PROTESTED BAR CALLED 'ROUGHEST'

Baltimore Notebook

By MAX JOHNSON

Those two public accommodations bills, to be placed before the General Assembly next week, raise several questions which will undoubtedly require clarification— before passage of either becomes a reality.

Foremost among such questions is— to what extent would either affect Maryland's trespass law?

The Assembly's Legislative Council is proposing a bill which would channel complaints through the Attorney General's office.

Should the Attorney General determine there was a probable violation— he would refer the case to the State's Attorney in the political subdivision where the violation occurred for prosecution.

Gov. J. Millard Tawes has announced his support of this bill.

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HOWEVER— the Governor's Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations has its own bill, which would give this agency powers to screen and initiate complaints, instead, to the State's Attorney in the area in question.

This is the major difference between the two bills.

Yet— neither bill carries a stipulation modifying the trespass law.

This, then, poses a disturbing question.

Could the proprietor of a public establishment, covered by a public accommodations law of this nature, bypass the new law— by envoking use of the trespass law?

Could he still lawfully be allowed to refuse service to a patron, or group of patrons— on his contention of standing solely on the trespass law provisions?

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ISN'T IT highly conceivable a number of long-drawn, court test cases would develop on this premise— in areas unfriendly to a public accommodations law?

Dr. Carl N. Everstine, director, Maryland's Department of Legislative Reference, was asked for some clarification on this matter.

Dr. Everstine didn't have a quick answer.

He mulled over these questions for awhile— and then said:

"Well, we have always followed the procedure that when a new law comes along, which is in conflict with a statute already on the books, the new law is followed.

"It may be, though, that some modification of the trespass law may be necessary."

So— here, apparently, is a legal snag in the two proposed public accommodations bills, which may require clarifying amendments to accomplish the intent.

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WHILE ON the subject of the two proposed bills— concern has been expressed in some quarters that the Legislative Council bill, carrying complaints to the Attorney General and then to the State's Attorney, would be a lengthy, dubious venture.

Maybe so— but not to the extent of the bill proposed by the Interracial Commission.

This bill provides the Commission's staff be authorized "to eliminate the discriminatory act by conciliation or persuasion."

If this fails, then the Commission would be authorized to set up a hearing for the proprietor of the violating establishment.

Then, if this brought no results — the Commission could refer the case to the State's Attorney for his action within "not less than 20 days and not more than 40 days after receiving such certification."

Not so fast after all, is it?

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NOW— there may be those who believe this Commission would move with appreciable results, with the given authority it asks to handle conciliation and hearings in such cases.

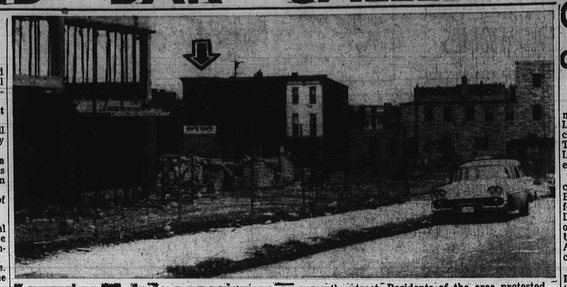
I am not one of those believers.

I still remember the agency's weeks of "conciliating" with public establishment owners along Route 40— all of which resulted in a lot of misinformation to the public and a situation little changed from when all the talking began.

Sooner or later— officials of this and other agencies in these parts must come to realize time runs out for attempted "conciliation" about just human rights.

There comes time when fortitude of strong action is needed.

It would be unfortunate indeed for Maryland to get public accommodations law on the books now— and have its effectiveness "conciliated" to a minor degree by the present Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations.



PROTEST SITE — In the foreground is the new school being constructed at Gilmor and Laurens St. The arrow points to the Safe Cafe directly across the street. Residents of the area protested Thursday against the reopening of the bar.

Criticism leveled against transfer

By HERB MANGRUM

Plans for reopening a neighborhood tavern at 1513 Laurens St. were severely criticized for 130 minutes Thursday before the Board of Liquor License Commissioners.

Protests against the application of Allen, Joan and Benjamin Mazer for a transfer were filed by the Police Department, the Department of Education, the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency and a number of civic organizations.

One witness described the Laurens St. bar as "one of the roughest in the city."

A Western District sergeant said the neighborhood "benefitted tremendously" after the tavern was ordered closed down.

Another witness asked the Board to "please, please, keep it closed."

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THE COMMISSIONERS were asked to transfer the liquor permit of Sidney, Annette and Freda Ehrenpreis owners of the "Safe Cafe."

The Board delayed rendering a decision.

The "Safe Cafe" was ordered closed indefinitely last Nov. 9.

The owners were told they could not reopen, but would have to transfer their license to some other person.

The tavern is located across the street from the new school site for School No. 107, and is within a short distance of the present building of School 107.

In asking that the license not only be denied but that it be revoked, Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, attorney, said her clients were objecting on the basis that the cafe had a bad reputation and was a hangout for a rough crowd, and that the new applicants have no previous experience operating a tavern.

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SERGEANT Anthony Bizzard testified:

"I have been in the area for nine years, and I must say that location is the roughest. Generally it took two officers to police the area.

"Since it closed, crime and profanity in the area has decreased. If we could keep it closed it would be of tremendous help to the Department."

The hearing marked the first time that the Department of Education ever protested a transfer.

In the past it has opposed renewals and new applications for taverns located near school property.

Social workers to boycott Child Welfare Conference

By MOSES J. NEWSON

A planned boycott gaining considerable support of local social workers could affect attendance and program participation of out - of - towners at the Child Welfare League's March 1-3 conference at Lord Baltimore Hotel.

An AFRO poll among social workers and agencies which might take part in the conference, indicates many are supporting the NAACP and Civic Interest Group's protests against the conference meeting here.

The NAACP and CIG say that restaurant discrimination in Baltimore and on Route 40, plus the Lord Baltimore's 500 - maximum quota on all - colored groups, disqualifies the city as a proper host for such a meeting.

Clarence Logan of CIG and Mrs. Juanita Mitchell of the NAACP's legal redress committee, have urged the meeting be moved or cancelled.

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ANSWERING them, Joseph H. Reid, league's executive director, and Clark L. Mock, chairman of the 1962 Eastern Regional Conference — which is meeting here — contended:

That the hotel is integrated. Baltimore has made progress toward desegregation and the Child Welfare League is completely integrated.

To prevent the embarrassment the NAACP and CIG say will accompany a meeting here, a local committee of 13 was set up to try to get the area restaurants to serve all and to draw up a list of those which refuse.

White delegates would be urged to boycott the segregated restaurants, Mr. Mock said.

The committee is working on it, he said. On Thursday, the committee chairman, Albert Berney, president of the Maryland State Conference of Social workers, said there had been no meeting to assess progress.

Mr. Berney said no such meeting had been scheduled yet.

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MEANWHILE, social workers in various offices throughout the city are agreeing to boycott the conference and are writing to friends outside the city asking them to do likewise.

Local social workers say they expect very few colored delegates to show up and that many white associates will join the boycott.

Dr. Furman L. Templeton, executive director of the Urban League, said his organization will decide whether to participate later this month after it is seen how the committee headed by Mr. Berney does.

One of the conference speakers is Whitney Young, national Urban League head. He would hardly participate should the local branch pull out.

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MRS. GRACE HUNT, executive director of the Madison Avenue YWCA, said her organization has not considered the question citywide, but "I know that the Madison YWCA is not going to participate.

"I'm disappointed at their coming here."

Wilbert L. Walker, field supervisor for the State Department of Public Welfare, told the AFRO, "No, I'm not planning to attend."

He said the reason was the quota system at Lord Baltimore. He said he had talked to at least four other social workers who were not attending.

One social worker who preferred not to be quoted by name said, "this is a very strained and unhealthy climate. People can't spend all their time in the hotel.

"They might want to go to a night club or bowling or elsewhere and they might end up in jail.

"To attend would be symbolic of our supporting discrimination and not supporting the NAACP and CIG."

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MRS. HARRIETT W. JONES, social worker in the division of special services of the Department of Education, said "I don't plan to attend. I plan to say so in a letter to Mr. Mock and others.

"I know it would help me professionally, but the organization itself stands for so much, I feel it is a step backward for them to come here.

"I think a lot of delegates are going to be disgusted when they look around and see they are being asked to boycott certain places.

"A lot of cities have public accommodations laws where you at least can get redress."

Russell Lyles of the same section said:

"It would take a rather weak person to go.

"The dignity of the individual is all important. That is what all our social agencies say. How can you have this dignity in a hotel with a quota system when actually, outside the hotel you can get arrested?

"I think there are some colored persons on the program who are not going to attend."

None of the colored social workers talked to by the AFRO said they were planning to attend the conference.

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MR. MOCK, who said he did not understand what would be gained from picketing an integrated meeting in an integrated hotel, said he was told at Lord Baltimore there would be no restrictions on colored delegates.

When this question came up in November when the Lord Baltimore refused the eastern regional meeting of the Fisk University Alumni Association, the AFRO was told the quota was effective only when an all - colored group was involved.

Harold Kraus, vice president and general manager, stated the position thusly:

"Large colored groups do not set too well with our regular patrons. . we will have to continue to refuse to have groups of 500 or more."

Flames gut office of Dr. Thomas

Dr. Joseph Thomas, well-known Turner Station physician is treating patients in his home at 8134 A. Bullneck Rd., as the result of a fire which gutted the $75,000 building at 107 Main St. in which his office was located.

More than $20,000 damage was done before the flames were brought under control.

According to Dr. Thomas, the fire started in a second floor apartment around 2 a.m. No one was injured.

The physician owns the two - story building, which contains three apartments and his office on the second floor and a grocery store, barber shop and a poolroom on the ground floor.

The poolroom barbershop, and the doctor's office were among the facilities destroyed.

Dr. Thomas said the building was insured, and that he intends to have it remodeled.

123 registered this week; registration, 111,454

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: 106,355.

Total registered for Nov. 1960 election: 106,306.

Registered this week period: 123.,

Total to date: 111,454.

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Thursday	20	7	0
Friday	20	1	1
Monday	28	1	0
Tuesday	26	0	0
Wednesday	19	0	0

Total number of prospective voters of age unregistered, 63,540.

Final registration date before May 15 primary—April 14.

Backed against wall, family almost lost hope

What can you do when you have no food, nowhere to live and six hungry children who have no clothes, no shoes?

You can't even make a phone call for help — you have no money.

You can't go look for work. You have no clothes.

This was the position a young father and mother whose only work is beanpicking in season, found themselves in when fall came.

Completely stymied, they soon discovered they were ineligible for Welfare since they are from another state.

Things got worse instead of better. Neighbors lending a helping hand, were no longer able. The father was lodged in jail for stealing and is now awaiting Grand Jury action.

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ON MONDAY night, a cold, dismal evening, the Maryland Colored Benevolent Society received a desperate call.

Warren Shaw, president, and Dr. Logan Kearse, executive secretary and pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church, rushed to a third floor apartment in the 1300 block Pennsylvania Ave.

The bean - picker's family had thrown in the towel. The children, from the infant to the 14 - year - old, were half-starved, suffering colds and shivering and cold.

The infant had never had a bottle of milk it could call its own.

Mr. Shaw says: "I have never seen anything so pitiful." Dr. Kearse describes the situation was "unbelievable."

Dr. James A. Priest, physician summoned by Mr. Shaw and Dr. Kearse said, "the youngest child, an infant could not have survived overnight."

He disclosed: "The infant's stomach was bloated from malnutrition, there were signs of dehydration. His eyes were crusty. He suffered a severe cold.

"The 3 - year - old looked like he was a year old. His hands and feets were swollen and he had a severe cold.

"The oldest girl, 4 years old, has severe bronchitis. The oldest child, a boy, age 14, was in fair condition.

"Not one of the children had shoes. They have not been in school.

"The family has had no heat this winter, no clothes, no food except hand - outs from neighbors. The infant had never had milk except what was given by outsiders on occasions."

Dr. Priest treated the children.

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ON TUESDAY, Dr. Kearse and Mr. Shaw spent most of their already crowded day, had plenty time to find out how good they are.

Now this added treat. All your groceries for a week, and you don't spend a thing. Every time you shop must be on the lookout for the Carnation Mystery Man.

Carnation Mystery Man exciting housewives

Excitement is in the air as Baltimore housewives go about their grocery buying this week.

Some of them will be running into the new "Mystery Man" from the Carnation Company, makers of famous Carnation products.

It's lots of fun. No labels to mail, no slogans to write. Just do your shopping as usual and when you leave the food store, the Carnation Mystery Man may stop you.

If you have a can of Carnation Evaporated Milk among your purchased grocery series, he will take you back into the store and give you a refund for the total cost of everything in your bag.

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YOU'VE BEEN reading in the AFRO AMERICAN every week about Carnation products so you already have

NOT PLEASANT, uncomfortable, undesirable, are the words to describe the third floor rooms where the unfortunate family lived without adequate furniture, heat, or water or light. Minus any food, even milk for the children, and clothes as well, life had become almost unbearable. Members of the Maryland Colored Benevolent Society came to the rescue on Monday night.

Methodists ask Assembly session for rights bill

The cabinets of the Baltimore and Washington Conferences of the Methodist Church urged Gov. J. Millard Tawes this week to call a special session of the General Assembly, following the coming 30 - day session, to pass public accommodations legislation.

The request to Gov. Tawes followed a joint session of the two cabinets Tuesday.

Gov. Tawes, at a recent press conference, stated that he would call a special session of the General Assembly, if a public accommodations bill failed to pass during the regular session.

The special session is expected to be necessary, because the exemption of one county during this 30 - day budget session can kill a state - wide bill.

The request to Gov. Tawes by the cabinet members of the conferences of the Methodist Church was signed by:

Bishop Edgar A. Love, Baltimore area; Bishop John Wesley Lord, Washington area; and the Reverends John B. A. Dyson, Kenneth P. Barnes, Ramsey Bridges, Kelly L. Jackson, Hilton A. Parker, Clarence L. Fossett, John Bayley Jones, Daniel W. Justice, Paul F. Warner and Marion S. Michael.

Shopping center hiring workers

A temporary office of the Maryland State Employment Service has been established at the new Reisterstown Plaza Shopping Center, 6800 block Reisterstown Rd., to take applications from persons seeking work in the center's stores.

Men and women are needed to work as salespeople and stock clerks. Women are needed as waitresses and counter girls.

Both part - time and full-time work is available. Prior experience is not required, but the employers prefer residents of the area.

The Maryland State Employment Service office is located in store No. F-6 in the center mall, and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Adult education discussed Sunday

The role of adult education will be discussed by William Rawlings, superintendent of adult education, and Dr. Robert F. Ford, Douglass Evening High School principal, Sunday on "Know Your Facts" broadcast over WEBB, 2:15-2:30 p.m.

The program is presented in co-operation with the station and the Baltimore Urban League, under the direction of Isaiah Fletcher, vocational guidance director.

EXCLUSIVE: Elder McCollough Talks

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Political Pot Begins To Boil In Annapolis

Maryland's General Assembly opened on Wednesday for a 30-day session. Summarized below are important budget requests and the progress being made toward the passage of a public accommodations law and the construction of a new Provident Hospital. More detailed stories will be found in this issue. The AFRO will be on the scene at Annapolis throughout the session.

EDUCATION

MORGAN STATE COLLEGE

$24,000 for new administration building.

$105,000 for equipment and addition to renovated portion of Spencer Hall.

$10,000 for an engineering study of electrical distribution system since a preliminary estimate indicates the present system is not adequate for the new buildings and proposed buildings.

$36,000 for the renovation and equipping of Holmes Hall for additional classrooms, laboratories and faculty offices. The administrative offices are scheduled to move out of Holmes when the new administration building is completed.

$3,000 for a study of the feasability of constructing a foot bridge across Cold Spring Lane.

$29,000 for campus site improvements which will complete development of the existing campus.

TOTAL $207,800

BOWIE STATE TEACHERS

$75,000 for renovation and expansion of kitch-

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FORMER CON HELD IN BRUTAL DEATH OF 8-YEAR-OLD GIRL

ELDER MCCOLLOUGH SAYS

'My life has been service to this church'

By CHUCK STONE

House of Prayer for All People. I have been with this church for 31 years, ever since I was a boy."

His deep voice ringing with conviction, Elder Walter McCollough described his feelings about the present controversy in the church which the late and beloved Bishop Charles M. "Sweet" Grace founded.

In an exclusive interview with the AFRO, the 47-year-old Elder McCollough declared: "No matter what happens, I intend to continue serving the church. The church comes first.

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ONE OF "Daddy" Grace's most devoted and worshipful followers, Elder McCollough talked sadly in his home with this reporter about the split in the church.

"It's hurting the church. So many people have stopped coming to church waiting for the dispute to be settled, others are not tithing, and the church is losing thousands of dollars," he said.

Currently under a restraining order from District Court Judge George Hart Jr., last August, Elder McCollough can not do anything, say anything, or go any place which in any fashion represents him as the leader, quasileader,

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CONGO (LEOPOLDVILLE) President Cyrille Adoula and President Kennedy enjoy a light moment during their serious discussion on the affairs in the strife-torn country. Mr. Adoula who has gradually won the support of the various factions in the Congo was a visitor to America and the United Nations this week. Note the picture of Caroline, the President's daughter, on the table to the President's right. (AFRO photo by Sorrell).

Victim found in closet of vacant house

RICHMOND

The Church Hill community was shocked this weekend by the fiendish murder of 8-year-old Lindell Solomon whose mutilated body was discovered in a vacant house around the corner from the home at 1727 Jay St.

Charged with the slaying is Arthur White, 22, of the 200 block of N. Lombard St. [illegible] afternoon.

Appearing in Police Court, White's hearing was continued to Feb. 15, while he undergoes additional questioning, including lie detector tests.

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HIS MOTHER, Mrs. Rose White of the 100 block E. Canal St., said that she is 'broken-hearted' about the case, and does not believe her son is guilty.

—He got in with a crowd that steals," she admitted. "But he's never done anything like this. I have never known him to become involved with any little girls. I don't believe he did it, and this just about breaks my heart," she declared.

Police say that witnesses report seeing White in the vicinity of a neighborhood hangout at about the time Lindell left, after she had run an errand for the lady of the house.

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WHITE'S MOTHER said that a family friend told her he had seen White alone about the time the child disappeared. Later she said, White went to his sister's home and went to sleep, remaining there overnight.

He was picked up for ques-

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Clerics in campaign

If there was any doubt in the minds of legislators Wednesday that people other than student demonstrators are sick of segregated restaurants, they got a rude shock.

As the General Assembly convened its 30 - day session at high noon, dramatic support and demands for passage of an equal public accommodations law sprang from all sections of the city.

Most dramatic was the sit - in demonstration at two segregated restaurants — Mandell and Ballow, 5435 Reisterstown Rd. and Miller Brothers, 119 W. Fayette St.

There were no students among the demonstrators.

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THE DELEGATION of six sit - ins included a priest, three rabbis, a Presbyterian minister and a community

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Gov. Tawes has key to rights bill

FLASH

A public hearing on the Public Accommodations Bill will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the House chamber before the Senate Judical Proceedings and the House Judiciary committees.

ANNAPOLIS — Gov. J. Millard Tawes will have to throw the full weight of his administration powers behind a public accommodations bill, to bring about its passage this year.

This was the general consensus of opinion among veteran lawmakers and close observers around the State Horse here Wednesday, as the first of such bills was placed before the General Assembly on this opening day of its 30 - day session.

General opinion prevailed, too, that this proposed legislation faces rough sledding, even with the Governor's unqualified support.

THERE REMAINED unanswered, however, these big

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Integrated ticket seen possibility in 5th District

By MAX JOHNSON

At least one of the two rival Democratic factions in the Fifth District, where one of the stiffest fights in the city is shaping, is preparing to field an integrated ticket for the May 15 primary.

This is the combine headed by Philip H. Goodman, City Council president, and Irvin Kovens, Park Board member.

The Goodman - Kovens group has these two persons under consideration as possible House of Delegates candidates:

Mrs. Victorine Q. Adams, businesswoman and head of Womanpower, and Samuel Daniels, labor union official and grand master of Maryland Masons.

Should either or both place on the Goodman - Kovens ticket, it would be the first time a top political organization in this district carried an integrated slate into an election.

Edgar P. Silver, House of Delegates member; heads this faction's ticket, as candidate for the State Senate.

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MR. GOODMAN, long noted for his liberal views, told the AFRO Tuesday that while both Mrs. Adams and Mr. Daniels were under consideration final action in completing the ticket was still some time off.

Mrs. Adams said she had been "approached" about running on the Silver ticket, but would not decide until she had discussed the matter thoroughly with her husband, William Adams, businessman.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams are personal friends of both Messrs. Goodman and Kovens.

Mr. Daniels, likewise, revealed the matter of a spot on this ticket had been men-

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Adoula scores hit

By SAMUEL HOSKINS

WASHINGTON

The 24 - hour visit of Prime Minister Cyrille Adoula of the Congo Republic to the nation's capital on Monday and Tuesday is being hailed by officials of the State Department as a three-day triumph.

The exchange of views between Prime Minister Adoula and President Kennedy, Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Under Secretary of State George Ball, Deputy Secretary of State G. Mennen Williams and members of Congress, State Department officials believe, will have the following effect.

● Strengthen the position of Adoula's moderate government and thereby lessen the chances for civil war in the Congo which would en-

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CORE to picket local, Rt. 40 - Rt. 1 restaurants

The Congress of Racial Equality here plans an all-out fight against eating places in predominantly colored residential areas which refuse to serve colored persons.

Walter Carter of CORE told the AFRO this week the protests initiated last Saturday, after a story in the AFRO concerning the situation, were the beginning.

Mr. Carter said CORE's James Jackson had been assigned follmen to the project and would test eating places and handle negotiations with them.

He also said CORE has assigned Anderson Brooker to do the same type thing along Route 1 and Route 40 between Delaware and Washington D.C. and protests at segregated restaurants would begin Feb. 17.

CORE is sponsoring a Freedom Ride movie to be backed by speakers and entertainers at Coppin State Teachers College at 8 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 12.

Oldest Bibles displayed at Enoch Pratt Library

Beginning Monday, February 12, the winning Bibles in the AFRO Magazine Section's recent 'Oldest Bible' Contest will be on display at the Enoch Pratt Library, Branch 17, (Pennsylvania and North Ave.)

Eleven Bibles will be shown, ranging from a Hebrew Bible printed in 1725 to a Douay (Catholic) pulpit-size Bible printed in 1874.

Bibles in French, German and Old English are included as well as the 1734 contest - winning Bible owned by Mrs. Louise Petross of Baltimore.

The exhibition may be seen from February 12 - 19 in the display window on the North Ave. side of the Library.

From February 19-24, the Bibles will be shown in the Soper Library, Morgan State College.

Requiem mass said today for Frank W. Phillips Jr.

Requiem mass was said today (Friday) at St. James P.E. Church for Frank Willmer Phillips Jr., 46, 2047 N. Bentalou St.

AFRO Art Director for 16 years, Mr. Phillips died of cancer at Sinai Hospital Monday morning.

Father Cedric E. Mills, rector of the church, officiated at the services attended by 500 persons.

Music was by the church choir directed by William Parrott. Miss Janet Walters was soloist.

Mr. Phillips had been ill since June, shortly after he returned from a Jamaica trip with his wife, Mrs.

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BLUE STREAK SPECIAL

Shoplifters Use Amazing Tricks In Their 'Business'

By GEORGE COLLINS

The aged man, whose shaggy brown hair, streaked with grey protruded from under his hat, just sat there.

He greeted all questions from police and store detective with a stock:

"I ain't saying nothing."

Shabbily dressed he sat with an old brown top coat across his lap staring about the hot, stuffy, and tiny sixth floor protective office of a downtown department store.

The store detective had called city police after emptying the man's pockets of assorted jewelry, handkerchiefs, and other items.

He had been caught in the act—Shoplifting.

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FROM THE arresting officer, Clarence — (for security reasons), a 6-foot, 200-pound, veteran of six years of department store sleuthing, you learn that he has nabbed "Quick Hands," shoplifter par excellence.

Clarence arrested "Quick Hands" after detectives at three other stores had followed him during a two - hour downtown "shopping" spree.

A check with outlying shopping areas revealed the 72-year-old man had displayed his artistry to the disbelieving eyes and utter bewilderment of a band of store cops who has never been able to tag him.

When the cruiser carted "Quick Hands" off to the Central Police Station lockup, Clarence talked of one of the world's oldest professions — shoplifting.

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"QUICK HANDS," according to 37-year-old ex-military policeman, is one of the hundreds of light-fingered artists who make up the fraternity that has become a perpetual nightmare for store detectives — shoplifters.

They come in all sizes, ages, and colors, but all are tied together with a single thought, stealing.

While some shoplift because they can't resist the urge (kleptomania), others do so because it is a source for a "fast buck," still others have a more pressing reason — destitution.

But whatever the reason, it's illegal. And those who engage in it must be willing to face the same fate that overtook "Quick Hands."

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AN ACCURATE estimate of the number of shoplifters in Baltimore or the value of merchandise they pilfer is anybody's guess. But these statistics are revealing.

From his files, Clarence showed 1,500 cases of shoplifting closed in the three years he has been assigned to his present store.

Another 100 cases are pending and others, like "Quick Hands," are steadily flowing in.

Multiply this figure by the number of department and other stores in the area and the amount borders on the

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