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—Inmates find

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cial agencies designed to help rehabilitate ex-prisoners exist."

Under this setup, there's but one alternative for the colored inmate, Mr. Zumbrun believes.

"He serves out his time, returns to a segregated community which contributed to his turning to crime in the first place."

Because of his race, prison record, the ex-inmate becomes disillusioned and frustrated when he faces only bleakness in his search for rehabilitation, Mr. Zumbrun declared.

The result is inevitable— back to the treadmill of crime, where he again runs the obstacle course in segregation from behind the wall just as he was forced to do on the outside, the investigator said.

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THE DIFFERENT phases of the effects of his dual-color justice can be seen in the case of Joe B.

Joe is 23 now.

He is in the House of Correction.

This is the second time in six years that he has been in residence in a penal institution.

This is how it began:

Joe came from a big family— four girls and five boys. The job of keeping them clothed, fed, and housed was no easy task for his laboring father and domestic working mother, when she wasn't caring for the small chilredn.

Unable to afford housing in one of "the better" sections of the city, Joe's family lived in an East Baltimore row house, located in what could hardly pass as a "good" neighborhood.

Joe couldn't wait to become 16 so he could drop out of school. It wasn't much fun anyway, with ill fitting clothes, improper food, and not much hope for improvement.

But then how far can a laborer's salary go when there are nine people to provide one?

Due to limited training, there wasn't a chance of his father moving into the high income bracket.

And if he did have the training, there was always the possibility that he wouldn't get that better paying job. It seemed they were reserved for others whose skin was lighter.

It had happened to several of his friends, so Joe's father didn't fret too much, he had grown sort of accustomed to it after 15 years.

For Joe there was no excitement in school, even less at hom, espicially when both parents had to work.

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FOLLOWING THE pursuits of boyhood adventure, Joe found he could gain stature with the neighborhood gang if he wasn't too "chicken" to hook school and go with the older guys on the horse and wagon when they went out collecting junk.

Joe's first brush with the law came when, under instruction of one of the bigger guys, he took what appeared to be uselss metal and rode to the junk shop, where he was given a half dollar after it was sold.

The "useless" metal turned out to be lead-covered utility cables that had been removed during an underground repair. They were still valuable, the man from the company told police, so Joe and his friends were charged with larceny.

Hauled to Juvenile Court, Joe was released in the custody of his parents. But the idea that he had established his identity as one of the fellows, and he had a record to prove it, appealed to Joe.

Besides, junking wasn't too bad.

From 13 to 16, for Joe it was a life of the eternal triangle — hookying school, ducking attendance officers and

They got reports of poor school attendance, but the parents were working. And you can't afford to lose too many days from work while attending conferences at school.

Jobs weren't that plentiful.

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AT 16, Joe "graduate," or as he later said, "I quitnated."

Then came a series of short - termed employment, a bus boy, janitor, hospital worker and the like. Joe left because he always thought he could do better.

But the result was always the same— short term employment.

Joe became self - employed—junking, hackstering, and hustling. "Not the best jobs in the world, but I got by," as he recalled once.

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AFTER A year of uncertain, but strangely free existence, it happened.

While the gang was hanging on the corner early one fall evening, one of the fellows suggested that they should get "sharp" and make the Friday night dance.

But getting "sharp" requires money— suits, coats, shoes etc. For Joe, and the others, money was something they didn't have plenty of. There's little danger you'll have trouble paying income taxes on earnings gained from junking, and hucksterring.

The others mentioned they knew where lots of scrap metal was stored in a garage, and if "we can 'do,(w'n' sell it without anybody catching us, we'll be straight," they declared.

Joe wasn't for it, but he was one of the boys, and besides, he could ill afford to be called 'chicken.'

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BESIDES, it didn't seem to be of any use to anybody, it was just sitting there.

It was around 8:30 p.m. and after 'casing' the garage, two of the boys entered.

Not completely sold on the idea, Joe was late getting to the garage. When he arrived the others had made the haul and 'stashed" (hid) the borrowed truck, now loaded with scrap iron.

The following morning, all junk yards were staked out. And when the truck showed, three of the fellows were arrested.

True to the code of the fraternity, despite police insistence, both vocal and physical, the trio refused to implicate Joe, who is still unaware of the outcome of the abortive plan.

"We don't cop no pleas and we don't rat on anybody," is the code of behavior governing the conduct of those who accept, willingly or otherwise, this way of eking out a survival.

BUT IN the absence of "uncle force threats, or promises," which make up a standard part of signed statements obtained by police, Joe was identified as a colleague of the captured trio.

However, 3 o'clock the following morning, there came a loud baning on Joe's door. His father, exhausted from back-breaking, finally dragged himself to the door, after shaking of cowebs induced by deep slumber. . . . . .

"We want Joe B., the burly quartet of policemen barked, as they brushed by the elder Mr. B. without showing a warrant.

The senior Mr. B. didn't protest, because he had, on several occasions, seen what happened to people— colored people— who question the conduct of a police officer.

Joe was not so well orientated.

Startled by the glare of a flashing light boring in his sleepy face, he jumped from bed.

This was interpreted by one of the officers as an attempt to escape, or put up a fight.

A few well - aimed blows of the "head-ache" stick wielded by what the Civil Rights Commission has described as "judge, jury, and executioner," rendered Joe virtually helpless.

He was arrested and beaten and at the point, he didn't know what for.

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TAKEN TO the station, he was booked and charged with grand larceny, just as the others were.

At the preliminary hearing, despite cries of innocence, Joe was held for the grand jury.

He remained in jail because bail bondsmen don't work for charity.

When the charge was taken before the grand jury, which had only one colored person, a true bill of indictment was returned.

On arraignment in Criminal Court, Joe was asked did he have an attorney. His reply was no. The practice of law, Joe had learned by now, is not an operation of benevolence.

The court appointed one. Whether the attorney was the most capable one available, is unknown. Suffice it to say that prominent attorneys bypass such appointments, unless they are of the type which attacts public notice, due to the seriousness of the charge involved.

But for larceny, considered routine, high - powered lawyers have little to gain, considering the modest fee paid by the state.

So when Joe goes on trial, his court - appointed attorney has little defense to offset the effects of a signed statement.

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BESIDES, the prosecuting attorney told the court, Joe signed the statement without threats, or force, the police said.

And in court when there is some conflict in the statement of arresting officers and a teenage, poorly trained, colored defendant, that of the former takes priority of the latter.

Joe's attorney could have raised constitutional questions regarding the arrest and make an attempt to determine what, if any, effect police brutality had on the confession.

But to do so, has a tendency to disturb the status quo, and a struggling lawyer is not willing to disturb an established system.

FIRST IT'S unpopular to raise touchy questions and it does not enhance one's chances of being appointed to representet defendants.

So Joe is convicted and spent a reformatory for 18 months. There he is briefed by the old timers on such matters as how life operates behind the wall.

There too, Joe soon finds, if you are colored, you get the "treatment."

The better jobs, like on the outside, were hard to come by. If you don't have money to win friends and influence people, Joe learned, life behind the wall takes on a striking resemblance to that faced by his associates in "free society."

On this subject, which he has studied, Mr. Zumbrun said:

"If you can afford it, you can buy a half decent job in prison."

JOE DIDN'T bother to apply for a parole. He had no sponsors, no job, at least "not a steady job," and his fraternity brothers had already filled him in on how the parole board frawns on the application for parole from inmates in his shoes.

Joe became a full timer (served the complete term).

Released, Joe rejoined his friends and followed the only occupation he knew— junking.

He tried others, but the inevitable three-sided block of color, training, and prison record haunted him into disillusion.

Joe found scrap collecting a poor substitute for a steady— even if low paying— job.

In desperate need of money, he turned to the only method he knew how to get it— crime.

But crime doesn't pay— for a colored youth anyway— so Joe is back on the treadmill that leads to nowhere.

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Captain Johnson's wife, Janis, was present for the ceremony.

Captain Johnson is a 1957 graduate of Morgan State College in Baltimore and received a Regular Army commission through the ROTC program.

Since entering the Army he has served a tour of duty in Korea where he was a reconnaissance and survey officer in the 19th Artillery from May 1958 to May 1959.

Returning to the United States, he was assigned to the 66th Chemical company (Depot) here as company commander, a position he held until June 1960 when he became the assistant Plans and Training Officer in Group Headquarters.

Included in Captain Johnson's military schooling are courses at the Basic Airborne School and the ranger Course at Fort Benning, Ga., and the Associate Chemical Officers Career Course at the U.S. Army Chemical Corps School here.

With his wife, Janis, and their son, Anthony, 8 months Captain Johnson lives at 3658-B Church Road, Ft. McClellan.

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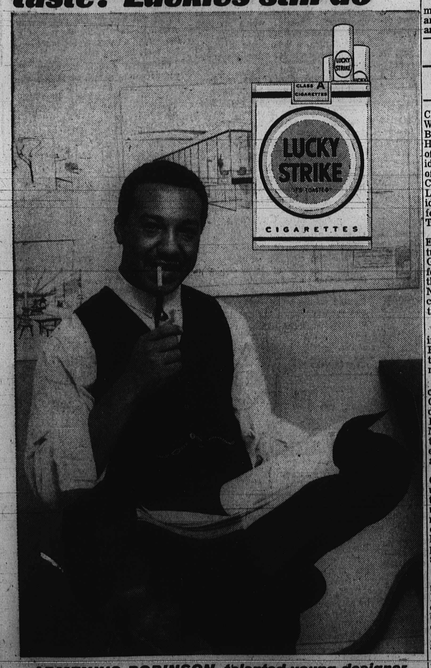

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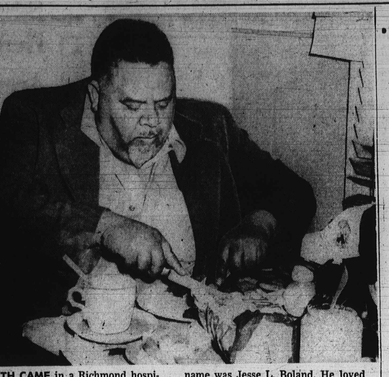

DEATH CAME in a Richmond hospital on Jan. 19 to Master X, well known family life advisor, whose real name was Jesse L. Boland. He loved cameras, expensive cars, airplanes, and to eat tremendous meals.

—Master X dies

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him and moved to the West Coast. They were divorced about five years ago.

LAST SPRING, Master X made a public appeal for a young woman who might be interested in matrimony.

"I have helped so many thousands of folks find what they are looking for, now I'm interested in finding some happiness for myself," he said in an AFRO interview.

He said that since the divorce from the mother of his six children, he had traveled 100,000 miles and spent a small fortune in search of the right romance partner.

BEGINNING his 'personal advice' service in basement quarters on Clay St., he graduated to a more impressive site on First Street as his appreciative patronage increased.

Giving a lecture at the Mosque in the late 30's he predicted during an awful flood season that the following year "the fish will be swimming in dust in the James River."

The prediction came true, folks recall, when in the following year the Richmond area suffered "one of the worst draughts we ever had." And Master X was catapulted to widespread prominence.

He was handy with a camera, good at still photographs and movie filming. He was widely traveled.

MASTER X drove expensive automobile, at times having three in service. His current car was a Cadillac.

He also was an airplane pilot, having had at least two narrow escapes in crashes of his own air craft.

At one time he had a ferry boat which reportedly sank in the Richmond canal.

He also had his days in court. They involved Federal and/or state taxes, or a drawn out dispute with a neighbor, or the theft of guns and other cherished possessions from his home.

Master X was a property owner. He was interested in remodeling one Clay Street building as a dance hall and restaurant, but this work was never completed as his funds became tied up in tax liens.

MASTER X WAS friendly, and stayed in the public eye, although he was not an organization joiner.

During the famous Montgomery (Ala.) bus boycott, he made a grand offer to provide his own bus for use of the footsore segregation protestants.

He counted some of Richmond's leading businessmen among his close associates, and was credited with solving some problems of highly respected families by his sage advice.

FUNERAL services are set for 1 p.m. Friday at the A.D. Price Funeral Home, with burial in Woodland Cemetery. A special casket had to be ordered to accommodate the body.

Master X is survived by six children. They include two sons, Victor G. Boland of Brunswick, Me.; Michael Boland of Richmond; and four daughters.

The daughters are Mesdames Patricia Alexander, Sheila Alexander, and Shirley Wilson, all of Los Angeles; and Verdia Holloway of Sacramento, Cal.

-60 jobs

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Church; the Rev. Marcus G. Woods, pastor of Providence Baptist Church; the Rev. Harrison J. Bryant, pastor of Bethel AME Church. David Williams, vice-president of the Jackie Robinson Youth Council NAACP, and Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, local president, reported that their conference with Mr. Wolfe on Tuesday was encouraging.

They praised the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. David Glenn, executive director, for following through on their complaint filed by the NAACP on June 30, 1961 charging racial discrimination by both utilities.

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THE NAACP'S campaign in the utilities began last February and is a project of the NAACP Church Committee.

Part of a nation - wide campaign by the NAACP Church Committee for jobs described as a "Brotherhood in Action Project" during National Brotherhood Week, the local ministers first visited the utilities last February.

The Jackie Robinson Youth Council began picketing the utilities on Good Friday, continued their picketing on Saturdays and Thursday afternoons and when summer vacation from school began the last of June, the students picketed daily throughout the summer until school opened.

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"ALTHOUGH WE have made some progress," Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, president stated, "there is yet only token employment of colored citizens on skilled jobs in the Gas and Electric and Telephone Companies.

"We are more than one third of the population of Baltimore City and we all have to use the gas and electricity and the telephone. We are entitled to an across the board proportionate sharing of jobs in the skilled as well as unskilled areas."

The committee called on the counsellors in the schools and colleges and the ministers in the churches to send an increased number of job seekers to these companies. There is a great deal of training on the job done by both utilities, they stated.

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Other Assets	2,067.33
TOTAL ASSETS	$752,980.85
LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Savings Accounts	$687,129.60
Advance Payments by Borrowers	15,574.83
Other Liabilities	3,193.10
RESERVES	
Directors' Hypothecated Savings Accounts	38,655.58
Retained Earnings	8,427.74
TOTAL LIABILITIES	$752,980.85

GROWTH OF SAVINGS ACCOUNTS
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8/31/57	84	$ 7,086.00
12/31/57	362	18,281.34
12/31/58	572	36,593.10
12/31/59	983	134,160.62
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