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torney general's staff, who represented Thomas B. Finan, assured the assembly that the public accommodations bill had the support of his office.

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IN A BRIEF informal talk Mr. Wilkins had this to say:

"If Maryland cleans up Route 40 and doesn't clean up the Eastern Shore, then Maryland won't be taking care of its own citizens.

"Any state worth its own salt, and claiming to be free, should look after its own citizens.

"The longer you lie down and take it, the longer they are going to hand it to you.

"If you don't get what you want this time, come back again."

He noted that all Maryland Congressmen had voted in favor of President Kennedy's proposed Bureau of Urban Affairs except Thomas Johnson, Berlin Democrat.

Referring to Rep. Johnson, the crowd chanted: "We'll leave him home next time."

Earlier in a press conference, Mr. Wilkins told reporters that a similar demonstration would be held here on March 9, when the Assembly meets in special session to enact public accommodations legislation.

Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, NAACP state president, presided at the meeting.

Speakers included the Rev. Harrison J. Bryant, representing the AME Churches in Baltimore; Norwood Brown, Annapolis City Councilman; the Rev. Edward G. Carroll, representing the Rt. Rev. Edgar A. Lane, resident bishop of the Baltimore Area of the Methodist Church;

Also, the Rev. Leroy Bowman of Annapolis, representing the United Baptist Ministers Council of Maryland, and the Rev. Carlyle H. Meacham, pastor of the Unitarian Church in Annapolis; Charles Cornish, Cambridge city councilman, and Mrs. Verda F. Welcome, Assemblywoman from Baltimore's Fourth District.

Five or six speakers announced that they would be candidates for the State Legislature in order to work for passage of a public accommodation bill.

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THE SENATE on Thursday approved a Senate Joint Resolution authorizing Comptroller Hyman Horace Alexander Spriggs, who was jailed for a crime he did not commit.

The resolution, which now goes to the House for almost certain passage there, would authorize payment of $40 a week on a weekly basis over a three-year period to Mr. Spriggs.

Sponsors of the resolution are Senators J. Alvin Jones (D., 4th Balto.) and J. Raymond Buffington (D., 3rd., Balto).

Meanwhile a similar resolution introduced by Mrs. Verda F. Welcome (D., 4th, Balto.) in the House, asked a payment of $10,000 for Mr. Spriggs and $8,000 in a trust fund for his two daughters.

This resolution has not been acted upon in committee.

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ELSEWHERE IN Annapolis on Thursday, Senator George W. Della (D., 6th Balto.), Senate president, said he now will support the bill to have the General Assembly authorize funds to help build a new Provident Hospital.

Mr. Della, who had been against the measure, said his change was based on the fact the Hospital Council of Maryland supports the measure and members of the South Baltimore Hospital, of which he is a board member, belong to the council.

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ALSO ON Thursday, Senator Harry T. Pheobus (R., Somerset) gave the AFRO this reasoning behind a bill he introduced to change Maryland law to allow clergymen to run for General Assembly seats in both houses.

"I think a minister when he retires and wants to run for office ought to be able to run for public office."

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—Child league

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ence of social workers.

Officials of the conference, Clark L. Mock, eastern regional chairman, and Joseph H. Reid, league director, maintain the conference here will help the effort to desegregate Baltimore.

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ONE OF THE scheduled speakers, Sterling Tucker, executive director of the Washington, D.C. Urban League, said the local NAACP seemed to be trying to set one standard for the Child Welfare League and another for itself.

Mr. Tucker says Atlanta, Ga. is not as integrated as Baltimore and has no public accommodations law but the integrated NAACP convention is scheduled to be held there this summer.

"I can't believe," Mr. Tucker said, "the Baltimore NAACP is ready to say it will not participate in the convention in Atlanta in June. Why ask the conference to do something the protesting groups are not ready to do?"

Mr. Tucker said he did not see how his not attending the sessions here would contribute to the fight for integration.

"At this time," he said, "I am inclined to participate but I would be most reluctant to cross a NAACP picket line because of my great respect for the organization. I think a fine league is being made victim in a situation over which it has no control."

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JAMES DUMPSON, welfare commissioner for New York City, told the AFRO:

"At this point, it is my plan to participate. It is my understanding that the facilities are completely integrated and under the conditions I think I have to make a choice.

"I am in complete sympathy with the aims of the protesting groups, however **I don't think the needs of the children can wait. There is no completely integrated city where the league can meet."**

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THE REV. ARTHUR J. PAYNE, pastor of the Enon Baptist Church, said he had given the matter considerable thought and reached this decision:

"If they do not picket the hotel, I will go and serve; if they do picket the hotel I will have to honor the picket lines."

The Rev. Payne said he talked with Clarence Logan of the CIG and had been unable to determine whether the hotel or just the segregated restaurants would be picketed. The protesting groups have said they would picket both.

Mrs. Vivian Washington, vice principal of the Clifton Park Junior High School, said **she had not yet made up her mind about participating. She said the planned program was an outstanding one from which much good would come.**

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DR. FURMAN L. TEMPLETON, executive director of the Baltimore Urban League, said:

"At the moment I am fully persuaded that I should not stay away. The Urban League will have a statement on the matter the first of the week."

The AFRO had copies of letters indicating a local Catholic group has decided to attend the sessions and that a Virginia social worker has decided to stay away.

Most persons in the eastern region have received letters from the protesting groups and from the Child Welfare League which both sides of the wrangle is discussed.

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—Return set

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membership on the committee had not been made.

THE MAYOR'S statement produced this response from Clarence Strong, chairman of the advisory committee selected by the colored residents to work with the biracial committee.

"If they wanted to settle the problem — if the citizens of Easton were really concerned—then the council should have no trouble finding racial committee,"

ing people to work on a bi-

"We feel that they have not been sincerely motivated, therefore we shall continue to demonstrate until we are able to sit down at a conference table and discuss a just and fair solution to the problem of desegregation for all citizens of Easton and Talbot county."

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Mr. Strong said the demonstrations which have been carried on by local students for the past five weeks, has a "solid backing" of the colored people of Talbot County.

He also said that at a Wednesday night mass meeting attended by 325 persons, a decision to invite out-of-town demonstrators to return to Easton was made.

Capital Heartbeat

REP. CHARLES C. DIGGS drew political blood on his charges of rampant discrimination in the armed forces. The Michigan Congressman's mail represents votes.

He was joined in his demand for a probe by Sen. Kenneth Keating (D.-N.Y.).

Diggs, incidentally, is one of the few Congressmen, white or colored, who is strongly concerned about racism within the State Dept. and America's foreign aid program. He stays on these agencies' backs, asking them constantly what they're doing about their exclusion of the "brother."

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ABC BOARD candidate George Boden came up with

—Club vague

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tive director of the group.

Mr. Kansler said one of the reasons for forming such a club is the "archaic policy of the club which now exist." The Merchants Club does not admit Jewish members, he said.

"I suppose the question of colored membership will be handled on the same basis as the Jewish question," he added.

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MR. KANSLER said plans for the group are still in the early stages.

The steering committee has only had one meeting, at which the purchase of a liquor license and possible location in the Charles Center was discussed, he stated.

"We realized that there is a need for a club with a more liberal interest, and the new Charles Center seems to be an ideal location," Mr. Kansler said.

He added that the committee has to decide on the rules and regulations governing membership.

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THE CHARLES CENTER, now under construction, is an urban renewal project being constructed with Federal funds.

The group, which is currently called the Downtown Club, hopes to acquire the top floor of the 22-story building located on the Northwest corner of Charles and Fayette Sts.

W. Wallace Lanaham, chairman of the organization committee for the Downtown Club said plans are still in the preliminary stages and the feasibility of the idea has to be determined before other plans are announced.

"We don't even know if Baltimore can support such a club, Mr. Lanaham said.

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MR. KANSLER said groups or persons interested in the club should write in and express their interest. Membership will be available for both individuals and firms, he said.

a neat campaign gimmick last week.

On Capitol Hill, somebody was passing out blotters with a picture of Boden, Labor Secretary Goldberg and others on it. The occasion for the picture was the opening of a new restaurant room.

was a menu with such tasty dishes listed as the "Kronheim Special" (sliced hard boiled eggs and tomatoes), "Donovue Special" (sliced hard boiled eggs and cottage cheese).

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HOW NOT TO WIN FRIENDS — Mary Andrews who celebrated her 100 birthday last week received a personal birthday card from President Kennedy and a telephone call from John Duncan's secretary. Both Duncan and Kennedy had been notified by the lady's friends of this great occasion.

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS admitted everything has not been cozy on the integration front when it placed a young lady in the Dewey decimal system who happens to be colored She was a "first."

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SEN. DIRKSEN (R.-Ill.) introduced a bill (S156) calling the week of Feb. 10,-16 to be officially Negro History Week.

Great idea! But great ideas should begin at home Dirksen has a lilywhite staff!

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thy Baptist.

The Baltimore ministers' Selective Patronage Movement is modeled after a similar campaign for jobs which was successfully conducted by a group of Philadelphia clergymen last year.

—Election date

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Reeves, attorney, that Elder Walter McCollough, deposed bishop, must confine his electioneering outside the District to two letters.

Mr. Reeves protested that this gives other candidates who are not prevented from campaigning about the country, a decided advantage over Elder McCollough.

But Judge Hart stated that Elder McCollough, who reigned over the church after an election now held illegal, already has the advantage over any possible candidate for the bishop's seat. Judge Hart said he would consider changing his restrictions, upon request, should Mr. Reeves find that other candidates are traveling extensively on campaigns.

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THE JURIST gave Elder McCollough the choice of restraining his campaign activities or going to trial prior to the election date on charges that he violated a court injunction forbidding him to represent himself in any manner as head of the church.

After a conference in chambers, Judge Hart announced that Elder McCollough had decided to abide by terms restricting him to two letters and forbidding him to use the title of bishop, "daddy" or keeper of the kingdom.

The hearing on the contempt charges remains postponed indefinitely.

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JAMES HOGAN, attorney for the group which led the court fight to oust McCollough, told the court that Elder McCollough has not accounted for "a single nickel he received during the two years he was a bishop."

Mixed marriages invalid in S. Africa

DURBAN, S. Africa — (UNPA) — Mrs. Charlotte Singh, a 22-year-old white woman, and her Indian husband, Syrub, 28, were remanded on bail in Durban last week after being accused of breaking the immorality laws.

The couple, who were married last month in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, were arrested under a South African government Mixed Marriages Act which forbids sexual relations between persons of different races.

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Welcome Dem. Club announces officers

The Verda Welcome Democratic Club has announced that its members are supporting Dr. Robert Weaver to assume a new U.S. Cabinet post; Dr. Logan Kearse, candidate for Congress and Mrs. Welcome for state Senate.

The newly organized group headquarters is located at 3724 Belle Ave., the home of the Rev. Gaywood S. McGuire, Sr., president and founder.

Other officers are Mrs. Marion J. Keene, vice-president; Mrs. Beatrice Carroll and Mrs. Ida Johnson, recording secretaries, Mrs. Marie Marshall and Mrs. Rosetta McGuire, the minister's wife, are corresponding secretaries.

Other officials will be elected at the next meeting on March 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the headquarters.

The group includes members from all six districts and membership is open to all who wish to join. Mrs. Welcome is special advisor.

Public relations committee members are Robert Marshall, Ludwick Hayden, Joseph M. Timson, chairman; while entertainment committee members include Mesdames Lillian Young, Janet Wilson, Garland McGuire, Hilda Hayden, chairman.

Removal of obsolete school laws asked

ANNAPOLIS — The House of Delegates' Judiciary Committee was given six bills this week, designed to remove obsolete racial designations from public school laws.

One of the bills would have State Law say public schools are open to all, regardless of religion, race, sex, class or national origin.

The bills were introduced by Mrs. Verda F. Welcome (D. 4th D., Balto.)

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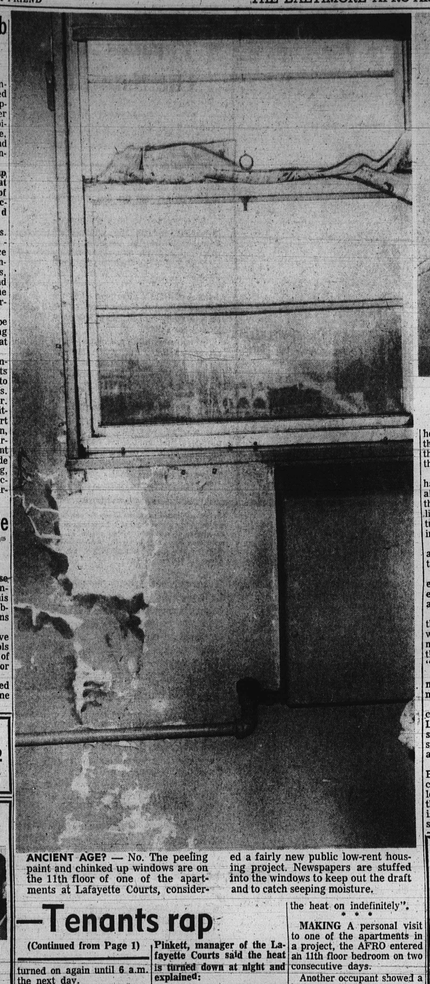

ANCIENT AGE? — No. The peeling paint and chinked up windows are on the 11th floor of one of the apartments at Lafayette Courts, such

Tenants rap

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turned on again until 6 a.m. the next day.

Queried about this, Otha Pinkett, manager of the Lafayette Courts said the heat is turned down at night and explained:

We can not afford to keep the heat on indefinitely".

MAKING A personal visit to one of the apartments in a project, the AFRO entered an 11th floor bedroom on two consecutive days.

Another occupant showed a bedroom ceiling bloused in a fairly new public low-rent housing project. Newspapers are stuffed into the windows to keep out the draft and to catch seeping moisture.

her building, she believes that rain and snow stands on the roof, and gradually leaks through into the rooms.

Another housewife said she has moved the baby's crib, all beds, all clothing from the bedroom closet into the living room to avoid moisture dripping from the ceilings.

Another stated that she awoke one morning with water dripping in her face.

The AFRO observed in each case that moisture gathered in drops on the ceilings and sidewalls.

Water stood in puddles on the window sills. Curtains were water stained and the newspaper that chinked up the drafty windows was "soaking wet".

Harry Weiss, director of management for BURHA admitted:

"There are problems of condensation of moisture at Lafayette Courts that defy solving. They have almost stumped the experts. But, we are working on them.

Mr. Weiss asked that BURHA be given time to check the housewives problems and complaints to see if the defects are "of vandalism, abuse or defects in construction."

and a wafted and swayed under the weight.

Cracked Ceilings

On the first day, the ceiling showed a crack entirely across the area, from corner to corner.

On the following day, the ceiling in a second bedroom displayed a newly formed crack extending half-way across the room.

In another apartment was a crack in the cement floor that extended from a hallway into a bedroom, and over to the other side of the room.

When this was reported to Edward C. Minor, director of architecture for the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency, which is charged with the responsibility for the buildings, he said:

"Cracked floors and cracked ceilings happen all the time ... there are structural defects in all buildings.

"All buildings move and expand and contract."

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DISCOVERED IN both projects were windows which, although closed, admitted gusts of wind.

Occupants of the apartments used paper, rags and blankets to chink up the openings through which the air comes.

In one instance, the AFRO observed wind coming in so strongly that the housewife's curtains sailed high in the breeze.

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FRANK VENEY, manager of Lexington said "Yes, that's the settlement of the building" when informed of the windows admitting air although closed.

He said: "That was the fault of the contractor. We have since then tried to remedy it.

"We have spent an extraordinary amount of money just before Christmas (on the window-draft problem) and we are still doing it.

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RESIDING IN three different high-rise apartments uses in varied locations of the two projects, housewives on the top floors of each one showed excessive paint peeling off the walls in all the rooms.

All placed the blame on "seeping moisture, constantly dripping from the ceilings, side walls and window sills."

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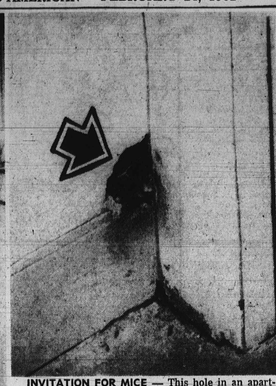

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Student gets probation on assault charge

John Gideon Cook, Jr., 18, of the 2500 block McHenry St., a Douglass High School senior, was given probation without verdict for six months and required to pay court costs in Western Municipal Court on Friday.

He was charged with assault by striking a City College student, George Lottier, 2400 block Harlem Ave.

Lottier said he was hit as he was awaiting a bus at North Ave. and Bentalou St.

He told the court that young Cook was standing on the same corner and started a conversation about Lottier telephoning his "girl".

Mr. Lottier testified the Douglass High School student took off his coat, attempted to get him to admit he had telephoned the young woman, and then struck him.

Cook was ordered by Judge L. Sewell Lanahan to pay medical expenses of Lottier, who was treated at Lutheran Hospital on Feb. 8 for a wounded left eye which required 24 stitches.

Judge Lanahan also requested that both young men appear before him on Thursday, Feb. 22 at 10:30 a.m. and bring along with them the officers of their respective fraternities.

Judge Lanahan said he had reason to believe that the fraternities to which each one of the students belongs is involved in what the jurist termed the "bad blood" the two seem to have between them.

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