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GIRL, 5, FOUND DEAD IN REFRIGERATOR

Baltimore Notebook

By MAX JOHNSON

Mrs. Verda F. Welcome's much-heralded endorsement Monday of Gov. J. Millard Tawes for re-election has raised many eyebrows.

Not only has the endorsement itself caused notable citizenship concern — but the statement accompanying it is even more puzzling.

Mrs. Welcome is the out-going Fourth District House of Delegates member who hopes to win the Democratic State Senate primary nomination — and the seat of Senator J. Alvin Jones.

For those who may have missed it — here is her endorsement statement, as given the AFRO:

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"I AM supporting Gov. Tawes, because I have found him to be honest.

"I believe he will continue to push for public accommodations legislation.

"I believe he will develop the State economically, thus providing more jobs for all the people.

"I am confident that he will work for reapportionment.

"To date, I have not found any of the other candidates who, by their record or their present commitments, offer any more for the public than does Gov. Tawes.

"It is because Gov. Tawes is deeply honest, that he has not made certain promises about civil rights, when he has known he could not make good politically on these promises.

"I believe that, as he gets the support from those interested, he will do more in the future than has been done in the past to improve the State's civil rights position.

"One way in which this will come about is through reapportionment, which will give the urban areas of the State a greater voice, and which will, therefore, give better representation to those Marylanders in favor of advancing civil rights.

"For all these reasons, I believe I and the Fourth District Democratic Organization are taking the right stand in supporting Gov. Tawes."

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NOW — HERE are about the nicest things anybody, outside his immediate family, would say about a candidate for public office.

I have said here repeatedly — Gov. Tawes is undoubtedly Maryland's luckiest champainer.

Every time he has gotten in hot water — somebody always comes along to lift him out and dry him off.

This endorsement statement is certainly a case in point.

Let's look at this thing a bit closer.

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I AM not going to question Mrs. Welcome's pitch about Gov. Tawes' honesty.

But — AFRO readers must recall his promise before his 1958 election to appoint a colored judge to Baltimore's Supreme Bench, and his failure to do so.

I am not going to deny he will continue to push for public accommodations.

But — I remember he didn't push enough at the General Assembly's special session to get even two of the three votes in his own Somerset County, which would have gotten the public accommodations bill through the House of Delegates.

I am not going to argue that the Governor will not develop the State economically, and provide more jobs for all people.

But — I find it difficult to remember any new jobs he, himself, has created for colored citizens during his past four years in office.

Several such former gains that have been lost readily pop to mind — such as his replacement of the lone colored member on the Anne Arundel County School Board with a white citizen.

I am confident, too, that Gov. Tawes will work for reapportionment.

But — at the same time, I am mindful that the recent Supreme Court ruling on this matter of inequitable political sub-division representation has left him no other choice.

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THIS WHOLE thing could be carried further along.

The point here, however, is not so much this particular endorsement of Gov. Tawes, as such — for it will undoubtedly bring some political benefits to the endorsers.

But — the manner in which he is endorsed is questioned sharply.

Many citizens might have liked this endorsement a bit better — had it stated simply and honestly:

"Gov. Tawes, you have failed our colored citizens on many key matters — but we are going to go along with you again, just hoping for the better."

This would have been more palatable to many citizens who have closely observed the Tawes Administration — than an apple-polishing endorsement.

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I LOOK at the whole thing this way:

If the Governor was so deeply interested in his colored citizens — he would have some attached to his campaign headquarters.

"It's high time we begin giving some serious thought to these matters.

Goodman pushes for rights bill

By MAX JOHNSON

Immediate City Council action on the Dixon public accommodations ordinance was urged this week by Philip H. Goodman, City Council president.

The ordinance — No. 1509 — has been lying dormant in the City Council's Judiciary Committee since a public hearing on Tuesday of last week.

Councilman Walter T. Dixon (7th D.), sponsor of the ordinance, said Wednesday that a revising amendment to the measure had been given Henry R. Hergenroeder (3rd D.), Judiciary Committee chairman, the past Monday.

"I want a report by the Judiciary Committee before the May 15 primary," Mr. Dixon told the AFRO. "I think it will come out of committee with a favorable report, and stand a good chance of passage."

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PERSISTENT rumors around City Hall have it that a strong move is afoot to delay action on the ordinance until after the primary, to keep pressure off four councilmen who are running for higher offices.

These councilmen are:

Anthony F. DiDomenico (2nd D.), candidate for an Orphans Court judgeship nomination in the primary; Clement J. Prucha (2nd D.), Frank X. Gallagher (3rd D.), and William L. Hodges (6th D.), who are seeking the Democratic State Senate nominations in their respective districts.

Mr. Prucha is running against Joseph V. Mach, incumbent, and G. T. Anderson, T. E. McCarthy and Adam Newsome. Mr. Gallagher is opposing J. Raymond Buffington, incumbent.

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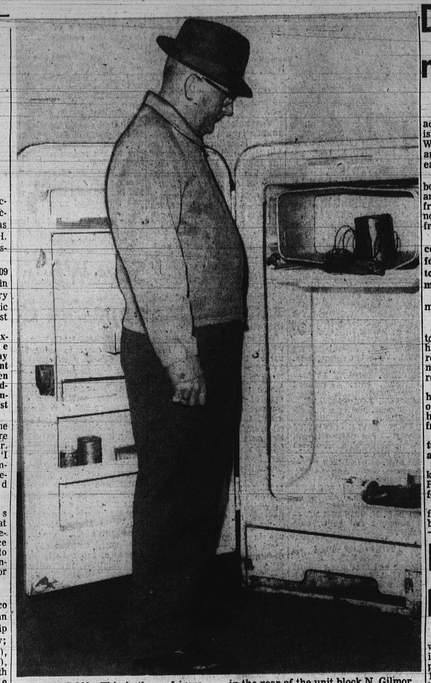

DEATH BOX—This is the refrigerator in which Roxanne Clark, five, suffocated to death. The refrigerator with its door intact was abandoned in the rear of the unit block N. Gilmor St. The child was missing for almost 14 hours. The officer is Lt. Joseph Judd of the Western District.

Death shows law not being obeyed

By HERB MANGRUM

An all-night search for an active little girl who vanished from her home at 1519 W. Fairmount Ave. ended at an abandoned refrigerator early Thursday.

More than a dozen neighbors searched for Little Roxanne Clark after she dropped from sight Wednesday afternoon while playing with three friends.

The child, clad in her red coat and gray trousers, was found inside the refrigerator at 5:50 a.m. by Patrolman Merle Newman.

She had been missing almost 14 hours.

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THE SIX-FOOT refrigerator in which she was found had been abandoned in the rear of the unit block N. Gilmor St. Its door had not been removed as required by law.

There was no indication of how the child managed to open the door, or of how she had managed to turn the refrigerator around.

The door to the box was turned toward a wall when abandoned.

The death of the little girl known to neighbors as "Miss Rock" was attributed to suffocation.

There was no evidence of foul play, but an autopsy has been ordered, according to Western District police.

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ROXANNE, WHO according to friends and relatives was fond of "The Twist," "Shimmy" and the "Popeye," and could do them all, was the daughter of Mrs. Barbara Marable.

Mrs. Marable, who underwent an operation last Feb. 10 and has not fully recovered, joined in the search for her daughter.

By noon Thursday, she was so overcome with grief that she could not discuss the tragedy.

Her sister, Mrs. R. E. Baskerville told reporters that everyone liked Roxanne who was known as the "Lady of the Block." h a d already started planning on what kind of clothes she would wear to school this September.

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ON HER LAST birthday, Jan. 5, the dead girl's birthday cake was decorated with the name, "Miss Rock."

Mrs. Baskerville explained that although Roxanne was "very active", she was not in the habit of straying away from her block.

Funeral arrangements for the little girl were not complete at AFRO pressime. Survivors include a three-year-old brother.

Eastside tragedies hurt 15 children

For the second time in two weeks, tragedy has entered into the lives of a group of pupils attending School No. 109 at Broadway and Ashland Ave.

Earlier in the week the faculty and pupils collected funds for the family of Mrs. Eva Wingate of 915 Shuter St.

Five of eight Wingate children attended School 109.

Their father, Albert Wingate, was beaten to death at Ashland Ave. and Shuter St. on March 20.

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SUNDAY NIGHT, tragedy struck three other 109 pupils when their mother, Mrs. Mary Beatrice Wilson was beaten with a poker in her home at 822 McDonough St.

The 29 - year - old mother of seven (three boys and four girls, ages 13 to 4 died at 12:30 a.m. today (Friday) at John Hopkins Hospital.

Her husband, Alphonso Wilson, 31, is in the same hospital recovering from a bullet wound of both feet.

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IN THE FIRST case, as a result of Mr. Wingate's death, his wife who never had to work while he was alive, is left to care for four boys and four girls ranging in age from 13 years to 22 months.

In an interview with the AFRO Mrs. Wingate explained that her husband (she described him as "a good man") had always provided for his family.

Mr. Wingate, a veteran of World War II was employed at a steel plant. He was 36 years of age at the time of his death.

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WITH THE exception of visiting relatives and attending church Mrs. Wingate has not ventured far from home since the slaying.

The young widow has expressed fear that friends of the man accused of beating her husband might try to harm her.

Mrs. Wingate said that her husband was beaten "for no reason" by one of a group of "jitterbugs who was standing around on the corner waiting for trouble."

A 23 - year - old junk dealer (Continued on Page 31)

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Matt Henson tablet will be unveiled

A replica of a tablet honoring the late Matthew A. Henson will be unveiled at the Pomonkey High School, Pomonkey, Md., on Sunday, April 8, at 3 p.m.

The original tablet hangs in the State House and is the first such honor to be given a colored person in Maryland.

Mr. Henson, a native of Maryland, was the co-discoverer of the North Pole, along with Commander Peary.

Chairman of the Sunday ceremonies will be Joseph C. Parks, retired Charles County elementary school supervisor.

Also scheduled to be present are State Sen. John T. Parran Jr. of Charles County and C. Paul Barnhardt, superintendent of county schools.

Herbert M. Frisby is chairman of the Matthew Henson Commemorative Projects.

Dr. Burnett Jr. awarded divorce

Dr. Sidney O. Burnett Jr., has obtained a divorce from Mrs. Vivien Burnett after an agreement to provide $5,800 per year for the support of her and their four children.

Mrs. Burnett will have custody of the children and he, the visitation rights. He will also have the right to have the children spend vacations with him, when it is agreeable to the children.

THE DIVORCE decree was granted on grounds of voluntary separation.

In 1959, the couple had drawn up an agreement under which they would live apart without molesting or annoying each other.

The agreement also called for each refraining from making comments to anyone whomsoever, particularly to the children, which might reflect unfavorably upon the character or reputation of the other party.

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ON DEC. 22, 1961, Dr. Burnett, a prominent city dentist, filed a petition in Circuit Court No. 1, asking that a divorce be granted him on the grounds that he and Mrs. Burnett had mutually agreed to separate.

Almost 14 months later, the wife filed an answer in which she confirmed that they had voluntarily separated.

She asked that his petition for divorce be granted.

The decree was signed on Feb. 27, this year.

DR. BURNETT, testifying before an Examiner-Master, said that they were married on June 18, 1949, and that the marriage ended on Feb. 1, 1959.

He gave his address as 3000 Hilton St.

Mrs. Burnett's address is 2502 Riggs Ave.

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DR. RAYMOND GRAY of 3212 Dorithan Rd., witness for Dr. Burnett, said that both Dr. and Mrs. Burnett told him that they agreed to separate.

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ARLANDER HUBBARD of 3902 Emerson Ave. divorced Mrs. Leola Hubbard of Chesterfield, S.C. on March 23

Mr. Hubbard testified that Mrs. Hubbard wanted to be a single woman again, wanted to go her way, and went.

He said that he kept the home together for a year and a half, but she didn't return.

They were married on Dec. 22, 1934 and separated in August, 1959.

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Hays estate is $18,659

William S. Hays, who died here Oct. 2, 1961, left an estate of $18,659.41, according to records of Orphans Court.

Mr. Hays, a former postal worker, lived at 1819 McCulloh St., and was survived by two sons; Daniel H. Hays of the McCulloh St. address, and William S. Hays of 809 N. Monroe St.

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THE ESTATE consists of the McCulloh St. property, $3,303; 1825 Druid Hill Ave., $5,000; and $10,356.41 cash.

The estate is being administered by George L. Russell, attorney.

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Volunteers for Provident to honor 63

The 125 - member Volunteer Group of Provident Hospital will honor 63 from among its ranks at an annual awards ceremony at Cornerstone Baptist Church, Bolton and Wilson Sts., on May 6 at 3:30 p.m.

Dr. I. Logan Kearse, pastor of Cornerstone, will be host to the group.

From January 1961 through Feb. 28, 1962, the Volunteer Group gave 4,775 hours helping at Provident Hospital.

Their slogan is: "We are the hands that help the hands that heal."

REGISTRATION COUNT — Two IBM operators count up the number of registered voters at the Supervisor of Board of Elections office, as Gene M. Raynor, office official, looks on. Operators are Mrs. Ruth Boston, left, 1851 Bruton Ave. and Mrs. Lola Hand, 3024 Tioga Pkwy. The deadline to register for the May 15 primary is April 14.

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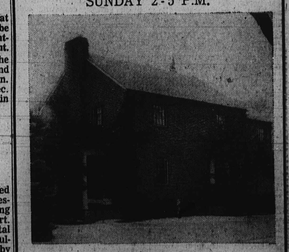

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Slain Policeman Given Hero's Funeral

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FBI, ARMY OPEN INVESTIGATION INTO SHOOTING OF GI IN MISS.

Slain policeman gets hero's rites

...By HERB MANGRUM

(See picture on page 32)

The Baltimore City Police Department turned out in force on a rainy afternoon Thursday to pay tribute to a fallen hero.

For the first time in the history of the city a colored officer, Patrolman Henry Smith Jr. was accorded an inspector's funeral.

More than 170 uniformed officers headed by Police Commissioner Bernard J. Schmidt and Chief Inspector George J. Murphy attended the services at Trinity Baptist Church, Druid Hill Ave. and McMechen St.

Some 1,000 persons lined the sidewalks when the exmarine's flag draped casket was carried from the church through a double line formed by fellow officers.

Traffic between McMechen and Wilson Sts. was stopped before and during services.

Spectators expressed regret and sorrow over the death of the 31-year-old patrolman who was gunned down last Saturday while trying to break up a dice game.

Officer Smith had served on the force for five years.

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WHILE SERVICES were being conducted by the Rev. Herbert O. Edwards, one of three suspects arrested in the death of Patrolman Smith was being arraigned at Central headquarters.

Leon Hilton, 35, of the 700 block W. Lexington St. was arraigned in connection with the slaying and was denied bail pending a preliminary hearing.

Two other defendants who were wounded in an exchange of gunfire with police are under guard at University Hospital.

Hilton was arrested at his home on Monday. His home is in the same block where the off-duty Central District patrolman was shot.

Following the shooting, two men were seen leaving the scene by two other officers who were on duty. They fired six shots at the fleeing men.

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AS RECONSTRUCTED by investigating officers, Patrolman Smith who lived at 3918 Greenspring Ave.

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Death of a cop

By FRANK HUNT

This is a detective story—but not a whodunit.

What we wanted to know is the "how" — and more important—the "why" of it.

Why was quiet-spoken, ambitious police officer Henry Smith's body riddled with bullets?

Why did he, according to police's theory, attempt to break up a crap game when he was off duty and off his beat?

To find this out we went to the scene of the crime in the 700 block of W. Lexington St.

Police said Smith was killed Saturday morning when he tried to break up a dice game, after leaving a tavern.

The trail was cold, but the kind of clues we were looking for did not include pieces of hair, or missing buttons.

We wanted the little sidelights and impressions, the nuances and the last minute statements that, in retrospect, mark a man's path to death.

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THE BAR in the 700 block of W. Lexington St. blended with the rest of the buildings in the block, hardly glaring

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Here are the facts

The Baltimore AFRO Cooking School, eagerly awaited each year by every one of the town's housewives, has been scheduled for May 9-10.

The event which always tops the spring affairs on the ladies' date - books, will bring three gala, exciting shows with extra added thrills for more than 9,000 persons.

The doors open for the first show, at the Coliseum, at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 9.

Thursday, May 10, will witness the ever - popular matinee coming at 1:30 p.m. and the final show at 6:30 p.m.

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A TOTAL of $1,000 silver dollars, given away free, is the sensational new feature slated to make the 1962 spring AFRO Cooking School the greatest of all times.!

In addition, **more than $4,000 in other prizes will go to lucky winners. Prizes will be listed in coming editions of the AFRO.**

Watch for this unusual selection of prizes to be announced in both Tuesday and Friday editions of the AFRO.

HIGHLIGHTING each show will be special features by Mrs. Jean Harris, the famed AFRO cooking school demonstrator, who has the latest word in recipes for today's housewife.

This stellar occasion alone is due to mark the Cooking

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A Prayer For Lent

Pour forth Thy Grace to our hearts, we entreat Thee, O, Lord, in Thy loving kindness; so that in overcoming our sins by voluntary self-denial we may suffer in this life rather than be condemned to eternal punishment. Through Our Lord, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the union of the Holy Ghost. God, world-without end. Amen.

Name Benjamin Brown

Saul A. Harris, state's attorney, Thursday announced the appointment of Benjamin L. Brown, as assistant prosecutor.

The lawyer, a native Baltimorean, 32, of 3622 Forest Park Ave., will join James W. McAllister, veteran prosecutor, who has been the only member of his race on the staff.

The new appointee is a member of the law firm of Brown and Allen and has been practicing 16 months.

Married to Mrs. Roslyn A. Brown and father of two children, Roslyn B., 10, and Johanne, 4, the young lawyer took a bachelor's degree in political science from Lincoln University in 1951 and a law degree from the University of Maryland in 1959.

In between he served a two-year army hitch in the Far East and worked as a

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BENJAMIN L. BROWN

A THOUSAND WORDS — this picture tells a graphic story of the situation at Dundalk YMCA, where bars against colored members refuse to fall.

Metropolitan Bd. avoids showdown on Dundalk YM

The Metropolitan Board YMCA succeeded in straddling the fence completely rather than offend either the Druid Hill Branch or the segregated Dundalk branch YMCA's in a meeting Tuesday.

It in effect voted to do nothing about integrating the Dundalk Y.

The meeting was closed to the press, and Gordon McGregory, general chairman of the Metropolitan YMCA failed to make a statement to the AFRO.

But according to informed sources, after a heated debate, Druid Hill representatives indicated that there was danger of a mass walkout on their part, and the Dundalk representatives indicated likewise.

Faced with this situation, the board decided to let the matter of integrating the Dundalk branch rest in the hands of a special committee set up to study the problem.

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THE DRUID HILL Y had asked the Metropolitan Board to follow its policy of integration to the letter, and order the Dundalk branch to desegregate.

The Druid Y backed this up with a threat to quit the Metropolitan Board.

On the other side of the fence, the Dundalk representatives said THEY would walk out if they were ordered to desegregate.

Several of those at the meeting indicated their belief that while no side won a clean cut victory, the decision not to do anything favored the Dundalk Y.

"It seems obvious that the prospect of a mass walkout on the part of the Dundalk Board of Managers alarms the Metropolitan Board more so than that of mass resignations of the Druid Hill branch," said Dr. Robert Hill, Druid Hill's representative on the Board.

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ONE DRUID HILL Board member, Sam Daniels, international representative for Union, AFL-CIO, has already resigned in disgust at

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Was assigned to Md. camp

SPECIAL TO AFRO

JACKSON, Miss. — A full scale investigation into the fatal shooting of a soldier stationed in Maryland by a Mississippi law officer is being asked of both the U.S. Department of Justice and the Department of Defense. Medgar Evers, field secretary of the NAACP, said the request for the two-prong probe was made by both the Jackson NAACP and Roy Wilkins, national executive, of New York City.

The plea for federal action resulted from the fatal shooting, April 9, of a soldier stationed at Fort Richie, Md., by a policeman in Taylorville, Miss., about 30 miles west of Laurel.

The victim was Cpl. Raymon Duckworth, 27, a veteran of 10 years in the army and father of six children.

On Thursday, both the FBI and the Defense Department confirmed that they are conducting an investigation into the shooting, with the FBI taking over the principal role.

Agents of the latter agency have been digging into the case for two days.

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CPL. DUCKWORTH, who was a military policeman assigned to security duty, was shot through the heart while aboard a bus at the Taylorville terminal.

Town Marshal Vernon Jones identified the policeman as William Kelly, a deputy.

Evers, who talked with the victim's parents and friends in Taylorville, said the shooting occurred about 8:30 Monday night.

He said the policeman, the driver and the soldier were the only persons aboard the bus when the shooting occurred.

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EVERS SAID he was told Cpl. Duckworth was shot after the driver and policeman aroused him from the rear seat of the bus where he was asleep.

Following the shooting, the policeman was quoted as saying to the driver: "Don't lay it all on me. You were part

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Arrest irks Diggs

WASHINGTON

BULLETIN — Rep. Charles C. Diggs, Jr. (D. - Mich.) has demanded that District of Columbia policeman, Pvt. P. R. Pelfrey, be dismissed from the police force for his action in arresting a Nigerian student for allegedly walking on the wrong side of the street, the Washington AFRO has learned exclusively. In a Wednesday telegram to Board of Commissioners president, Walter N. Tobriner, Rep. Diggs said: "Withdrawal of government from charges against Vincent Okobi tacit admission that policeman exercised extremely poor judgement. Aside from appropriate apologies to Mr. Okobi and Nigerian government, situation urgently demands police trial board action. Dismissal of Pvt. Pelfrey from police force would be only acceptable example that our government does not tolerate prejudiced administration of justice. Aside from the moral considerations we cannot afford to let Pvt. Pelfrey go unpunished and jeopardize our relations with Africa's largest country. Your immediate attention to and evaluation of this request would be appreciated. (signed) Charles C. Diggs Jr., Member of Con-

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That lunch at Miller's

GOV. J. Millard Tawes and Mayor J. Harold Grady Thursday denied charges that they are not in favor of public accommodations legislation.

Leo Burroughs, spokesman for the Civic Interest Group, accused the state and city chief executives of ignoring a picket line while visiting a segregated restaurant Tuesday.

The incident occured at Miller Brothers Restaurant where the Round Table Club held a birthday party for Governor Tawes.

During the celebration, held in a second floor private dining room, Mr. Burroughs led a sit-in demonstration against the restaurant.

Several students who sought service there were read out but threw up a picket line which was in progress when the officials left the party.

Tuesday in the AFRO Magazine Section.

GOV. TAWES, campaigning in Prince Georges County, had not been reached at AFRO press time. However, an official spokesman gave this explanation:

"He (the Governor) has been a member of this Round

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COMING TUES.

★ PEACE CORPS — You don't have to have a college education to be a volunteer in the Corps.

★ MR. BUMBLE — The search is still on to find the oldest school book. More cash prizes have been added.

1 DAY Left to register

There is just one more day left to register to vote in the May 15 primary prior to close of registration on April 14.

A good citizen is registered so he can vote. Who must register:

Any new resident who is 21 years or over, who has not registered.

Any such resident who will be 21 by Nov. 6, 1962.

Any registered voter who has had a change of address since the last election.

Where to register: Basement, People's Court Building, southeast corner of Fayette and Gay Sts.

When you can register: Today (Friday) and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Q —If I have already registered, do I have to register again?

Ans. No, not unless you have changed your address, and failed to notify the Supervisors of Elections. Then, you must fill out a change of address card.

Q—When is the last date I can register in order to vote in the next election?

Ans. — April 14, 1962.

Next elections — Primary May 15, 1962.

Mobile registration places and dates:

Today (Friday) 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. —St. Ambrose Church, Park Heights Ave. and Wylie Ave.; School 120, Pennsylvania Ave. and Robert St.

BLUE STREAK SPECIAL

Public Accommodations Law Works In Wilmington

This is the first of two stories on the operation of the Public Accommodations law in Wilmington, Del., a city very much like Baltimore. The second part, dealing with interviews with restaurant owners, will appear on Tuesday.

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

WILMINGTON, Del.—After almost four months of integration, owners and managers of places of public accommodations in this city have reported no difficulty, and no loss of business, as the result of the new policy.

Desegregation actually became the law in Wilmington on Jan. 1, 1962, when a somewhat novel method of enforcing integration went into effect.

The city issues licenses to businesses, at the first of the year.

In order for the businesses to have their licenses renewed for the current year, the owners had to sign an affidavit saying they would comply with the provisions of an ordinance passed June 1 1963.

The ordinance provides that any business establishment "carrying on or engaging in any business, profession, within the city limits, specifically as a restaurant, cafe, soda fountain, hotel dining room or other place where food is prepared and sold, shall not refuse to serve any persons because of his race, color or religion."

Violation of the law can bring conviction on a misdemeanor charge and payment of a fine of not less than $50, or more than $300.

Out of the estimated 200 places in the city coming under the law, only one refused to sign.

This establishment, in the vicinity of 12th and King Sts., owned by a man and wife of Polish descent, has been closed down.

The owners have been accused of operating a business without a license. The case is pending.

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LIKE BALTIMORE, which has still not been able to pass a public accommodations law, Wilmington is a city with strong southern ties.

And like Maryland with its Eastern Shore, Delaware had its hard core of segregationists in its rural counties.

The city of Wilmington, located some 70 miles from Baltimore, has been aptly described by one observor as "¾ southern and ¼ northern."

Its principle industry is the Dupont complex, which dominates the economic life of not only Wilmington, but the entire state.

The 1960 census revealed a total of 95,827 people in the city, with 24,922 listed as colored.

The city's colored population, in common with a number of cities south of the Mason Dixon line, has shown an increase in recent years, be-

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