'HE THREW A LIQUOR BOTTLE AT US'

Baltimore Notebook

By MAX JOHNSON

"People generally get the kind of representation they deserve."

This old political cliche again pops to the forefront—in light of those shaping, factional situations in the city's Fourth and Fifth Districts.

Whether the voters in these two districts will generate sufficient opposing action to upset this cliche — remains to be seen

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AS MATTERS now stand, Democratic voters in the May 15 primary are snared in an incasing political trap —sprung by the controlling Pollack and Goodman-Kovens factions.

The degree to which this thing may become unsprung —will depend on the degree to which voters act in opposition.

They may either do something about the existing situations — or remain complacent and "get the kind of representation they deserve."

Now, this is no indictment of factions in politics.

It is an indictment, rather, of factional abuse in politics.

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LET'S LOOK at this whole thing again.

Over in the Fifth District — the rival Pollack and Goodman-Kovens factions agreed on a marriage of convenience for the coming elections.

This pooling of resources brought these situations:

1. The Pollack Democratic State Senate candidate was left without opposition in the primary — notably, with the last minute withdrawl of the Goodman-Kovens candidate.

2. This "deal" **removed a colored candidate who had gotten the Pollack nod to run for the Democratic nomination to the People's Court judgeship.**

He was replaced with another Pollack faction affiliate —in a maneuver that got this individual out of the Senate race.

3. A common slate of candidates, representing both factions, was agreed upon for the Democratic nominations to the district's six House of Delegates seats.

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THESE POLITICAL shenanigans leave the Fifth District's Democratic voters the choice of but one Senate candidate in the primary.

And the combined resources of both factions stand to be pitted against the "outside" House candidates remaining in the race.

So — what do the voters in this Fifth District have to look forward to in the May 15 primary?

This is something they must decide themselves.

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IN THE Fourth District where the Pollack faction holds the political balance of power — the strangle hold is even more pronounced.

Two Democratic Senate candidates, sponsored by separate, independent organizations, are still grimly battling each other — and have thus been greasing the way for the Pollack State candidates.

Added insurance for this faction's Senate candidate would appear to have come with entry of three other senatorial aspirants — to further split the independent vote in this district.

Close observers see this lack of a common, well-knit independent slate, as an aid to the Pollack House ticket.

So, practically assured of the primary — somebody had time and cause to look forward to the November general election.

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AND, HEREIN, lies another bit of political action. gery.

To pave the way for the expected winning Democratic candidates in the general election — they filed an opposing slate in the primary of Republican unknowns, so the Republicans charge.

This GOP ticket includes a State Senate candidate—and six House of Delegates candidates.

A seventh House candidate entered the race on her own.

This means that GOP Senate candidate and six

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SEN. JAMES A. PINE

A. GORDON BOONE

NAACP asks beach repairs

The Baltimore Branch of the NAACP this week called on Mayor Grady and Park Board president, Dr. Frank Marino, to restore the damaged sections of Fort Smallwood Beach "to their former usefulness."

The NAACP said the facilities of the beach are used annually by large numbers of citizens and that officials of the branch were "deeply concerned over the publicly announced decision to close up the section . . . which was so badly damaged by the storm."

Half of the 800-foot main beach at Fort Smallwood in Anne Arundel County was damaged by the storm that wrecked seaside resorts on March 6-7.

L. Edgar Myerly, superintendent of parks, told the Park Board Tuesday, that part of a seawall between the beach and an asphalt promenade were damaged, and that the area was eroded.

The cost of the damage was not given.

As result of Mr. Myerly's report, the Board ordered that section of the beach facing the Patapsco River closed.

The remaining section of the beach was not seriously,

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2 in county back Provident, rights

By MAX JOHNSON

When Baltimore County is asked to concur with public accommodations if passed by Baltimore's City Council, two key General Assembly members in that county stand ready to lend their influential support.

They are Senator James A. Pine and A. Gordon Boone, majority floor leaders, respectively, in the State Senate and House of Delegates.

Both lawmakers said Tuesday they would support such legislation for their county, on a par with whatever comes out of Baltimore's City Council. Both are members of the Birmingham - Pine faction in Baltimore County.

Both were leaders in the fight for the unsuccessful public accommodations bill at the General Assembly's special session two weeks ago.

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THEY WERE responsible for Baltimore County's House delegation voting in a solid bloc for the bill.

Senator Pine and Mr. Boone, AFRO readers will recall, were the moving forces behind the enabling legislation for a new Provident Hospital that was approved at the regular and special sessions of the Assembly.

Their efforts for State aid toward a new Provident began the past fall in the General Assembly's Legislative Council where the State bill was drafted and approved as an Administration measure.

Then, when the Provident bill faced strong Assembly opposition later, because it was a precedent - making State grant, Senator Pine and Mr. Boone rallied to its support.

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THEY SUCCESSFULLY argued that, not only was Provident in dire need of new facilities but that this hospital needed a new plant as it provides the only training ground for colored nurses and physicians.

This, they pointed out, made Provident's case an exceptional one.

Result —a State grant of $2,400,000 was approved for a new Provident at the Assembly's regular session.

And enabling legislation for Baltimore to float a bond issue for a matching amount, as its share, came out of the following one - day special session.

The city bond issue will go on the November general election ballots in Baltimore for citizens to vote for or against.

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INITIAL GENERAL Assembly interest toward the building of a new Provident Hospital was launched more than two years ago by Mrs. Irma G. Dixon, House of Delegates member (D. 4th D., Balto.)

Plans now call for an $8,000,000 new plant, with a 300-bed capacity.

Approximately $600,000 is to come from Federal funds, $1,000,000 is expected to be raised through public subscription, and the remainder of the cost through a hospital loan.

When a new Provident Hospital moves from a dream to a reality, Senator Pine and Mr. Boone must be given a forward place in the spotlight of credits.

THIS is what a broken bottle did to the faces of Mrs. Gladys White of the 1300 block W. Fayette St. and her 14-month old son Tyrone last Sunday. Doctors had to remove the infant's left eye. A resident of the W. Fayette St. address is charged with assaulting both mother and child.

Baby loses eye, family destitute

So you think you have problems?

Mrs. Gladys White of the 1300 block W. Fayette St. could tell a story that would make your problems seem small by comparison.

Mrs. White and her 14-month-old son Tyrone were injured Sunday when a bottle was thrown in their home.

As a result of the injury, the child was taken to a hospital where his left eye was removed.

In Western Municipal Court Wednesday, Charles Cockfield, 34, was charged with assaulting Mrs. White and her infant son, and was held on $7,500 bail for action of the grand jury.

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ON HER RETURN home from court Mrs. White was told that she has until Saturday to pay three weeks back rent.

When a reporter visited the home and found Mrs. White crying, she explained there was "no food in the house" for her three small sons.

She said the only person she could ask for help would be her brother who "has bills of his own."

When asked to explain how she and the child were injured, Mrs. White said:

"I don't know what happened. I don't know why he hit us.

"I was sitting here with the baby in my arms when he threw a liquor bottle at us.

"The bottle broke and I saw blood all over the child. When he saw the baby was hurt he wiped its face."

PETERSBURG, Va.— The executive board of the Virginia State College General Alumni Association met recently on campus to complete plans for the general session to be held May 26. All sessions will be held in the Student Activity Building.

Sen. Jones, Mrs. Welcome clash on Spriggs pay bill

Senator J. Alvin Jones and Mrs. Carda F. Welcome, Fourth District House of Delegates member, who is in the May 15 primary to unseat him, disagreed face to face Wednesday on the Horace Alexander Spriggs pay bill.

The occasion was the Maryland Day assembly in the Carl Murphy Auditorium at Morgan State College, where they and Mrs. Irma G. Dixon, Fourth District House member, had been invited to answer students' queries.

During the 40-minute question and answer period, Senator Jones and Mrs. Welcome were also in continuous disagreement.

However, it was this question, kept to the end of the program, which sparked the most spirited disagreement between the two:

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"WHAT WERE the facts in the case of Mr. Spriggs, and restitution to him for the time spent in prison unjustly?"

Mr. Spriggs was pardoned by Gov. J. Millard Tawes, after he had served three years for a robbery of which he was later found to be innocent.

At the time of his arrest, he was employed as a part time cement finisher averaging $60 a week.

Mr. Spriggs is married, and the father of two young daughters.

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SENATOR JONES answered first, stating he had been approached by Mr. Spriggs' lawyer during his first term in the General Assembly and asked to seek aid for him.

The Senator said when he learned a resolution had been introduced in the House, "I refused to introduce the bill because I felt it should be left to me."

The Senator explained his controversial action in ordering a resolution for Mr. Spriggs tabled at the Assembly last year thusly:

"The bill didn't reach the

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Friend questioned in death of matron

A 37-year-old matron died of knife wounds in Provident Hospital Thursday afternoon, shortly after a Central District policeman found her collapsed on the sidewalk in front of her Madison Ave. home.

She was:

Mrs. Maggie Gaines, 37, 2000 block Madison Ave.

A 32-year-old resident of the 1700 block N. Bond St., said by police to be a friend of the matron, was arrested on the scene, and held for questioning.

Patrolman Peter Barnes reported that he later found a boning knife with a four-inch blade, believed to be the death weapon, in a clothes hamper in the matron's first floor apartment.

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THE OFFICER stated that a witness, Miss Edith M. Brown, 25, 2200 block Greenmount Ave., said a man came to Mrs. Gaines' apartment at 12:30 p.m., and a struggle between the two occurred.

The matron was admitted to Provident Hospital at 1:25 p.m. and was pronounced dead by Dr. George Adams of the staff at 1:45 p.m.

Police report she had been cut about the neck. In addition to Officer Barnes, Central District police on the case are Sgts. John Grempler, Alexander Baxter, and Patrolmen Gerard J. Dieter and Lawrence Gover.

Court upholds death penalty

The death penalty for George T. Young, 30 - year-old unemployed laborer, was upheld by the Maryland Court of Appeals Wednesday.

Criminal Court Judge Joseph L. Carter convicted Young of raping a 29-year - old Charles St. woman last year.

The state charged the assault took place while Young and two accomplices burglarized the apartment, Nov. 29, 1960.

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THE CO-DEFENDANTS Earl J. Boston and James Bowler, were found guilty of burglary and larceny and were sentenced to 20 years each.

Young, who will die in the gas chamber if the Appeals Court decree stands, contended in his appeal that Judge Carter erred in allowing the confessions of the other men to be admitted into evidence.

Fire at Mt. Clare

A 12-alarm fire raged through the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad's Mount Clare shops last night and this morning.

Damage was extensive and a three-block-long brick and wood erecting shop was destroyed.

It's That Time Again

Time again to submit your nominations for the AFRO'S Honor Roll.

Each year the AFRO cites a number of outstanding citizens and organizations for contributions to the community, above and beyond the call of duty.

If you know of any individual, or group, that has performed superior public service during 1961, please send their names to the AFRO Honor Roll, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore 1, Md.

Nominations close midnight March 31, 1962.

Here's YOUR chance to honor some person whose deeds might otherwise go unnoticed.

AFTER THE STORM—Mrs. Verda F. Welcome, left, and Mrs. Irma G. Dixon, House of Delegates members, relax here with Senator J. Alvin Jones and coffee in Morgan's Student Union Building, after Mrs. Welcome and the Senator had clashed on the Horace Alexander Spriggs pay bill in an appearance of the three Wednesday at the College's Maryland Day assembly.

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Dundalk YMCA Still Raises Racial Bars

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CHANCES SEEN FAVORABLE FOR PASSAGE OF EQUAL RIGHTS LAW

RIGHTS HEARING—This was the scene in the City Council chamber Tuesday afternoon, as an open hearing progressed on a proposed public accommodations law for Baltimore. Some of the persons identified here are: (1.) The Rev. Alfred B. Starratt, moderator for the proponents; (2) The Rev. Manfred Manrodt, Interfaith Clergy Committee; (3.) David L. Glenn, executive secretary, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; (4.) William Tutton Jr., representing the opposing Restaurant Association; (arrow) Councilman Anthony F. DiDomenico (2nd D.); (5.) Max Zervitz, East Baltimore civic association leader and member of the Frontiers; (6.) Dr. Furman L. Templeton, executive secretary, Baltimore Urban League; (7.) The Rev. Marcus G. Wood, representing the NAACP; (8.) Roy Borom, representing the Urban League's Community Participating Committee.

Call bill an aid to business

(See Other Photos on P. 14)

Chances of Baltimore adopting a public accommodations law are brighter today than ever.

Even Councilman Walter T. Dixon (D., 4th), who has seen many of his past civil rights bills defeated or shunted aside, seemed more optimistic this time.

He told the AFRO Thursday:

"Councilman (Henry R.) Hergenroeder (D. 3rd) has promised to call a meeting of the (Judiciary) committee as soon as I submit the amendment.

"I don't anticipate any trouble getting it out of committee. I also think our chances in the Council are pretty good."

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THE amendment Mr. Dixon referred to is one being drawn up which will specify that in addition to places of public accommodations, place the enforcement of the law under the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and take the "Employment" out of the EEOC.

Another proponent of the law, Francis S. Filbey, president of the Baltimore AFL-CIO Council, said, "I'm very optimistic. I think we will have 13 or 14 votes."

The Rev. Dr. Alfred B. Starratt, chairman of the city-wide coordinating council for a public accommodations bill, said the Chances good if voters continue to let their councilmen know they favor it.

He told the AFRO: "I feel that the councilmen are really concerned about this and the possibility of passage is there.

"However, the councilmen must be responsive to their own voters and the certainty of getting the bill depends upon more voters letting their councilmen know they favor it."

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THE Rev. Donzel C. Wildy, executive secretary of the Maryland Council of Churches, told the AFRO:

"I feel more optimistic than over any previous bills, including the one in Annapolis.

"However, we can't rest on our laurels because we never know what pressures

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COMING TUES.

- 129 YEARS AGO—Prudence Crandall opened the first girls' school. She defied the entire state of Massachusetts in the process.
- MR. BUMBLE — The search for the Oldest Schoolbook is under way.
- WHO WAS FIRST to set foot on Maryland soil. Maryland Day celebrants forgot about Mathias Sousa.

Metropolitan Bd. won't order Dundalk to change

The Dundalk branch of the YMCA is once again under fire for its policy of racial segregation.

The Dundalk Y is the only one of the nine YMCA branches in the city which has not desegregated.

One of the sharpest critics of the Dundalk policy is Dr. Robert Hill of the Druid Hill Ave. YMCA branch, which has a predominantly colored membership.

Dr. Hill, who represents the Druid branch on the Metropolitan board of the Y, said this week:

"We want action. We feel that all YMCA branches should be opened to all members, no matter what color or creed they are. It is a Christian institution."

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HE ALSO noted that Turner Station is located in the Dundalk area, and the predominantly colored residents there, currently do not have access to an area YMCA.

Dr. Hill then indicated another area of concern:

"If I, as a member of the YMCA, wanted to attend a health clinic sponsored by the Dundalk branch, my card would mean nothing. As far as they are concerned I am not a member of the YMCA."

Dr. Hill called attention to the fact that the Metropolitan Board has the authority, to order the Dundalk branch to desegregate, but has not done so.

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FRANK THATCHER, associate general chairman of the Metropolitan Board admitted that the board does have this constitutional power, but he maintained that it is seldom exercised in such cases.

"Because we are a YMCA we try to avoid mandates if we can," he said.

He said local branches were allowed to conduct their own affairs, and the headquarters group only exercises its mandate in terms of membership rates, finances, and personnel.

Mr. Thatcher said "considerable pressure" has been brought to bear on the Dundalk branch in the past six months.

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WILLIAM McGREGOR, chairman of the Metropolitan Board, feels that his

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INSIDE

- **THIS WEEK THE SERIES** on "People on the Way Up" features a young and pert teenager . . . There's also an interesting article on a man whose job keeps him up in the air . . . All on the Feature Page
- **THE CITY CALLED** her "Mrs. B" and the politicians shivered, when she turned her gaze on them

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Jackie go berserk?

Singing star Jackie Wilson has just not been available for days in New York City at his luxurious 57th St. home after a report that he "ran amuck" in his room at Chicago's Roberts Motel.

Returning from a record-breaking appearance at the Southside's Tivoli Theater, the rock n' roll star has remained incommunicado with a reportedly badly cut hand which he is reported to have suffered during a rampage.

According to reporters from Chicago newspapers, Wilson became enraged when he went to his room at the motel and found a young lady and her friend waiting for him.

In a fit of passion, he is reported to have slapped the lady and then taken on two men, both of whom the exprize fighter is reported to have whipped.

Reporters said he then began pulling out the fixtures in his room and during this spree, cut his hand which needed immediate medical attention.

Wilson later said the reports were exaggerated and he was merely suffering from nervous tension because of the pace of his work.

One funeral for five small Eutaw Pl. victims

On a bright sunny afternoon in Baltimore National Cemetery, five white coffins were left below the crest of a windswept hill Tuesday.

There were many tears, but few words, as some 50 persons (they arrived in 17 cars) took leave of Larry Hicks, 10 and his brother and sisters, Leon, 3; Gwendolyn, 8; Brenda, 6; and Evangeline, 2.

They were the children of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Hicks.

All five lost their lives last Thursday when fire gutted their home at 1609 Eutaw Pl.

Graveside rites for the Hicks children were concluded in less than five minutes after they were brought to the cemetery in two hearses.

A prayer by the Rev. Lewis Conway, pastor, St. Matthews Baptist Church was all that was given.

Private funeral services were held earlier at the Katie Williams Funeral Home.

AT THE CONCLUSION of the prayer spectators appeared reluctant to walk away from the huge grave. Many stood around as if in stunned silence.

Some listened to the wind in the trees. Others looked past the caskets onto the tracks of the Western Maryland Railroad, 30 feet away.

The crowd came to life with a start when the children's mother, Mrs. Ethel Hicks got up to leave and collapsed in the arms of an attendant.

Mr. Hicks who was seated nearby with his eyes closed and talking quietly to himself, did not see his wife fall.

After the funeral, Mrs. Hicks returned to the third floor apartment at 1612 Eutaw Pl., directly across the street from the site of the fire, where she had been staying with a friend since her release from Provident Hospital.

Mrs. Hicks and two of her surviving children, Mark Anthony, 15 months old, and Clifton Jr., 7, were treated for smoke inhalation at the hospital.

Clifton was released Wednesday night leaving

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Saturday is deadline for Honor Roll nominations

Saturday, at midnight, is the deadline for submitting nominations for the AFRO'S 1961 Honor Roll.

Already, a number of nominations have been received by the AFRO, but no selections have as yet been made by the judges, which means that the race is wide open.

If you know of any individual or organization that has rendered outstanding service to the community in 1961, without thought of personal gain, let us have the name.

Address your entries to the AFRO Honor Roll, AFRO - AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md.

WINNERS will be announced in the next few weeks and will receive handsome engraved plaques as a permanent memento of the honor.

A person does not have to be well known to win just as long as he has done something of a concrete nature to improve our city.

The letter placing the person's name in nomination should detail something of the person's activities.

Remember that the deadline is Sunday midnight, and here is your chance to honor some citizen whose contributions might otherwise go unnoticed.

Jury will call back two in probe

Two key figures in the Fourth District's 'GOP' candidate controversy have been ordered to appear before the grand jury 1 p.m. Tuesday.

Summonses were issued for the two following a conference between Saul A. Harris, state's attorney; Judge Michael J. Manley and foreman of the grand jury.

The subpoenaed witnesses were among the 10 persons who testified before the body for three hours last Thursday.

Judge Manley ordered their return as the investigation into alleged irregulari-

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Admirers donate blood for ex-champion Paret

NEW YORK — An uninterrupted bedside vigil by his wife, Lucy, and flooding of the hospital Hoodbank by sympathetic admirers marked the miserable waiting period at Roosevelt Hospital where boxer Benny (Kid) Paret lies stricken.

Paret, the former welterweight champion of the world, has been in a critical condition at the hospital since late Saturday night. He was rushed to the institution for an emergency brain operation following a knockout at the hands of Emile Griffith at Madison Square Garden.

In a series of developments since than, the 25 - year-old Cuban has been given a "one in-ten - thousand" chance of surviving, and then reported improving slightly if not encouragingly.

His wife was flown to New York and, at the behest of Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, a search of his native Cuba was conducted for his mother. At presstime, she had not been located, but Rockefeller asked that the Swiss government to continue trying to find her.

Should she be located, the fighter's mother would be granted an American visa to visit her son.

In the meantime, the Governor sponsored a radio ap-

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Four up for office in primary

The decision for or against a public accommodations law for Baltimore, now before the City Council, has placed four councilmen in a special spotlight.

They are the four who are seeking higher public offices, through Democratic nominations in the May 15 primary.

These councilmen are:

Anthony F. DiDomenico (2nd D.), who has filed for an Orphans Court judgeship; Clement J. Prucha (2nd D.) who seeks the State Senate seat in that district;

Frank X. Gallagher (3rd D.), candidate for the State Senate in his district, and William L. Hodges (6th D.).

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Muslim, Sit-In Leader Clash On 'Integration Or Separation'

"We believe in separation!"

"So does the Ku Klux Klan, the White Citizens' Council and Lincoln Rockwell!"

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AND TWO proponents of widely divergent social movements in race relations this clashed headon at Morgan State College Wednesday night.

Malcom X, second - in-command to Elijah Muhammad, head of the Black Muslims, and Dr. August Meier, history professor at Morgan, stood toe to toe in a verbal slugfest—quarter was neither asked nor given.

The topic was "Separation versus Integration."

From the reaction of the audience — some 1,400 — the debate would have to be adjudged a draw. Both speakers were interrupted with enthusiastic applause when they scored.

The debate was sponsored by Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

Malcom X spoke for 30 minutes, followed by a 35-minute speech by Dr. Meier, and a 20 minute rebuttal by the Muslim.

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MALCOM X elaborated on one of the best known tenets of his group — the only way for the colored man in America to achieve equality is to ask the white man for his 300 years of wages he should have received as a slave, in the form of land, and to start a new state.

"Segregation is something a superior forces on an inferior. But separation is an action between equals," he said.

Dr. Meier, who is an advisor to the Civic Interest Group, and a participant in anti - bias demonstrations, countered with the question "How."

He said that since the basic resources are owned by white men, it would be futile to try to support an economy without these resources.

The history professor also asked for the location of the proposed state, but Malcom said that his leader would reveal this to the government.

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THE MUSLIM leader criticized civil rights groups for trying to "force integration."

"If you can bring white and colored together voluntarily — okay. But I represent a growing segment of the country that feels that it is impossible to bring white and colored together voluntarily. The white man does not want to be associated with you," he said.

"He'll open the door a crack to let in a few hen - pecked colored people who don't want to be around colored people anyway," he charged.

The Chinese in their "Chinatowns" are not considered segregated. They have their own economy and are self - supporting. They are there because they want to, the speaker declared.

But when colored people are banned together in the same area, this is called segregation. The colored ghetto is controlled by outsiders—the white man, he said.

One reason why now is the time for separation is because of the rising power of the black peoples of the world and the decline of the white races, Malcom X continued.

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"THERE WAS a time when England could say, "The sun never sets on the British Empire."

"Now when the sun rises you can hardly find England." Malcom X asserted. He paused to allow a burst of applause to die down.

"The white man sees the growing power of the black man and knows that it is just a matter of time before the black man will be on top and he'll be on the bottom. So now he says 'come and integrate'."

He said the colored man's salvation does not lie in integration or the "white liberal."

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"The white liberal supposedly fought the Civil War —added amendments to the constitution — got the Supreme Court to desegregate schools — and our problems

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