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State's Attorney's race gets crowded

The race for the post of State's Attorney for Baltimore is becoming crowded.

With the resignation of veteran prosecutor James W. Murphy, effective Feb. 23, at least three candidates will vie for the top spot in the city prosecutor's office.

The incumbent, Sal A. Harris, is a candidate to succeed himself.

Francis J. Valle, Orphans Court judge, resigned that post to run for state's attorney Jan. 21.

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ALTHOUGH HIS letter of resignation made no reference to the fact that he intends to oppose his old boss for the top spot in the prosecutor's office, Mr. Murphy hinted that he will run.

Since early last year, Mr. Murphy, who has been on the staff for nine years, has made no secret of his intentions to seek election as state's attorney.

The resigning assistant hit Mr. Harris for what he called "ignoring, forgetting or deliberately breaking a promise to the people of Baltimore.

The chief prosecutor, Mr. Murphy said, implied he was only interested in finishing out Mr. Grady's term.

MR. MURPHY also struck out at Mr. Harris' age in disproving of his (Mr. Harris) intentions to succeed himself.

"At the advanced age of 72 years, long past normal retirement age and beyond the peak of vigor necessary for the strenuous office of state's attorney, you have embarked upon your initial venture as a candidate," the assistant charged.

Mr. Harris was picked by the Supreme Bench to replace J. Harold Grady, who was elected mayor two years ago.

Pointing out that he was chosen by those who knew his qualificiations best (the Supreme Bench), Mr. Harris said he has surrounded himself with a young vigorous staff of assistants.

Both the May and September terms grand juries commended the state's attorney office for efficiency in their term - ending reports.

"I feel the people will return me to office on the basis of my record in protecting the innocent as well as punishing the guilty," Mr. Harris said at the time he became a candidate.

LEGAL FREEDOM FIGHTER — Plans for the statewide defense of 252 Freedom Riders from CORE, Baltimore Civic Interest Group, NAACP Jackie Robinson Youth Council and the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee were mapped here recently by Maryland NAACP Legal Redress Committee lawyers and their associates. In photo are J. Franklin Boume of Prince George's County; Tucker R. Dearing, Leonard J. Kerpelman, Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, Archie D. Williams, Donald Gaines Murray and Paul J. Cockrell of Baltimore, and Mrs. Eleanor Crawford of Anne Arundel County. Local participating attorneys not seen are Solomon S. Baylor and W. A. C. Hughes Jr.

Bill would curb use of young picketers

ANNAPOLIS — The Dorchester House of Delegates members continued their press for legislation against sit-in demonstrators here Wednesday, with a bill to make unlawful picketing by persons under 18 years of age.

The bill—House Bill 57 — specifically refers to such picketing that may be done before a business establishment "for the purpose of influencing others not to have dealings with such place of business."

Last Thursday, this Dorchester County brought in a bill to stiffen the penalty of the trespass law from up to $100 fine to a new high of up to $1,000 and or up to one year in the House of Correction.

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CAMBRIDGE, IN the Eastern Shore's Dorchester County, has been the scene in recent weeks of a series of sit-ins demonstrations and the picketing of several restaurants.

The demonstrators have included several teenage students. The Dorchester County delegation, including its Senator Frederick C. Malkus Jr., has already stated publicly it will exempt the county from voting on any public accommodations bill that reaches the floor of either the House or the Senate.

This lone exemption will, therefore, kill any public accommodations proposed legislation for this 30-day session.

Cecil County to form NAACP

The foundation was laid for the establishment of the Cecil County Chapter of the NAACP on Feb. 11. The meeting was held at Wright's AME Church in Elkton. The Rev. H. R. Curtis is the pastor.

Philip H. Savage, area field secretary of the NAACP for Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and New Jesey, furnished the group with information concerning the organization and its accomplishments.

The chapter will be formally established on Monday, Feb. 19, at the Wright's AME Church at 8 p.m.

Mailed your gift?

An urgent appeal was made yesterday by former Senator George L. Radcliffe, state chairman of the March of Dimes, reminding those who received March of Dimes mailers to return them with their contributions to the March of Dimes, 207 Morris Building, Baltimore 1, Md.

Accommodations bill backed by clergyman of all faiths

The Methodist Committee on Christian Social Concerns for Baltimore and Vicinity has voted to back the passage of the Public Accomodations Bill which has been presented to the Legislature by the Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations.

In a letter to Ridgley P. Melvin, chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the Maryland House of Delegate the Methodist committee said "In our opinion House Bill 39 is both comprehensive and fair to all citizens of the state and we urge that the Judiciary Committee report favorably on this bill.'

This week a newly formed group of ministers, the Clergymen's Interfaith Committee for Human Rights, also took up the support of a public Accommodations Law as its main objective.

With Father Joseph M. Connelly, the Revs. Morris Lieverman and John T. Middaugh as temporary co-chairmen, the group has set the first meeting for Feb. 21 at the Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church on Charles St. Ave. off Woodbrook Lane, one mile North of Belvedere.

In a letter to fellow clergymen, the co-chairmen state: 'Our immediate objective is to mobilize maximum civic support for the passage of a law that will effectively establish and protect the legal rights ofall persons, regardless of race, to equality of treatment in places of public accommodation.'

252 jailed in rights fight

The Legal Redress Committee of the NAACP reported this week that 252 persons have been jailed in Baltimore and Maryland since the protest against segregated restaurant began two years ago.

Although they were only seeking food, the compilitee said, all have been accused of criminal trespassing or disorderly conduct.

A breakdown of the arrests shows Baltimore leading all the counties with 77, followed by Anne Arundel which netted 51.

Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell, secretary of the committee, said 219 of the arrests took place within the last six months.

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THE NUMBER of demonstrators arrested in other counties, according to the report, are:

Baltimore, 18; Cecil, 7; Harford, 12; Dorchester, 26; Somerset, 10; Queen Anne, 3; Talbot, 8, and Prince George's, 40.

Among the cases brought to trial 11 demonstrators were convicted in Baltimore Criminal Court and the verdicts upheld by the Maryland Court of Appeals. These verdicts have been appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, the committee said.

Of those already tried, 36 persons have been acquitted, and demonstrators involved in pending cases are free on bail, according to the committee.

The NAACP said more than $2,500 has been spent for court costs, and printing of briefs for appeals since the demonstrations began.

CORE eyes employment; more Rt. 40 rides seen

James Farmer, national CORE director, says the organization is widening its attack on racial discrimination to include jobs, housing and schools.

Fresh from a two-day national meeting of CORE in Cincinnati, Mr. Farmer said the time was spent in debating and planning the program for this year.

CORE plans to move soon on the employment practices of retail chain department stores. He said CORE will "investigate, negotiate and as a final resort, demonstrate."

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THE DECISION to move on the stores was touched off when it was discovered that chain stores in different section of the country have different hiring practices, Mr. Farmer said.

In Baltimore, there will be more rides on Route 40 and also Route 1. Rides are also planned for Route 66, and throughout the South, in what Mr. Farmer called, "a mopping up operation."

Rides through the South are designed to push for complete integration in public places and to enforce the rulings of both the Justice Department and the Interstate Commerce Commission, Mr. Farmer explained.

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MR. FARMER spoke at Murphy Auditorium before some 1,000 students in observance of History Week on the campus.

In protesting against the injustice of racial discrimination, he said, demonstrations are producing what he called "creative tension."

Sit-in demonstrations failed in the 1940's, Mr. Farmer believed, because demonstrators were not willing tô go to jail.

"They have succeeded in the 60's, the director said, because demonstrators have welcomed the jail cells.

"The next step is to fill the jails, and stay in them and not accept bail," Mr. Farmer declared.

He predicted that there might be some deaths before equal rights are obtained, but stated "you should die with pride and happiness."

Deaths, loss of jobs and economic pressures Mr. Farmer lumped with "casualties of the war," just as they are found in any other war, but added, that CORE would do all in its power to help those thrown out of work because of their part in the movement.

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IN McKELDIN Lounge after his address, Mr. Farmer said the institution of segregation on the Eastern Shore has not been fully challenged.

He indicated more work would have to be done in that area to make a successful assault on the deep-rooted racial feelings.

Mr. Farmer said Southern University president Felton Clark took an "abominable and atrocious stand to crush the integration movement at his university."

He questioned how a school could teach dignity and stamp it out at the same time.

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MR. FARMER said he was pleased with the Kennedy administration's record on civil rights, but called for an executive order to end discrimination in housing.

While favorably impressed with the proposed Urban Affairs department; Mr. Farmer cautioned that it should not be considered a substitute for legislation.

Bail denied two men in 1961 deaths

Alvin T. Brown, of the 1200 block W. Franklin St. and Sonny R. Watson of the 200 block S. Greene St., were charged in separate homicide cases in Central Municipal Court Friday.

Both men were denied bond and were ordered held for action of the grand jury by Judge A. Jerome Diener.

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MR. BROWN is charged with assault and shooting Raymond Hopkins, 37, of the 2300 block W. North Ave.

The deceased was found lying outside an automobile in the 1500 block W. Lafayette Ave. on Dec. 26.

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MR. WATSON was charged with the fatal stabbing of James C. Love, 41, of the 500 block S. Paca St. on September 23.

Sergeant Alexander Baster of the Homicide Division testified that Watson surrendered to police in Pittsburgh, and signed a waiver to return to Baltimore.

Says former husband put her out of home

Charging that her husband, Samuel Williams, put her out of their home the day after their third child was born, Mrs. Shirley Williams divorced him, last week.

Mrs. Williams, who gave her address as 200 Aisquith St., said that they were married Dec. 8, 1955 and separated Dec. 1, 1958.

The three children were given into custody of the mother and the father ordered to provide support for them.

A DIVORCE also went to Mrs. Evelyn V. Talley of 2711 Berda Road, who testified that Collins Talley Jr. has deserted her.

The couple have two children, who will remain in custody of the mother. William Murphy, attorney, represented Mrs. Talley.

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"I ASKED HER mother to move, and she moved with her mother," John H. Sorrell, 342 Bloom St. testified in suit for divorce from Mrs. Mabel B. Sorrell.

He won the suit on grounds of desertion. Married on April 22, 1950 and separated on March, 1956, the couple have three children.

Mr. Sorrell is to provide $33 per week for support of the children, who are to remain with the mother.

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SMITH of 931 Argyle Ave., divorced James Smith, who she said was in Birmingham, Ala., when she last heard from him.

Mrs. Smith said that after four years of marriage, her husband left saying that he was going to look for work. That was on July 15, 1940, she said, adding that she has not heard from Mr. Smith since.

A divorce also went to Mrs. Victory Mae Fitzgerald from Paul Fitzgerald of 1722 Harlem Avenue.

The wife, who lives at 224 Ballou Court, testified that her husband put her out of their home on July 23, 1958. They were married on May 25, 1957.

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MRS. ADELAIDE WHITEN told the court that Charles Whiten, a postal clerk, struck her.

She said that he would have fought her further but her mother-in-law headed off other blows.

The Whitens were married on Feb. 26, 1945 and lived together until June 11, 1961. She was given a divorce and custody of their two sons and Mr. Whiten charged with support of the children.

FBI holds 2 for larceny at Ft. Meade

Two South Carolina men, charged with transporting a stolen car across state lines and larceny from military personnel are being held for action of the Federal grand jury.

James H. Kinard, 25, and Jesse L. Holland, 24, were taken into custody by the FBI after they were stopped on a routine check by Western District police, early Tuesday. Edward G. Powers, head f the local FBI, said:

Agents arrested the suspects after finding several wallets and clothing in the auto belonging to servicemen stationed at Fort Meade, Mr. Powers reported.

ADA schedules local author

Arthur Waskow will speak to the Baltimore Chapter of Americans for Democratic Action at 8:30 on Feb. 26, the Enoch Pratt Library.

Mr. Waskow will discuss his book, "Limits of Defence."

A Baltimore City College graduate, Mr. Waskow received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the Johns Hopkins University, and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin where he is currently a doctoral candidate.

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Helping You Help Yourself

By George Collins

"Don't sit down and bellyache.

"The opportunity is there. Get up and get with it . . . that's the only way you can control your destiny."

Author of this timely advice is James H. Gilliam, this week's young man on the move— UP!

A practitioner of his preaching, Mr. Gilliam is living evidence that it is sound.

In the two decades of his adult life, Jim, as he is best known to colleagues and friends, has served in two wars, earned a master's degree in social work, established a charming family, and demonstrated that a community is better off because it has a young man in motion.

Today, Mr. Gilliam is principal community organization advisor for the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency.

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OFFICIALLY HIS duties are described as "developing representative citizens councils in urban renewal areas."

Stripped of its officiality, Mr. Gilliam's job is one of "helping people to help themselves."

For further clarification, Jim puts it this way:

"We try to give people the know how to do the things that have to be done."

This includes helping residents of renewal areas to obtain knowledge to maintain their neighborhoods according to standards set by the agency created to fight blight.

Helping residents to recognize and combat conditions detrimental to the welfare of their neighborhood is a key part of Mr. Gilliam's program.

Working closely with community and neighborhood groups like the Mt. Royal Improvement Association, the Harlem Park Neighborhood Association and the Northwest Baltimore Improvement Association in fighting liquor outlets, rundown dwellings and other evils which wreck otherwise good residential sections are examples of Mr. Gilliam's activities.

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THE NATIVE Baltimorean finds his profession rewarding, challenging, frustrating, and endless, all at the same time.

This is so because the heart of his work is made up of one of the most unpredictable elements in existence —people.

Admitting that without people his program would be useless, Mr. Gilliam said:

"The people must act themselves. My job is to movitate them. When we cause them to act it's a great satisfaction. When we don't, it's a challenge."

Clashing head - on with challenges can be frustrating. But frustration, as far as the Howard University School of Social Work graduate is concerned is not the end in itself.

There is a bigger goal which can not be dimmed by frustration and disappointment.

"Contrary to popular belief, the heart of BURHA is not buildings. Buildings are part of it, yes. But only a part.

"A more important, if not bigger part, is people and their welfare.

"Urban renewal, let's face it, is here to stay. The only way it can achieve its objectives is for all parts to move along togethe. . . . this means people, as well as demolition, rehabilitation and construction."

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MR. GILLIAM moved into the community organization phase of the BURHA program in 1958.

However, he was a management aide with the agency when it was known as the Housing Authority.

Today, from his 1201 Eutaw Pl. office, the product of local public schools and Morgan State College runs the human side of the Mt. Royal-Fremont Aye. Renewal Project.

Characteristic of the man in motion, Mr. Gilliam has spent long, but rewarding hours in varied jobs, many at the same time.

He entered the Army in 1942, married the former Miss Louise Hayley in 1944 and was discharged in 1946.

Mrs. Gilliam is also an alumnae of Howard University School of Social Work and Winston - Salem Teachers College.

Their first born, James Jr., a junior at City College, made his appearance while Mr. Gilliam was still serving the Stars and Stripes in 1945.

Ten years and another war later, 1955, a daughter, Patrice, pupil at School 87, joined the Gilliam clan.

Now all are happy at their attractive home at 3707 Chisholm Ave., in the Windsor Hills Section.

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FOLLOWING AN honorable discharge in '46, Mr. Gilliam returned to Morgan, where his education had been interrupted, and took his degree two years later.

Sandwiched between stints with the Tuberculosis Association, Social Security, night school and National Guard duty was a two - year tour of duty in Korea as captain.

Another task which gave the man in motion a great deal of satisfaction was a demonstration project for the State Department of Health.

In it, he headed a staff of five workers in investigating the extent that social work could aid in rehabilitating alcoholics. The program gained wide recognition.

"Unfortunately no one has seen fit to continue it," he said.

"To see what could oe done while nothing is being done is also a source of frustration," he volunteered.

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MORE EVIDENCE of young men doing things and going places was found in Jim's daily routine.

His day begins at 8:30 a.m. and usually it's close to midnight before he calls it a day.

While his wife fulfills her duties as social worker with the Family and Children's Society — Adoption Department, Mr. Gilliam can be found "somewhere in the community" helping people to help themselves to live in harmony with the attendant changes brought on by BURHA.

When he's free of this endless task, there're other things to do.

He is a deacon at the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, Kappa Alpha Phi, member of the Templars, board member, Maryland TB Association, board member, Fellowship House, Inc.;

Also Urban League, NAACP, Citizens Housing and Planning Committee, National Association of Social Workers and volunteer worker at the Red Shield Boys Club.

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WHEN THERE'S TIME— and it's difficult to see where there is any— our man catches up on his reading. His literature includes magazines, periodicals, and other literature which keeps an informed young man abreast of these changing times.

And what is the goal of the man who puts people into the BURHA program?

An enlightened citizenry capable of shaping its own destiny."

In the admitted light of the difficulty in achieving such complicated goal, is he optimistic?

"The difficult we do right now. The impossible takes a little longer," he quoted an unknown author while underlining his confidence.

A visitor leaves with the impression that he will, too.

Because Mr. Gilliam's confidence, determination, drive, and will to win is the badge of all young men on the move — UP!

STORY BEHIND THE MAP — Mr. Gilliam shows visitor charted areas affected by the Mt. Royal-Fremont Avenue Project. His job is to help the living and breathing part of the project — people.

A TELEPHONE is like a right arm to Mr. Gilliam, one of the city's young men who is on the way up.

The Kind Of War We Like

By Frank Hunt

One of the most interesting "signs of the times" Baltimore motorists have seen in a long while is one at an East Baltimore Service station which advertised gas at "24 cents a gallon."

This is the lowest price for gasoline yet reported, but newly painted signs at service stations all over the city show similarly astonishing low prices.

It doesn't take much of an expert to tell there's a price-war fermenting, if not already in full bloom.

While it's bringing smiles to the hearts of motorists, service station dealers are looking grim.

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"LOT'S OF us are really in trouble and quite a few are going under," said one West Baltimore dealer, who called the new prices "dealer-breaking."

He himself had marked down his low "regular" gas from 30 cents a gallon to 28 9/10 a gallon in two price cuts over the past two months.

Other dealers reported similar price-cutting.

The cause for the price war seems to be a new gas put out by the one of the large petroleum companies.

A low octane gasoline , it is being sold as low as 25 cents in most places.

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OTHER LARGE gasoline companies admitted that they have had to make substantial cuts in their wholesale prices to "support their dealers."

"We have to support our dealers in these situations or they'd starve," one company spokesman said.

"Lack of information" is the reason why the concern isn't too sharp yet. Competing companies won't know how sales have been affected until the Comptroller's report on gasoline revenue for the month of January are released.

The gas in question hit the Baltimore market around mid-December.

The report usually comes out six weeks after the month has ended.

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"IT DOESN'T take that long for dealers to know, though. I'm not selling anything like I was," said one service station owner, located a block from one of the stations which sells the cheaper product.

He had marked down both his "regular" gas and his premium by two cents since December.

He was also putting in a new gasoline pump to sell a third grade of high octane gas.

"I'd planned to do it anyway, and I figure now is a good time," he said.

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ONE DEALER pointed out that the new product, while precipitating the present crisis, was only the ultimate development of something that has been happening over the past three years.

"These no-name stations started out on the highways and crept into the heart of the city with this cheap gas. People wouldn't patronize them too much — not enough to hurt us anyway — because they didn't know anything about the company except that the gas was cheap.

"A big-name company was bound to come up with a cheap gas like that sooner or later.

"Now, the only way to fight it is for the other companies to manufacture gas just as cheap," he asserted.

So there you have the explanation for the low price. "Fill her up?"

Which, if you look at it from a motorist's point of view, may not be a bad idea after all.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES—Motorists around Baltimore have seen the spread of such signs as these recently, as gas prices have gone down, down, down.

The Shapka Comes To Town

By Herbert Mangrum

Is there a shapka in your future?

If not you are missing the latest trend in men's hats.

Shapkas, or fur hats, are the thing from Moscow to Manhattan, from Rangoon to Randallstown.

They have been seen on some of the most famous heads in the world.

Sekou Toure of Guinea has one. Britain's Harold Macmillan selected one in 1959, and Senator Hubert Humphrey picked up one on his last mission to Moscow.

The men at the Kremlin are shapka wearers from way back.

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SHAPKAS HAVE been worn throughout Scandinavia for years, but they are associated with Russia for some unexplained reason.

There are cases where shapka wearers have actually been called Communists and foreigners.

The radical topper has an advantage over the conventional hat in that it is comfortable, warm, and crush-proof.

In some stores throughout America, shapkas are referred to as Cossack Caps, Pillboxes, Alaskans, Ambassadors, Stockholms, The Detroit, The Arctic, Astrakhans, and Troikas.

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ONE NEW YORK shop suggests that women should gift men of fashion with their dressy sophisticated fur topper with concealed ear flaps.

Their advertisements read: "Fur Him."

The shop sells black or gray Astrans or black mouton shapkas at $12.50 plus 10 percent tax, and a baby seal shapka that looks like mink for $25.

In a few Baltimore stores, you can buy a "Cossack Cap" for $2.87.

Local dealers say shapka's are selling "like hot cakes."

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FOR THE MAN who thinks nothing of squandering a few dollars, he can pick up a karakul shapka for about $85.

In the basement of many neighborhood stores, fake shapkas are going at $3.95 a throw.

The reasons behind the mad rush to buy the squat, but masculine hats are varied.

One man; a conservative dresser said he felt "sophisticated" in a shapka.

A second said, "they are different."

A third man, a beatnik type declared, "man, they swing."

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THE HAT industry has not overlooked the idea that what father wants, mother may want also.

For the women, they have come up with an arty version of the shapka.

It looks like an outsized version of the old World War II overseas cap, but the women don't seem to mind.

Their favorite colors are white, blue, gray, and brown and that favorite old stand-by, basic black.