is Senator Jones' listing of his General Assembly accomplishments during his three years in office —in response to this column's observation he had "no worthwhile senatorial accomplishment to merit his re-election."

He also listed 26 other bills he introduced which were unsuccessful — and which space prohibits full mention of here.

They covered such subjects as public accommodations, fair employment practices, salary increases for some state employees, and allowing state employees who meet certain requirements to continue at their jobs after reaching 70 years of age.



OIL PAINTING taught by Michael Toussaint at 8 p.m. on Tuesday nights is one of the numerous activities now underway at the Madison Avenue Branch of the YWCA. Other activities include bowling, slimastics and discussions for wives and mothers from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesdays; a self - improvement workshop for persons desiring help in English, mathematics and reading, 8 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information call Miss Barbara Breen at NO. 9-1881.

Accreditation expected in '62; no longer overcrowded

Crownsville State Hospital expects full accreditation this year by the American Psychiatric Association.

Last November the American Medical Association accredited Crownsville as a two - year psychiatrist training center.

Looking ahead to accreditation, Dr. Charles Ward, superintendent, said, "We are ready for it and we expect it to come in 1962."

Established by the Legislature in 1910, the hospital has shown marked progress since Dr. Ward took over in July, 1957.

Dr. Ward cites as outstanding the fact that the institution has advanced from a custodial hospital to a treatment hospital, abreast of the times.

Whereas at one time more than one-half of the patients were kept under lock and key, at present there are less than 100 so detained out of a population of 1,800 persons.

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CROWNSVILLE HAS a bed capacity of 1,985 persons. Four years ago it was overcrowded to the extent of a total of 2,700 patients. The present figure of 1,800 is 185 under capacity.

A dramatic project being conducted under a grant of $80,000 from the National Institute of Mental Health is the experiment of the effects of novocaine on the aged.

The grant was the first awarded to any state hospital, Dr. Ward discloses.

Patients now participate in industrial therapy, recreational and musical therapy group activities daily.

Plans for the future include an employee housing unit, an active treatment building; construction of a chapel; renovation of the Hugh Young building; an additional nurse's home; addition to the Campanella building; a new administration building; and an education building.

At present there are 874 persons on the staff including 34 physicians and 17 social workers. The budget is approximately $4 million a year.

Since 1957 a total of $1,401,801 in major capital improvements has been made.

NAACP asks talks

Chief Judge Emory H. Niles of the Baltimore Supreme Bench has been urged to meet with NAACP officials to discuss way of eliminating the practice of keeping segregated rosters for prospective jurors.

Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell, secretary of the Legal Redress committee following an AFRO story which confirmed the charge leveled by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, wired Judge Niles:

"The 1961 Annual Report of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission to the President and to the Congress of the United States records that prospective jurors are kept separately on the basis of race by the Jury Commissioner of Baltimore City."

The number of colored is greatly disproportionate to their numbers in the general population of Baltimore City.

The AFRO - AMERICAN Newspaper has published results of its investigation which verifies the U.S. Civil Rights Commission's report.

"We would greatly appreciate a conference with you in this matter toward the end of eliminating this practice."

Dixon asks for typewriters for folks at blind home

City Councilman Walter T. Dixon is requesting persons who have typewriters they do not need to donate them for use at the Anna Mae Hunter Home for the blind.

Recently the director, Mrs. Anna Mae Hunter, asked for two typewriters.

Mr. Dixon says he will recondition and repair any old typewriters donated, and forward them to the Home for the Blind.

Persons having typewriters for this purpose may reach Mr. Dixon by calling No. 9-0323 or by bringing them to the Cortez Peters Business School, 1208 Eutaw Pl.

Dr. DeCosta named to Nigerian education post

Dr. Frank A. DeCosta, 51-year-old professor of education who came to Morgan State College four years ago as director of student teaching, has been granted a two-year leave - of -absence to serve in an advisory capacity to the Ministry of Education for Nigeria, Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, president of Morgan State has announced.

The appointment was effected through the Agency for International Development of the United States Department of State. It begins Feb. 5, when Dr. DeCosta will begin a six-week orientation briefing period in Washington, at the end of which he will report to Kaduna, Nigeria.

He will assist the Nigerian Ministry of Education in development and planning, train a Nigerian staff in educational techniques and procedures, systematize and update educational statistics, advise in the interpretation and analysis of planning data, aid in training personnel for research and maintain liaison with specialists in related educational projects.

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BORN IN Charleston, S. C., Dr. DeCosta began his professional career as an instructor in mathematics at Avery Institute in Charleston in 1931.

He graduated from Avery at the head of his class in 1927.

He was likewise valedictorian upon taking the A.B at Lincoln University (Pa.) in 1931.

His higher degrees were earned at Teachers College, Columbia University—A. M. 1938—and the University of Pennsylvania—Ph. D., 1954.

The noted specialist and consultant in education was at one time vice president and at another time member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

DR. FRANK A. DeCOSTA

He is a member of numerous professional associations and holds memberships in both the American Teachers Association and the National Education Association. He is listed in **Leaders in Education, Who's Who in American Education, and Who's Who in the South and Southwest.**

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THE APPOINTEE is married to the former Miss Beauline Hubert of Savannah, Ga., who is currently a public school social worker in Baltimore City.

Mrs. DeCosta will join her husband in Nigeria in late June or early July, 1962.

They have two children: Frank, Jr., 26, a law student at Howard University and Mrs. Miriam Sugarmon, who lives in Memphis, Tenn., where she teaches in a junior college.

Mrs. Sugarmon is a Wellesley '55 Phi Beta Kappa, and earned the M. A. degree in romance languages at the Johns Hopkins University in 1960.

114 registered this week; registration, 111,199

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: 114.

Total to date 111,199.

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Tuesday	25	4	0
Thursday	13	3	0
Friday	12	1	0
Monday	21	4	0
Tuesday	25	4	0
Wednesday	27	4	0

Total number of prospective voters of age unregistered, 63,795.

Final registration date before May 15 primary — April 14.

Tawes hit on teacher colleges' program

"In the matter of expansion of Maryland teachers colleges, Mr. Tawes has as usual much too late with too little.

"As I have strongly emphasized in my position paper on public higher education, Maryland at present is training only one-third of the 5,000 new teachers our State requires each year.

"This forces our school system to compete for teachers in the expensive out-of-state market — one of the principal causes of the pressing need to raise the salaries of Maryland teachers.

George P. Mahoney, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor in the May 15 primary leveled this blast Wednesday at Gov. J. Millard Tawes for his announced cut of appropriations to four of his State's five teachers colleges including Coppin State Teachers College and Bowie.

Mr. Mahoney said further:

"The Governor has stated that enrollment at the teachers colleges has increased 31 per cent during the last three years, while his capital budgets have increased 38 per cent.

"But he neglects to add that the reason enrollments at the teachers colleges have not increased more rapidly is that there hasn't been room for more students.

Mr. Mahoney then concluded with this charge:

"In the area of teacher college expansion, as with mental health facilities and prison reform, Mr. Tawes' panicky election year programs can not hope to conceal these years of gross neglect."

BOWIE had asked for $676,000 and received only $131,000, a cut of 80 per cent. Coppin asked for $468,000 and received $103,700, a cut of 77 per cent.

These were the biggest of any of the colleges. Frostburg, the only school to receive an increase, was upped from $1,234,000 to $1,443,00.

Salisbury was cut from $702,800 to $660,000. Towson were cut from $1,997,400 to $1,172,500.

The Maryland State Teachers Association has also condemed the cuts and pointed out that Coppin and Bowie will lose all major projects.

Peanuts will aid March of Dimes

Members of a March of Dimes youth project headed by Judge Robert Hammerman of the Municipal Court, will fan out over Baltimore City on Saturday, Jan. 20 at 9 a.m. to raise funds for the March of Dimes by offering salted - in - the - shell peanuts for a contribution to the organization's fight against birth defects, arthritis, and polio.

The youngsters will serve in shifts until 9 p.m. Saturday night.

Co - chairmen Nicholas Spanos and Art Parker, City College students, said that by actual count their committees will have to "sell" 1,440,000 nuts in 12 hours.

"Maybe people will think this is a guess, but we know better: we counted them!" [illegible] big to do our best to give out the 40,000 bags for the highest contributions we can get."

AIDS DIMES DRIVE — Olympic champion Wilma Rudolph won the first lap in the race for March of Dimes funds last week when she bought the first bag of peanuts in Baltimore's youth project, "Operation Peanuts". Shown receiving the donation is Jeanette Schnydman, Art Parker and Nicholas Spanos, chairman of the project committee.

U. of Md. grant

A Social Science Research Council grant of $10,000 has been received by a University of Maryland history professor, to support a year of field work and research in Egypt. The recipient, Dr. Helen A. Rivlin, will make a major study of Egypt and the West.

Arter elected head of Eastside Comm.

Oscar Arter of 415 E. 24th St. has been elected president of the Eastside Community Committee, Inc., for 1962.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Directors last Thursday, Melvin G. Ray of 1426 E. Madison St. was elected first vice - president; Mrs. Martha Underwood, 1704 E. Oliver St. second vice president; and Miss Hester Milligan of 1935 E. Lafayette Ave. third vice-president.

Mrs. Sarah Baldwin of 512 E. 20th St. was elected secretary, and James H. Holliman of 1627 N. Bond St. treasurer.

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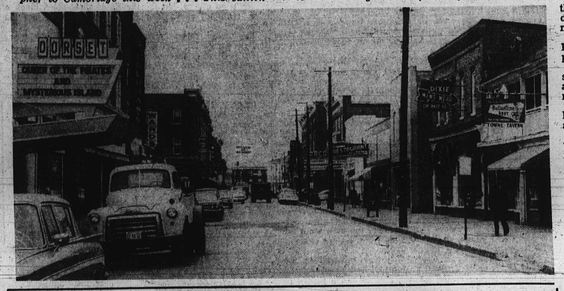
THE QUESTION

WHO SPEAKS FOR CAMBRIDGE?

The street you see below is Race St., heart of Cambridge, Md., a small city on Maryland's Eastern Shore . . . During the last two weeks, the city has been the scene of two demonstrations against racial discrimination in restaurants . . . Some observors have said the demonstrations do not reflect the sentiments of the colored community. To learn the truth, the AFRO sent reporters and a photographer to Cambridge this week . . . This edition carries the startling results of their findings . . .



THE VIEWS

By MOSES J. NEWSON

CAMBRIDGE, Md. — This is a city split down the middle on the question of the Freedom Riders.

It's split the same way on the matter of what constitutes progress and "good race relations."

While Cambridge takes one viewpoint. Colored Cambridge takes another.

White Cambridge is against and apprehensive about the Freedom Riders. "They're setting us back, stirring up racial prejudices," they say.

Colored Cambridge is for and elated about the Freedom Riders. "The lid is off, we're more united than ever before and ready to move," they say.

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THE AFRO spent a day this week in the Eastern Shore city of 12,239, including 4,287 colored, talking to citizens of both races.

It was startling in some respects how deep run the divisions of opinions on race relations and the rate of progress.

When an outsider listens to the people of this quiet city on the Choptank River talk of past, present and future, these are some of the things which strike you as interesting:

Schools are integrated, on paper, grades 7-12, but despite the fact there are three white high schools in Dorchester County and d but one for colored, Mace's Lane in Cambridge, there is no actual integration.

The public schools, under Supt. James Busick,

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THE PEOPLE

By FRANK HUNT

CAMBRIDGE — People talk when they have something to talk about. And they usually have a great deal to talk about when they are either happy, or mad or both.

In the green shuttered, pastel-colored home on High St., and in the smoky bars along Pine St. the people talked this week.

They talked about the weather and Jackie Robinson making the Hall of Fame. But mostly they talked about the Freedom Riders and what their coming meant to the city.

In downtown Cambridge — City Hall and Court Lane Building — Cambridge talked. Not quite as freely as those uptown, but they did talk.

They talked about anti - bias legislation and the wonderful progress that has been made in race relations in the Dorchester County Seat.

But mostly they spoke in a kind of hurt, put-upon falsetto of the Freedom Riders and what their coming meant to the city.

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DR. J. EDWIN FASSETT is well known in Cambridge. He should be. He's the only colored medical doctor in the city — in all of Dorchester County as a matter of fact.

The people downtown pointed to Dr. Fassett's being allowed to practice in Cambridge Hospital as a sign of the progress the city has made.

And what does Dr. Fassett talk about?

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BLUE STREAK SPECIAL

Inmates find it difficult to get paroles

By GEORGE COLLINS

Does justice come in two colors in Baltimore?

Based on an AFRO study of crime and punishment, aided by findings of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, the answer is YES

The study revealed that when the wheels of justice complete the cycle from arrest to parole or release, and even beyond, they have ground out justice of dual colors — one for the black and one for the white.

In previous stories, the AFRO confirmed commission reports that colored Baltimoreans are excluded from grand jury duty.

This "white - collar" discrimination, as the federal agency terms it, denies them the right to participate in "the only avenue of direct participation in the administration of justice open to the ordinary citizen."

In Baltimore, as the commission found elsewhere, colored persons, because of race and economical status, are prime targets of police brutality, illegal arrest, search and seizure, and other forms of police misconduct, the AFRO found.

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THIS WEEK, an examination of statistics on arrests, convictions, and paroles gave further proof that the color of a person's skin weighs heavily on how he will fare along the road of crime and punishment.

The color factor enters the picture at the moment of his arrest and stalks him throughout the lonely journey—police court, grand jury, criminal court, penal institution, parole board, and back on the outside.

Ralph Murdy, managing director, Baltimore Criminal Justice Commission, reports that of the total prison population of 5,700, 3,700, or 65 per cent is colored.

Paul C. Nolman, chairman of the all-white State Parole Board, said 2,862 persons were released on parole in 1960. No racial breakdown was available.

"To us, an inmate is an inmate, whether he's black, white, or green," he announced cheerfully, adding:

"We don't keep figures on the basis of race, we don't feel it's necessary."

However, Mr. Murdy, who has conducted several surveys on the subject of inequities of the parole system, and is scheduled to do another one, does have such breakdowns, but not for 1960.

Results of a 1959 study, which he said reflects the typical operation of the parole system, show:

That of 664 inmates applying for parole, 247 were released. Of these, 172, or 69 per cent were white, while 75, or 31 per cent were colored.

But colored inmates lead in the number of inmates who serve out their full terms, 54 to 46 per cent, the statistics revealed.

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SEVERAL REASONS have been given for this disparity, but color, one way or another, figures in.

"We just don't have enough colored prominent citizens to sponsor the release of colored parolees," Mr. Wolman once said.

"The Parole Board is not going to give a man parole if he has no job," Mr. Murdy declared," because it is concerned with compiling a favorable record of a low percentage of parole violators.

"But if a man has had little training, as the bulk of the colored inmates have, where can he find a job?" he asks.

"Added to this is the stigma of being an ex-convict plus job discrimination because of his color. He just doesn't have much of a chance."

ALVIN J. T. ZUMBRUN, director of the Maryland Crime Investigating Committee had a different view:

"The all - white parole board doesn't help. I can't see why a colored person who knows the need much better than the part - time white lawyers, who are always appointed, is not on the board.

Another factor would have to be the socalled so-

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'PLEASED, HONORED, GRATEFUL,' SAYS JACKIE OF LATEST HONOR

JACKIE ROBINSON on Tuesday was voted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. He thus becomes the first colored athlete to be enshrined with the greats of the diamond at Coopers-town, N.Y.

joyous shriek escaped the lips of Rachel Robinson, the vivacious wife of Jackie Robinson, during a wild Tuesday night that her husband had been voted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

"I knew he deserved it," said Mrs. Robinson, "but I wasn't sure whether he would make it the first time. Wait until Jackie Jr., hears about it. This will be a tremendous thrill for him."

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JACKIE JR., is the oldest of the three Robinson children. He is 15, and a student at Stockbridge Prep School in Massachusetts. The next child, Sharon, is 12, and a student at Dolan Junior High here. The youngest, 9-year-old David, attends New Canaan (Conn.) Country School.

"We've all been sort of tensed up," Rachel continued. "It is the sort of thing you try hard not think too much about. But even while you're trying, you keep it in the back of your mind and realize that everyone else is wondering along with you whether it'll happen."

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JACKIE WAS enroute home from his office in New York, where he is a vice president of the Chock Full O'Nuts restaurant chain, when the telephone rang in the Robinson home here.

Rachel answered, thinking it might be Jackie calling to ask if he should bring any little item that may have been forgotten during the day's shopping.

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WHEN THE voice at the other end of the wire informed Mrs. Robinson of the voting which put Jackie and pitcher Bob Feller in the

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Gloster B. Currant to speak Sunday at NAACP meet

All Maryland citizens are invited to hear Gloster B. Current, director of NAACP branches, New York, who will be guest speaker Sunday, Jan. 28 at the NAACP first monthly membership meeting.

The event is scheduled for 3 p.m. at the Southern Baptist Church, Preston and Hoad Sts. where the Rev. James R. Grant is pastor.

The program is under the direction of Mrs. Anna McLilly with music by three choirs.

All members, friends and citizens of Maryland are invited to attend on the occasion which is open to the public.

Local utility companies open 60 additional jobs

Counting up some 60 new white collar jobs in the Telephone and the Gas and Electric Companies, the NAACP Church Committee and the Youth Council pressed forward its campaign to eliminate job bias in the public utilities by meeting last Tuesday with J. Theodore Wolfe, chairman of the Board of the Gas and Electric Company.

Here to accompany the ministers and youth representatives of the conference, the Rev. Edward Odom, National NAACP Church Secretary from the National Office in New York City, commended the committee and the AFRO-AMERICAN for their support of the drive.

"It is estimated that approximately $150,000 in new wages has been added annually to the pockets of the colored consumers as a result of this increased employment of skilled workers by these utilities," the Rev. Mr. Odom stated.

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THE REV. H. GRAHAM, chairman of the NAACP Church Committee pointed out than 20 new colored telephone operators have been hired by the Telephone Company, increasing the number when the effort began, from 15 to 35.

At the Gas and Electric Company among the new skilled employees are customer relations assistant, one meter reader, stenographer in the vice-president's office, clerical employees in the appliance sales, customer accounting, electric operating, billing and personnel departments.

The Rev. Arthur J. Payne, pastor of the Enon Baptist

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Picket threats fail to budge social agency

The Child Welfare League of America will convene its March 1-3 Eastern Regional Conference here at Lord Baltimore Hotel even if the sessions are picketed.

Joseph H. Reid, executive director, outlined the position of the league in letters answering requests of the Civic Interests Group and NAACP that the conference be transferred to another city.

The CIG's Clarence Logan has charged it "would be a tragedy to subject hundreds of social workers, white and colored, to the disgraceful indignities suffered by colored and white citizens who seek to eat together as democratic Americans in restaurants along Route 40 as well as in Baltimore city."

The NAACP's Mrs. Juanita Mitchell, head of the legal redress committee, has said:

Because of racially discriminatory practices along Route 40 and in Baltimore City, there has not been the kind of progress to warrant social-workers who are vitally concerned with human rights holding a major conference in Maryland.

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IN REJECTING the calls for cancellation or transfer, Mr. Reid and Clark L. Moek, chairman of the 1962 Eastern Regional Conference, said they support the CIG and NAACP goals for complete integration.

However, Mr. Reid said:

"Were we to cancel the conference on the basis that you suggest, we would put in truth hold a conference in a city in the United States, because complete and full integration has been achieved nowhere."

Mr. Reid said the staffs of the social agency is integrated fully at all levels and that it would be regrettable if the conference is pocketed but, "I must respectfully assure you that such action would note

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Kennedy promises new action

By CHUCK STONE

President Kennedy dropped his peekaboo style of political fighting for civil rights Wednesday and came out of his corner like the heavyweight champ he is with two knock-out blows aimed at racial discrimination.

Acting like a real pro, the President:

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1.) Announced he would do an end-around Congress by setting up a Department of Urban Affairs by executive action and furthermore, would appoint a colored person to head it.

2.) Came out in favor, in principle, for FEPC legislation. Labor Secretary Arthur J. Goldberg announced the Kennedy administration's support of such legislation in testimony before a House sub-committee Wednesday.

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OBVIOUSLY unhappy about the House Rules Committee's rejection of proposed Congressional legislation setting up the Urban Af-

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Fabulous Master X gives his last advice

By RUTH JENKINS

RICHMOND

Rotund Master X, one of Richmond's most colorful characters for upwards of 30 years, is dead.

Master X, whose real name was Jesse L. Boland, died Friday, Jan. 19 after a short hospitalization.

He was noted as a soothsayer and family life advisor, his psychological counsel attracting a prosperous interracial clientele through the years.

He Conducted his flourishing business from his home at 507 N. First Street readily identified by the huge country-like mail box and outsized tractor tirie on the front porch.

Master X himself was as easily recognized because of his great girth. His weight was in the neighborhood of 400 pounds.

He admitted having a tremendous appetite, which he said he indulged because there was "nobody to care" since his wife of 35 years left

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