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PUBLIC HOUSING MARKS 25TH YEAR

Public housing's 25th anniversary celebration here won hearty approval from Baltimore renewal and public housing officials as they proved especially warm for PHA Commissioner Marie C. McGuire on past, present and future projects.

In an address read Wednesday morning by Deputy Commissioner Francis I. Servaites of the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency at the Cherry Hill Homes, Commissioner McGuire said.

"I heartily approve of your plans to add more housing to meet the needs of ill-housed families and displeased families, particularly the elderly and large families, on a variety of scattered sites, including both new construction and rehabilitation of existing housing."

BURHA chairman Walter Sondheim Jr. and BURHA director Richard L. Steiner were among dignitaries who heard Baltimore cited for the renewal and public housing efforts since Dec. 13, 1937 when the Housing Authority of Baltimore was created.

BALTIMORE NOW has 9,552 public housing units and this will swell to 10,280 with the completion of Murphy Homes for the elderly.

President Roosevelt signed the Low-Rent Public Housing Program into law in 1937. There have been improvements in subsequent years.

Mr. Servaites said key goals of the future, in keeping with public housing's concern with helping every American have decent housing, would be more efforts in filling the needs of low rent homes for the elderly and members of large families.

He noted that his office now is working closely with Urban Renewal and FHA in the area of rehabilitating homes and with FHA and VA in taking over homes financed by these agencies, when defaults occur, and converting them into low income homes.

MR. SERVAITES said the agency is again trying the rent certificate plan under which low income persons are given help in renting homes they otherwise could not afford. Also, studying long-term leasing of dwellings from private owners to sublease to tenants with options to buy.

MR. SERVAITES said the great needs of the metrpolitan areas to cooperate and get something done about urban centers probably will be helped by the sweeping movement for reappointment of state legislatures.

Mr. Steiner presided at the meeting. Service awards to a number of BURHA employees were presented by Francis M. Disney, director of training.

Recipients were:

20 YEARS — Samuel Banks, Arvell O. Brooks, John C. Hazzard, Olbe P. Pinkett, Warren W. Weaver.

15 YEARS — Joen F. Bokman, Manson Brok Jr., Augustus Brown, John Chetelat, Heim Gallacher, Ottavio F. Grande, Robert Hamilton, Jr., Francis W. Kochta, Dorothy Lewis, Francell Miles, Ruth P. Morton, Lonnie H. Owens, Ashley Sanders, James H. Staylor, Frank Verey.

10 YEARS — Lenora M. Anderson, Peter E. Buckbell, William T. Caffrey, Robert L. Childs, Edgar M. Ewing, Lucille P. Frangopin, Robert S. Frankland, James H. Gilliams, Pleas W. Gray, Clarence J. Harris, Elaine E. Harris, Audrey E. Harris, Leroy W. Hutchins, H. Henning, Paul K. Hutchins, Charles B. Jenkins, Lydia Jones, Geoffrey Loskotta, Ernest A. Parker, Walter G. Phillips, James J. Roche, III, June G. R. Ross, Florence Siegel, George M. Smith, Herbert Yates Jr., Mack M. Smith, Grace Tisdale, Arnett D. Thomas, William T. Wheatley, Joseph C. Wiegel.

5 YEARS — Richard D. Andrews, John T. Bailey, Elmer K. Bedford, Ronald O. Carney, Yashi V. Collins, Francis L. Cook, Margaret S. Courtney, Florence D. Crawley, Thelma H. Colbreth, John H. Davis, Joseph Del Grosso, Carole J. Dixon, Thomas E. Dutton, Reginald H. Eubanks, William H. Farbier, Henry H. Floyd, Donald S. Freeman, Paul A. Gardner, Benjamin L. Hackelman, Frank Hunt, Daisy A. Johnson, Patrick B. Kirwan, Warfield B. Lopez, Jannie Lunsford, Rufus L. Mason, Herbert V. Mathias, Joseph Poole, Orville C. Randall, John J. Reid, Paul R. Savick, Wilbert G. Trusty, John C. Vinson, Dan F. Webb, Alvin J. Weiner, Raymond W. West, Irene J. Whitlie, Joseph F. Woolford, Robert Zimmerman.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY for public housing in the United States and in Baltimore was observed here Wednesday at the annual employees meeting of the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency at Cherry Hill Homes. Francis X. Servaites, right, deputy public housing commissioner, delivered address for PHA Commissioner Marie C. McGuire who was ill. BURHA Commissioners, or former commissioners, in photo left, are (seated, left to right): Walter Sondheim Jr., chairman; Mrs. E. R. Pierson, commissioner; Mrs. Lena King Lee, Mrs. Henry C. Corner and W. Raymond Timanus. Standing, same order: Dr. Saul M. Perdue, commissioner; Robert W. Thon Jr., commissioner; Dr. Furman L. Templeton, the Rev. Don Frank Fenn, past chairman of Baltimore's Housing Authority; Walter I. Seif Sr. and Alfred H. Fletcher. Current commissioner not seen here is Nicolas C. Mueller.

Baltimore Notebook

By MAX JOHNSON

Christmas, it is generally agreed, is a time for children.

Mostly, it is a period for them to enjoy — and to be enjoyed, in turn.

So — this would appear an opportune time for some very sobering reminders here.

These are facts to be faced more frankly and acted on more sensibly than in the past—if many more children are really to enjoy many more Christmases.

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FIRST OFF, it's a sad commentary on our times that many, many children have to wait for Christmas to get a full meal, some toys—and some community attention.

This is an almost unbelievable thing in this city, as prosperous as the Mayor says it is, in this State, as rich as the Governor boasts it is—and in a nation, the world leader the President proclaims ours to be.

It's equally as shameful that far too many people will make a big fuss about helping these underprivileged children at Christmas time — and then forget they exist the rest of the year.

It's amazing — there remains generally so much of a lack of interest in the very conditions which contribute to their underprivileged status.

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MAJOR SUCH factors are:

1. Lack of job opportunities for parents; 2. illegitimacy; 3. absence of planner parenthood practice.

Let's examine each briefly.

Lawmakers and State officials will certainly argue everything possible is being done to create more job opportunities—and so will many citizens.

But—don't you believe it.

The General Assembly's Legislative Council has just refused to endorse a proposed State-wide fair employment practices law.

Such a law would remove barriers — now prohibiting too many parents of under-privileged children from obtaining the type of employment necessary to raise the family's economic status.

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SUCH A LAW would make it possible for those colored parents to get jobs in accordance with their qualifications — rather than being relegated, in most instances, to stereotyped, menial employment.

The lack of job opportunities is certainly a prime contributing factor to the status of the under-privileged child.

And linked closely to the lack of job opportunities —is the illegitimate child.

The Legislative Council has ready for submission to the State's General Assembly next month five bills and five joint resolutions—all dealing with illegitimacy

Most are aimed at furnishing new aids for the illegitimate child — and its mother.

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ONLY A LONE joint resolution is concerned with a preventive measure.

This resolution asks that the Departments of Public Welfare, Health, Mental Hygiene and the State Board of Education join with private agencies to strengthen family life— and "to provide moral and religious guidance to the citizens of the State."

Now, I don't know exactly what this means — but it sounds like they want to get together and tell people they must stop having illegitimate children.

That would be a step forward.

As of now — the Department of Welfare doesn't want to tell the pregnant unwed woman anything about illegitimacy.

Another step forward would be the removal of racial bars to job opportunities of merit.

I contend many a man with an illegitimate child would marry the woman — if he could get a job with sufficient income to support the family.

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THE MATTER of planned parenthood is something else being approached here much too slyly.

When a couple, out of pure ignorance, starts having more children than they can economically afford — somebody in authority should tell them so.

Yet — here again the Department of Public Welfare doesn't give such advice to its recipients, unless they ask for it.

So — how can they ask for something they, have in all probability, never heard about?

Here, then, are some reminders this Christmas—as too many once-a-year do-gooders make a fuss about helping under-privileged children.

If more community interest and action are placed in rectifying the contributing factors leading to their plight — then fewer would have to be helped at Christmas.

And more would enjoy life the year around.

Rights Unit Denies Housing Bill Deal

The Maryland State Conference of NAACP branches re-affirmed its support of the State Interracial Commission's civil rights legislative proposals and called on Governor Tawes to support passage in the coming General Assembly.

The program includes bills for employment, public accommodation and housing.

The commission withdrew the housing bill for "further study" at a meeting with Governor Tawes on Wednesday at the State Office Building.

It was reliably reported that William Rogers, head of the Interracial Commission, asked that the housing bill be withdrawn to prevent Governor Tawes "embarrassment."

A spokesman for the commission denied this week that there was any "deal" involved in withdrawing the bill.

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HE EXPLAINED the commission's last-minute withdrawing of the bill which applies to "commercial" housing, office buildings and apartment houses, was based on whether it was constitutional.

An Attorney General's study of the bill leaves in doubt whether it is constitutional.

Earlier, the commission had indicated it would push the commercial housing proposal despite the ruling of the Attorney General's office.

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MEANWHILE, the Inter-Denominational Ministers' Alliance took "sharp exception" to the Commission's action in withdrawing the bill.

"The Alliance strongly spoke out against the Commission for that action and against the governor for surrendering the report after it had been given to him by the Commission.

"They were highly critical of what appeared to be the arbitrary action of the chairman of the Commission, William C. Rogers Sr.," said the Rev. Robert T. Newbold, chairman of a special committee dealing with the action of the commission.

The Alliance also went on record as accusing the Commission of being unfaithful to its responsibility to the people of Maryland and expressed deep concern that:

"Human rights for nearly 400,000 colored persons could be embarrassing to their governor, who was elected, in part, on the strength of a promise to support civil rights legislation."

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THE COMMISSION stated again its support of the commission program at a meeting Thursday in the office of Douglass B. Sands, executive secretary of the Interracial Commission.

The meeting was called by him to discuss the bills with the NAACP.

Miss Edith Throckmorton, co-ordinator, Maryland State NAACP branch, said following the two hour meeting:

"While we are disappointed that the commission withdrew the housing bill, since there are 19 states and 49 municipalities which have already enacted and are enforcing similar laws, we respectfully urge the commission to reconsider withdrawing the housing bill, and introduce it in the General Assembly.

"We call on Governor Tawes to support the passage of all the commission's legislation."

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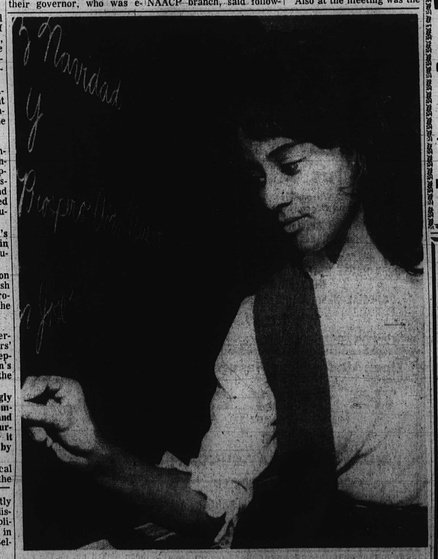
Also at the meeting was the Rev. Marcus Wood, pastor, Providence Baptist Church, and vice-president of the Baltimore NAACP, and Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, a member of the NAACP legal redress committee.

Daniel H. Thomas recently found no evidence of discrimination against applicants to register to vote in Dallas County, of which Selma is the county seat.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. last week held a recruiting session at a Selma, Ala., cafe to get residents to register as voters. Some 100 showed up. Judge ma



GREETINGS IN SPANISH — Miss Angela Flanagan, 17, a Douglass High School senior honor student extends season's greetings in Spanish, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," during her class. She also speaks French.

Auxiliary meets

The Woman's Auxiliary of Provident Hospital held its Christmas meeting and party last Thursday, in the Hospital Annex.

Christmas carols were sung. The Rev. Harold Bell, a member of Enon Baptist Church, spoke.

Gifts will be presented to the patients by the volunteers.

Mrs. Marion L. Jones is president of the Auxiliary.

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THE SHOCKING STORY OF THE HOUSE OF CORRECTION

37 IN RACE FOR CITY COUNCIL

(STORY IN COLUMN 1)

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Baltimore Afro-American

THE WEATHER
Temperatures will average near normal. Warmer over the weekend. Cold the first of next week. Precipitation likely about the first of the week. Normal highs in Baltimore area 46, normal lows 25.

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37 in race for Council seats

Colored candidates for nomination for City Council seats have filed in every Baltimore district except the First.

This is essentially a Democratic primary coming March 5, so here are the Democratic registrations in the city's six districts as of the past July 26.

First — colored 2,724; white 33,413. Second — colored 9,467; white 15,680. Third — colored 12,585; white 87,078. Fourth — colored 19,647; white 16,139. Fifth — colored 25,481; white 61,997. Sixth — colored 8,663; white 30,859.

Here are the colored candidates in these districts:

SECOND

Tucker R. Dearing, attorney, 3724 Woodhaven Ave.; Mrs. Irene Hatlett, practical nurse, 956 N. Washington St.; Mrs. Doris Tuggle, housewife, 1201 Nolan Ct.; Davis Evans, steelworker, 719 E. Preston St. (All Dem.)

Republican

Solomon Reddick, 2414 Albion Ave.

FOURTH

Walter T. Dixon, incumbent, 1933 McCulloh St.; William A. Welch Sr., insurance agency chief, 2322 Bryant Ave.; Alonzo D. Ames, 2404 Brookfield Ave.; Dr. Donald W. O. Hughes, 2422 Reisterstown Rd.; James W. McAllister, former assistant state's attorney, 2505 Linden Ave.

A. Eugene Chase, 3436 Auchentoroy Ter.; William Faison, 1530 N. Fremont St.; Mrs. Evelyn Hatchett, 2503 Brookfield Ave.; Mrs. Linda L. Randolph, 1705 Ellamont St.; Henry G. Parks, president, Parks Sausage Co., 617 Reservoir St., and Miss Hildegardeis Boswell, Peace Corps member, 1208 Druid Hill Ave.

Republicans

Dr. John C. Woodland, 1205 Myrtle Ave., who was an unsuccessful State Senatorial candidate in the November election; Dr. Robert L. Gill, 4228 Evans Chapel Rd.; Mrs. Rachael Eaton, 2211 Clifton Ave.; Raleigh Jones, 2706 Auchentoroly Ter.; Thomas Jefferson, 1422 Druid Hill Ave.

FIFTH

Earl Koger, insurance broker, 3805 Cedardale Rd.; Charles R. Law, funeral director, 3408 Ellamont Rd.; Archie D. Williams, attorney, 3305 Winterbourne Rd.; Samuel T. Daniels, union executive, 3802 Edgewood Rd.; Melvin Humphrey, college professor, 2317 Lyndhurst Ave.

James L. Mosley, 3603 Calloway Ave.; John W. Jeffries, 1345 Poplar Grove St.; Mrs. Victorine E. Adams, businesswoman and political leader, 3103 Carlisle Ave. (All Dem.)

Republican

Elmer O. Harris, 3025 Wolcott Ave.;

SIXTH

Mrs. Madeline W. Murphy, housewife, 3217 Round Rd. (Dem.)

Republican

Mrs. Viola Z. Scales, 1003 Bennett Pl.; Mrs. Myrtle M. Smith, 806 S. Fremont Ave.

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THREE CITY - WIDE mayoral tickets have been formed so far. They are:

1. Mayor Philip H. Goodman, for mayor, Thomas D'Alesandro 3rd for City Council president, and Henry R. Hergenroeder for comptroller.

2. Dr. R. Walter Graham for mayor, Solomon Liss for City Council president, and James J. Lacy Jr. for comptroller.

3. C. Meredith Boyce for mayor, Peter G. Angelos for

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Man kills self, wounds woman

A Turner Station man is dead and his former girlfriend seriously injured in what police have called a climax to a love triangle.

Thomas Tyler, 45, of 800 block Peach Orchard Lane, Turner Station, is dead of a .45 caliber bullet in the brain and Mrs. Mary Nettle, 36, of the 800 block N. Caroline St., is on the critical list at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Eastern police district Lt. John T. Griffin said the attempted homicide and successful suicide occurred at the home of Mrs. Nettle's aunt, 720 N. Spring St., at noon today (Friday).

Police said the weapon used was a .45 caliber Army automatic pistol which was found near Tyler's body when police entered the Spring St. home.

Lt. Griffin reported that Mr. Tyler and Mrs. Nettle were friends until two days before Christmas when she married another man, whose identity is not known.

Dies in cemetery

The body of James Orsie Rooks, 70, a long time resident of the Cedar Hill community in Anne Arundel County, was discovered on Wednesday is the Mouth Carmel Cemetery near his home.

County police reported that Mr. Rooks was last seen alive the morning before Christmas Day, when he left his home for a walk.

FUNERAL SERVICES for Mr. Rooks, who lived at 201 Cedar Hill Lane, will be held

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THE AFRO will be published next week on Monday, Dec. 31.

All departments will be

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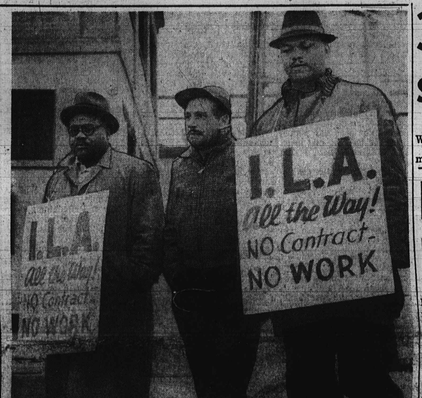
NEW YEAR'S DAY

JANUARY 1



ILA PICKET LINE — At the entrance to Piers 7-8-9 of the Western Maryland Railway Thursday, (l. to r.) Chester Deshazo, Otis Wilson and Frank Price, members of Local 858, International Longshoremen's Association, are the only picketers. Negotiations are not expected to begin until the first of the year.

4,000 made idle here by strike on waterfront

The International Longshoremen's Association of the Port of Baltimore won't settle for anything less than present demands, an ILA spokesmen said Thursday.

The Baltimore longshoremen strike involves approximately 4,000 men. Picket lines are at the entrances to Piers 7-8-9 of the Western Maryland Railway and at the Baugh Chemical Company.

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ACCORDING TO William Hafle, international vice-president of the Atlantic Coast ILA, and Baltimore Port organizer, the companies seek to reduce the minimum work hour provision of the men:

"On Dec. 18, the Negotiations Committee of the ILA, put before the men the companies proposed 27-cent-an-hour raise," he said. "This was turned down by the men because we would lose more than we would gain."

Mr. Hafle said that the companies intend to cut the four-hour minimum, if the raise was effected to a two-hour minimum, a loss of one half of what the longshoremen have been receiving for 20 years.

"We do not intend to settle for less than our demands," he said. "We cannot afford to."

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PICKETS ARE being placed in the docking areas of all American flagships in Baltimore in a bid for support from ship crew members.

Earlier reports stated that Wednesday night crew members aboard the American flagship Marine Ranger agreed to leave the ship in support of the ILA demands.

Thomas W. Gleason, chairman of the ILA strike committee in New York, stated that picketing is to take place in every port, regardless of past customs.

The National Marine Union, a union of seamen, agreed to support the ILA strike 100 percent, according to Leo Strassman, port agent

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3 others admit staging robbery

The long-awaited Christmas present — freedom for Walter R. Webster Jr., was again delayed Thursday.

For more than a year Webster, 31, 1200 block E. Monument St., has been waiting for his freedom.

That's when he was sentenced to 20 years in the penitentiary for a robbery three other men admitted they staged.

The three, Bernard S. Diggs, Joseph B. McCoy, and Melvin Coates pleaded guilty to the robbery, for which Webster was convicted, and were sentenced to a total of 40 years in Criminal Court Thursday.

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BUT JUDGE Joseph L. Carter and Edwin Harlan withheld the verdict that would have freed Webster from the penitentiary.

He will not breathe the outside air until the transcript of Thursday's proceedings is read by Judge Harlan and appropriate documents, including a pardon from the governor, are executed.

This is estimated to take several days. But to Webster, that's not important since he can still look forward to complete freedom instead of 20 years in prison.

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WEBSTER was convicted by a jury and sentenced to 20 years by Judge Harlan in the armed robbery of a drugstore in the 1600 block Rosedale St. during the fall of 1961.

Despite his denials, he was identified as one of three gunmen by his alleged victims, Dr. Morris Alliker and Dennis Walters, clerk.

The accused robber was charged after he was picked from a police lineup following his arrest on a traffic charge.

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THROUGH HIS court - appointed lawyer, S. Raymond Levin, Webster pleaded not guilty and insisted he was innocent throughout the trial.

He was convicted and sentenced to prison after all appeals were turned down.

In December of last year, Western District police received information that Webster was wrongly jailed.

While investigating a string of armed robberies staged by the "Shotgun Bandits," Dets. George Mandris and Charles Rout were told that the crime for which Webster had been convicted of was committed by the "Shotgun Bandits," police testified.

At about the same time the

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DES probe hailed

U.S. Secretary of Labor William W. Wirtz's decision to investigate Maryland's Department of Employment Security (DES) regarding its racial policies brought praise from the Maryland State Conference of NAACP Branches this week.

Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, state president of the civil rights organization, in a letter Thursday to the secretary said:

"The Maryland State Conference of NAACP Branches commends you on your investigation of the inequitable racial patterns in the Department of Employment Security of the state of Maryland as reported in the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN.

"Colored citizens of Maryland have long suffered from the past practices which effectively barred them from full participation in the combined federal-state program of the Employment Security Bureau.

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"THERE WILL never be real progress unless minority citizens are represented in

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AFRO to pay $100 to first baby born in new year

The first baby born in Baltimore in 1963 is going to begin life with a $100 nest egg.

That is the amount of money that the AFRO will send to the youngster if his birth is reported to this newspaper.

The person reporting the birth will be rewarded with a newstip check.

The number to call is Mulberry 5-6015 or Lafayette 3-3024.

Remember, that the youngster who is born first in 1963 and whose birth is reported to the AFRO will receive the $100.

BLUE STREAK SPECIAL

THE SHOCKING STORY OF THE HOUSE OF CORRECTION

The Maryland House of Correction is segregated along the lines of Mississippi penal institutions.

Colored and white inmates eat, sleep and pray separately.

Colored inmates are given the hardest jobs — farm, laundry and industry — white prisoners are found to be working in offices of the institution.

Warden William F. Steiner admitted it would be within his authority to integrate the facility, but would give investigators no clear-cut answer as to when he would effect de - segregation of the House of Correction.

These were some of the findings made Friday by officials of the Civic Interest Group and the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance on a tour of the Jessups, Md. state prison.

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THE REVEREND Marion C. Bascom and Robert T. Newbold will Leo G. Burroughs of CIG were shown through the institution by Warden Steiner on a tour that lasted three hours.

One of the Department of Corection's rules governing this citizens' tour was that the three investigators not talk with inmates.

But inmates, sensing the importance of this investigation, by hand-signals, whispers and other means, saw that the three visitors overlooked nothing on their tour.

As a consequence, the investigators found evidence of severe over-crowding in all colored inmate dormitories, lack of proper toilet facilities or barbering services and other sanitary necessities.

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IN AN OFFICIAL statement issued after this tour, Mr. Burroughs speaking for CIG and the Ministerial Alliance, said:

"We will continue to picket and otherwise demonstrate against those penal institutions which continue to segregate on the basis of color and race. We also will continue to conduct tours of Maryland penal institutions. We do not intend to take the Department of Correction's word that a specific prison is or will be wholly integrated."

The House of Correction originally was constructed to house 1,500 inmates but the CIG team found that the institution is 100 per cent overcrowded, with most of the overcrowding in colored dormitories.

Present inmate population is 2,727. Colored prisoners make up 68 per cent of this total.

The CIG investigators found "no overcrowding exists in the white dormitories. In fact even it exists in great abundance in all colored dormitories. Dormitory G, for example, a colored dormitory, has no shower facilities."

Warden Steiner denied that only colored prisoners were given heavy work like road repair and farming but investigators noted that prison work gangs filing in for lunch from work outside on the institution grounds were all colored.

The investigators also reported: "The overwhelming majority of the kitchen staff personnel are white. There are no colored cooks in the main prison dining hall."

In the employees dining room, however, colored cooks work in that kitchen. A House of Correction staff member explained that men were chosen for this work on basis of their experience outside.

The House of Correction has 135 white guards, 15 colored. The staff ratio is 10 white employees to one colored. There is one colored classified employee and two academic instructors. There are two chaplains, one Catholic, one Jewish, both white. No colored clerics serve.

The hospital is not segregated although Mr. Burroughs reported that two wards had colored patients only while Ward A was predominantly white.

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THE INSTITUTION'S school for prisoners is non-segregated but the movies and dining hall are, and white

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