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GIFT FROM LADIES — The Ladies Guild of Macedonia Baptist Church recently presented several bedside chairs to Provident Hospital. Shown in the picture, left to right, first row, are: Mrs. Elmer Deans, Theodore Perkins, administrator of Provident, the Rev. Willard L. Clayton, pastor of Macedonia, Mrs. Velvo Ingran, president of the Guild, Miss Nellie Jackson. Second row; Mesdames Dorothy Joyner, Marie Hinton, Naomi Stanley, Ann Barbour, Gladys Augustus, Ernestine Bennett, Lillian Maith and Miss Ovella Dorsey.

—JFK promises

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fairs Department, Mr. Kennedy said he was "astonished" at the Republican leadership in Congress which solidly opposed the bill.

The Urban Affairs Department would be a cabinet post. It would be headed by Robert C. Weaver, present administrator for the Housing and Home Finance Agency.

By creating the new cabinet post by executive action, President Kennedy would be setting no new precedent. President Eisenhower used his executive powers to create the Department of Health Education, and Welfare.

Such executive action could only be defeated by the entire Congress which would then have to vote on its establishment.

The House Rules Committee voted 9-6 to reject the Urban Affairs legislation. All were joined by four Democrats in opposing the bill.

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Dr. Cobb next

The name of Dr. Montague Cobb, Harvard graduate, professor of medicine and editor of the National Medical Journal, will be submitted for membership in the Cosmos Club in Washington.

FIRST IN AREA — The New Shiloh Baptist Church of Turner Station is the first to subscribe for a life membership in the NAACP. Shown, presenting the check for the first payment are from left to right: Thomas Allmond, chairman of the trustee board; the Rev. James A. Everett, pastor of the church; Perlie Jones, chairman of the deacon board; Mrs. Josephine Barnhill, president of the Balnew - Sparrows Point Branch of the NAACP; Mrs. Ora Cole, first vice president. Mrs. Katherine Pounds, treasurer. Not shown are Mrs. Annie Bullock, a membership committeeman, and Mrs. Hattie Jackson, financial secretary.

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Publishers back President on new Cabinet department

WASHINGTON

The National Newspaper Publishers Association pledged its help to the President in the establishment of a Department of Urban Affairs and Housing following a meeting with the Chief Executive, Thursday, at the White House.

The publishers are in Washington attending their 1962 Mid-Winter Workshop, which is being held at the DuPont Plaza Hotal. The workshop theme is "The Challenge of 1962"

The group told President Kennedy that their support for estabpshment of a cabinet-level Urban Affairs and Housing Department stems not along from the fact that it would be headed by Housing Director Robert Weaver, but "because it is a most commendable implementation of our democratic process."

THE PUBLISHERS' delegation to the White House included the following:— John H. Sengstacke, Chicago Daily Defender; E. Washington Rhodes, Philadelphia Tribune; Thomas W. Young, Norfolk Journal and Guide; John H. Murphy III, AFRO-American; Dr. Carlton C. Goodlett, San Francisco Sun-Reporterr; C. C. DeLore, Louisiana Weekly; John Kirkpatric, East St. Louis Crusader, and E A. Sweets, St. Louis American.

Text of the publishers' statement follows:

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MR. PRESIDENT, we wish to commend you on the magnificent leadership you have given our country. The members of our association, as you no doubt know, are both Republicans and Democrats.

We want to pledge anew our loyal support to you in making democracy work in America and to find out further what we can do to keep America the great country that it is.

We vividly remember our conference with you last January, when you said in part that you wanted to utilize colored people across-the-board in government.

We also remember many times during your campaigning for the presidency in 1960 you stated in substance that the Chief Executive of this nation could, with the stroke of a pen, correct many of the inequities suffered by minorities.

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MR. PRESIDENT, this you have done and in so doing you have given our nation the moral leadership which was sorely lacking in the area for many years

We want to be of further assistance to our country and would like to respectively suggest the following:

As publishers we must necessarily be concerned with the overall picture in every area. We have worked with the several departments of government in recruitment of colored persons. However, because of past practices and experiences of colored with the various departments, the number of qualified colored persons making themselves available has not kept pace with the urgent demand.

We believe this condition exists because the image of government has not been such as to attract those who could be of service. Therefore, it is our belief that an overall program should be devised to change this image, and that colored persons who have made a success in government (the hard way) be made available to speak and encourage others to participate in their government.

SECONDLY, many foreign publishers and editors have visited this country and toured our plants. Many of these publishers and editors do not have a truly free press in their respective country.

We believe that immensurable results could be attained for the free press of America by a visit of a number of our publishers to other countries, particularly Africa.

We have been discussing such a trip and would like your assistance in planning a meeting with our Association and our counterparts in Africa.

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WE WILL do our best to help you in your efforts to eliminate the poll tax and othr restrictions as to a prerequisite to voting.

We will continue our association's registration drive started in 1960, and any effort we can make to get your new department of Urban Affairs and Housing through the Congrss, not only because you might appoint Bob Weaver to head the department, but because it is a most commendable implementation of our democratic processes.

—Picketing

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persuode us to cancel the conference."

He said the national body considered the matter thoroughly before deciding to come to Baltimore and that all steps were being taken to prevent embarrassment to delegates.

MR. MOCK last week told the AFRO these steps included efforts to get restaurants to integrate and urging white delegate to boycott those which refuse.

The conference is expected to attract about 1,000 persons, 150 of them colored.

A 13 - member committee appointed to contact the restaurants has not as yet completed this task. Its chairman Albert Berney, president of the Maryland State Conference of Social Welfare, said he should have a report on progress next week.

Leeds files for Senate in 4th

Jacques E. Leeds, assistant city solicitor, filed today (Friday) for the Democratic nomination for the State Senate in the city's Fourth District, heading a slate of candidates sponsored by the Greater New Frontier Democratic Clubs.

Five other candidates on this independent organization's slate who filed with Mr. Leeds are Murray Abramson, E. Eugene Chase and William A. Welch for the House of Delegates, and Avon Cooper and Carl Edward Smith, for the State Central Committee.

Dr. Long in race for Congress

Clarence D. Long has announced his candidacy for Congress in the Second District, running on the Tawes-Brewster - Birmingham ticket.

The Second District consists of Carroll, Harford and Baltimore Counties. He will run in the Democratic Primary on May 15.

Dr. Long stated that he will fight for more jobs, less waste in government, better school and college opportunities, stable living costs, a strong defense — on 24 hour alert — and continued negotiations for a realistic peace.

"I like most of Kennedy's program and will support it, though not necessarily in every detail. Maryland needs Congressmen who have minds of their own and are not mere rubber stamps," Dr. Long said.

He went on to say, "I dislike both the radical left and the radical right because both place dogmas ahead of good sense and both are reckless of our freedoms. One of my mottoes will be — 'Not left, not right, but straight ahead.'

Since 1946, he has been professor of economics at the Johns Hopkins University and has written seven major books and many articles on problems of unemployment, wages, and business conditions.

Graduation dates set for February

Graduation dates at Baltimore Public Schools for February, to take place at each school's auditorium, 8 p.m., are listed below:

Dunbar High, Feb. 5, Douglass High, Feb. 6, Eastern Feb. 8, Mergenthaler Feb. 9, High, Feb. 6, Southern High, Patterson High, Feb. 12, Feb. 7, Forest Park High, City College, Feb. 13, Poly-Feb. 7, Edmondson High, technic, Feb. 14.

How far would you walk barefoot to get a U.S. education?

This African boy, *now a student at Shogit Valley College in the state of Washington*, trekked 2,500 miles north to the U.S. embassy in Khartoum, Sudan—because he was *determined* to win a college degree in the U.S.A.!

In February Reader's Digest there's an inspiring true story about a young man named Legson Kayira which should be read by every American—especially by Americans inclined to take U.S. education for granted. Pick up a copy of the Digest today. Read *The Boy Who "Walked" to America* . . . find out why Legson turned down all offers from the communists . . . and what he plans to make clear to all his people at home about the Americans who helped him.

ALSO in February Reader's Digest, you'll find such absorbing and rewarding articles as:

How Your Body Fights Infection. A fascinating description of the silent, daily warfare between your personal defense forces and bacteria, viruses and protozoa.

How to Keep Young Mentally. This article reports Alexander Graham Bell's "Rule of Three"—a plan for learning which will enrich the life of young or old.

What Not to Tell a Child about God. The mother of a minister gives 5 "don'ts" which will help parents give understanding answers to such difficult questions as "Why did God let Grandpa die?"

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The Prophecy Was Fulfilled

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

About 15 years ago a bright - eyed little girl with pigtails and a crystal-clear voice was the singing star in a kindergarten play.

Teachers and parents attending the event predicted "she'll be a singer one of these days."

Their prophecy is coming true.

Last week, the little girl with the vocal talent placed second in the Metropolitan Opera Regional Audition held in Washington at the National Gallery of Art.

The child, now a young woman of 20, is Miss Jeannette M. Walters, 1531 Normal Ave., Baltimore, who is on the brink of a brilliant career as a dramatic soprano.

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A THIRD - YEAR student at the Peabody Conservatory of Music, she sang the difficult aria, "Pace, Pace" from La Force Del Des Tino at the try - outs to win the $350 cash prize and recognition from the critics as an outstanding soprano who will need watching in the future.

The forecast of her parents and others who heard her sing the ditty, "I Am a Monkey" in the kindergarten class, lingers in her memory. However, Jeannette, now a sophisticated young woman with studied poise, recalls she gained confidence from such appearances "when I was a kid."

She also recalls that song fests at home with her musically talented parents and five brothers, also gave her "a chance to know a lot about singing."

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HER MOTHER, Mrs. Edna Walters, is the organist at Eastern Methodist Church, and also possesses a good singing voice, and a thorough knowledge of music.

Her father, Roland Walters, a cab driver, who has been "bassing it" for years, began with quartets, choral groups and other singing groups when he was a youngster, and is now on the choir at the church.

Her oldest brother, Roland Jr., 18, an art major, who enrolled at the Maryland Institute of Art this week, also likes to sing.

Her second oldest brother, Edward, 16, a second year student at Peabody Preparatory School, studies the clarinet and plays with the City College band.

Alfred, 9, John, 6, pupils at Columbus Elementary School No. 99, and Daniel, 3, although too young to know if singing is the career they will follow, do well on "chiming in" when the family gathers around the piano.

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NEIGHBORS AND friends also know that music "runs in the family" since all close acquaintances of the Walters' are well aware of their singing together at home.

The home - front musicals where Jeannette is still the star come usually after supper, when all are at home.

Often they join in harmonizing from wherever they might be, in the kitchen doing dishes, straightening up the house or at impromptu sessions at the piano in the living room.

At Christmas, the favorites are old familiar carols, but most of the time they sing the hymns all church-goers know.

Sometimes Jeannette, her oldest brothers play duets at the piano. When mother has a moment, she will also serve as a duet partner.

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THE WALTERS family moved to Baltimore from Philadelphia in 1957. Mr. Walters was an independent businessman as an agent for a cosmetic firm.

A close - knit family, the Walters settled down to educate the children, seeing that they "got the best they could afford."

At Dunbar High School, Jeannette sang with the Senior Choir, the Honors Williams Choir and when she graduated in 1959, received the Deiches Scholarship for two years study at Peabody, and the trophy for being the top music student at the school.

Her first year at Peabody, she won the "Top Student Award."

In 1960 she made her debut at Perkins Square Baptist Church.

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IN 1961 SHE gave regulation recitals at Peabody and appeared at Morgan State College under the Morgan Cultural Exchange program.

Her teacher at Peabody is Mme. Alice Duschk, a former Viennese opera star.

Jeannette has one more year at Peabody. She will be graduated with a bachelor of music degree in June, 1963 with a major in voice and a minor in piano.

She received a partial scholarship and is the recipient of assistance from the Baltimore alumni chapter Delta Sigma Theta sorority.

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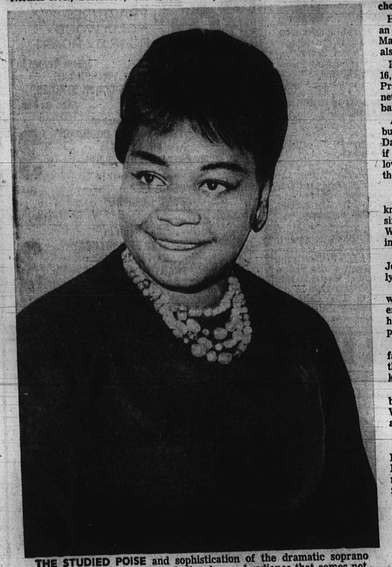
SHE IS in school from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day and practices from three to four hours a day.

Soon she will try for the Marian Anderson Scholarship plus other auditions.

If she goes into teaching she plans private lessons or a professorship at a college.

High on her schedule of events is her coming marriage in the fall to Percy Brown, a peabody graduate who is a Baltimore City Music teacher.



THE STUDIED POISE and sophistication of the dramatic soprano gives way as Jeannette reveals the glow and radiance that comes not only from the Metropolitan audition success but also from the fact that she is engaged and will be married in the fall.

TAKING IT FROM THE TOP — The Walters combo, of the home variety, composed of father, daughter and mother, considers the selection they will sing, not at any special concert, but at home, "just for the joy of singing." Jeannette is standing center. Mrs. Walters (mother) sings and plays the piano. Father does what he calls "bassing it."

The Young Abolitionist

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

They have been called freedom riders, sitdowners, student demonstrators, headline hunters, mixed-up kids and a lot of other things — many not nearly so complimentary, depending on the author.

But just who are these bands of young white people who have suddenly clashed head-on with a century-old system of dual standards and vowed to battle until equality for all Americans is a reality?

To some they are faddists, latching onto a popular cause, and will disappear as soon as the tide of popularity wanes.

For others, they represent a modern-day phenomena, without precedent, and driving toward an unknown future.

But to a few who have bothered to look close enough, they are the voices and images of the restless spirit which stalked the land prior to 1863.

They are abolitionists — 1962 style!

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THIS IMPRESSION was gained from an interview this week with perhaps the hottest personality now locked in the fierce struggle with the status quo — William Hansen Jr., freedom rider delux.

Thus, a close up of an abolitionist—1962 style.

Shortly after the interview, Hansen, a 22-year-old former senior at Xavier University of Ohio, with the calmness of a man taking a Sunday afternoon stroll, boarded a bus for Cambridge, Md. — despite reliable reports that Eastern Shore segregationists have a $1,000 price tag on his head.

The price is for his dead body.

But his return to Cambridge is typical of the thousands of Hansens who have seen something they dislike and have set about to correct it.

In the truest tradition of the pre-Civil War abolitionists from the north, who raided southern plantations to break the bondage of slavery, present day freedom fighters willingly face violence, hardships, jail, and even death, while attacking the jungle of ignorance and prejudice, trying to bring dignity and equality for an oppressed people.

Why?

Why do they choose to chuck material security, social status, comforts of home and other niceties of life which are theirs for the asking, if only they conform?

They say it differently, but it ends the same.

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BILL puts it this way:

"I want to be comfortable in this society. But when a member of the same society is denied rights accorded others, because of his color, I can't be comfortable."

This discomfort has put Hansen in jail cells 11 times in three states.

Since setting out to "make a society where I can enjoy living in without a sense of guilt," Hansen has taken up temporary residence in cells in:

Cincinnati, five times; Jackson, Miss., once (43 days, 11 of which were spent in solitary confinement); Baltimore, once; Annapolis, once; Crisfield, once, and Cambridge, twice.

For two weeks in a row he has been beaten, kicked and mauled by an Eastern Shore segregation mob.

Then why do you keep going to Eastern Shore? he was asked.

"I can't let life-letting violence dictate to me where I should and should not go," was his answer.

Is he bothered by the report that he'll be the target of bounty hunters, once he sets foot in Cambridge?

"I'm no martyr, sacrificial lamb, or hero. I'm as scared as hell, but I've got to go back because my work there is unfinished," he vowed, adding:

"I don't enjoy the possibility of getting hurt, or even killed. Nor do I relish jail records or other by-products of my activity, but it's an occupational hazard and I accept it.

"Why?" he asked, as if talking to himself:

"It's something you can't very well put into words, but you feel it inside."

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AFTER reflecting for a minute, he adds:

"Our family was very close . . . we still are, for that matter, but my parents can't understand my actions," he said.

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HIS FIRST urge to make what is consistent with what should be came when he enrolled at Xavier, the young abolitionist recalls.

"Two people — a Jesuit priest and a colored classmate from British West Indies — had a profound effect on my thinking," he said.

"At every opportunity we discussed the racial situation in Cincinnati, generally and the Catholic community in particular."

Out of this they and seven other students formed an interracial council.

Purpose of the organization was to "educate the Catholic community in race relations. That is, to what the situation was and why it should be rubbing his forehead in the process, the Ohioan continued.

"Perhaps I accept it because I'm fed up with the status quo.

"There's something drastically wrong with a system when a colored Catholic who was valedictorian of his high school class is unable to associate with his classmates as an equal."

"This irritates me and I can't rest until it, or I, disappears."

Hansen, who describes himself as a "product of a typical middle class white suburban family," first detected all was not well when what he saw and what his parents taught him, his brother, and sister, clashed.

He couldn't understand, and they didn't bother to explain what was wrong with his colored friends visiting him, Hansen remembers.

Too young to know and not encouraged to care, the "Angry Young Man" led a typical "white suburban boyhood" enjoying the comforts of polite society and parental love and affection.

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WILLIAM HENSEN JR. — Sick of the status quo, he has vowed to change it. He has been arrested 11 times, beaten and kicked but will not compromise.

Hansen Speaks

(EDITOR'S NOTE — The following treatise on non-violent protests, recently sweeping the land, was written by William Hansen Jr., 22-year-old Cincinnati, Ohio, university student. It was written while he was on an 11-day hunder strike in the Anne Arundel County Jail in Annapolis. Hansen, along with others, was jailed after a peaceful demonstration against segregation in a public restaurant in here.)

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Henry David Thoreau wrote an essay entitled "On Civil Disobedience." Dostoyavsky, the noted Russian author, on numerous occasions, wrote in favor of using non-violent action.

Albert Lithuli of the Union of South Africa was awarded the 1960 Nobel Peace Prize for his use of this method of action in combatting the Apartheid policy of the Verwoerd government.

Mahatma Gandhi is, perhaps, the best known of all the adherents of the philosopy of civil disobedience, non-violent action or, as he called it "Satyagraha."

"Set vagraha" translated means soul-force. Literally it means the return of love for hate in the idea that all men have consciences and are susceptible to, and will be changed by love.

It also means the following of truth or goodness to the extent that the individual refuses to cooperate with what he considers an evil or an untruth.

Men have become adherents of the theory of non-violence, it seems to me, not because it was the most obvious of techniques or the easiest, but because it was the only one left to use.

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THROUGHOUT history, there have been men who have desired goodness in the world. These men, most of them, imposed, by force, their conception of goodness on their fellowmen.

Men have warred throughout history because of their differences of opinion as to how things should be done.

Wars have one inevitable consequence — dead people. Dead people have only succeeded in raising the standard of living of the world's undertakers.

The other usual result of wars have been the imposition of the point of view of one of the antagonists on the other.

Because of wars and killing, Poles hate and fear the Russians and the Germans, as they have for hundreds of years.

Because of wars, the French hate the English and Germans. Chinese don't get along with Japanese.

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PROTESTANTS hate Catholics because of the atrocities of the Inquisition and Catholics reciprocate because they have been maltreated and killed by Protestants at various times.

Gentiles hate Jews because Jesus Christ happened to be crucified by Jews. Christians seem to think they will make up for this by being antisematic.

The list is as endless as there are

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