# WIRTZ, NAACP TO AIR DES POLICY

## Baltimore Notebook

By MAX JOHNSON

*Mr. Johnson, a regular member of the panel of the Maryland News Conference TV program will be seen this Sunday over WBAL-TV at 5 p.m. This week's guest is Billy Hitchcock, Orioles manager.*

Currently on the political scene to demand the citizen's attention are three major happenings.

1. Weekly City Council sessions will begin Monday — continuing through late June or early July.

**2. The 90-day session of the General Assembly, which convened Jan. 2, is in progress at the State Capitol in Annapolis.**

3. The March 5 mayoral primary campaign is swinging into high gear.

So — citizens should arrange now to give equal attention to all three.

For all three are of equal importance.

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**THESE REMINDERS** are for the purpose of airing here a few things I believe merit serious consideration.

Let's look first at City Council sessions.

**It's an amazing thing — that only rarely are our citizens among those attending these public sessions.**

Yet — the Council is continually dealing with matters pertinent to their welfare.

There are such things as rezoning of properties, urban renewal proposals, changing traffic patterns, dwelling regulations in neighborhoods — to cite but a few.

Laws directly governing this city and its residents are formed in the City Council — and more attention should be paid to its operation.

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**IT IS READILY** understandable that daily chores prohibit many, many citizens from attending these weekly sessions.

Yet, it is not quite so understandable here why organizations — particularly civic and political — seldom have their representatives in attendance.

**The welfare of a neighborhood and its residents requires continuous City Council vigilance.**

This may seem a ridiculous statement — but it's true.

There are several current City Council candidates bidding for election — who have never attended a Council session here.

I know this — because I have long covered the Council's activities.

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**WHEN SUCH** persons are fortunate to win election—they must subsequently waste valuable time learning how to do what is expected of them.

It would clear matters considerably in this coming primary — if voters would ask City Council candidates appearing before them these two questions:

**1. How many Council session did you attend during the past year?**

2. Will you detail some of the pending ordinances of particular interest to us now before the City Council?

You'd be astonished to see just how many candidates would be embarrassed by these very pertinent queries.

If you doubt this — just try it.

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**WHAT** I have said here about attendance and interest in City Council matters — also holds true for the State Legislature sessions.

It is understandable that fewer citizens might find it convenient to attend some of these sessions in Annapolis.

For with the exception of the regular 8 p.m. Monday sessions — others during the week are scheduled at 2 p.m.

**But surely — some political and civic organizations could have representatives in attendance more frequently than has been evidenced in the past.**

There should be lobbyists there on matters of particular interest to our citizens.

As in the past — there is proposed civil rights legislation pending before this General Assembly.

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**ALREADY REGISTERED** as lobbyists there are at least two representatives of an organization which has bitterly opposed all civil rights legislation in recent past sessions.

It's pure folly to think this opposition can be overcome with one-day crusaties to Annapolis.

**This is a grim lesson which should have been learned by now from past experiences.**

Now — let's look briefly to the current mayoral primary campaign.

As of now — it appears that the Graham-Liss-Lacy ticket is the only one carrying a colored City Council candidate outside the Fourth District.

Samuel T. Daniels, labor union executive and top Masonic official is reportedly on this ticket's Fifth District Council slate.

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**THE BOYCE-ANGELOS-PRESSMAN** ticket has not officially endorsed any Council slate in any district —though it has been endorsed by a Council ticket in the Fourth District.

The Goodman - D'Alesandro - Hergenroeder ticket now has an integrated ticket in the Fourth District — with Henry G. Parks, Mrs. Maureen S. Michelson and James W. McAllister.

**This ticket's slate in the Fifth District has incumbents Jacob J. Edelman, William D. Schaefer and newcomers Bernard Cherry and Carl L. Friedler, all white.**

The Pollack ticket in this district has Mr. Edelman also and Leon A. Rubenstein, incumbent, with newcomers Reuben Caplan and Harry Abell.

In addition to Mr. Daniels on the Graham Fifth District Council ticket are Alan M. Wolf, Herman B. Lippman and Arthur Goldstein.

Don't go away — this is a campaign to watch.

**THE CLERGY AND THE LAW** — Two patrolmen from the Western District, commanded by Capt. Wade Poole, already have moved to become better acquainted with ministers of churches on their beat. A recommendation that beat officers do this came out of a recent conference of ministers with Police Commissioner Bernard J. Schmidt and his commissioners. Conference was sponsored by Council of Churches in effort to better relationship of police in the community. At left, the Rev. Arthur J. Payne, pastor of the Enon Baptist Church, Edmondson and Schreeder St., greets Officer Alfred C. Smith. In other picture Officer Francis Miller discusses beat problems with the Rev. Kelly L. Jackson, pastor of Sharp Street Memorial Methodist Church. (AFRO photos by I. Henry Phillips)

## Officials invited to Capital

In the move in the campaign to get Maryland's Department of Employment Security to liberalize its policies regarding promotion of its colored employees and wider placement of non-whites through its job service department, Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, president of the Maryland State Conference of NAACP branches is scheduled to meet U.S. Secretary of Labor Willard Wirtz.

**Following AFRO articles by Ralph Matthews Jr. outlining the patterns of racial imbalance in this Federally-subsidized state agency, the NAACP leader requested a meeting with Secretary Wirtz and complimented him for ordering an investigation of DES operation in Maryland.**

John Henning, under-secretary of Labor, on Thursday wrote Dr. Jackson stating:

"You know of course of our deep interest in the problem you referred to, and that the Department of Labor has actively promoted the policy of equal employment opportunity based on occupational qualifications without regard to race, color, creed or national origin."

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**MR. HENNING** was writing for Secretary Wirtz, absent from his Washington headquarters to handle negotiations in the New York City newspaper printers' strike.

Dr. Jackson was asked to set a meeting date with the Secretary.

Troy E. Bailey, NAACP labor committee chairman, will hold a special call meeting to arrange time of the meeting.

## Policemen, Ministers Join Forces

Wilmer V. Bell, chairman, has announced that through arrangements made by the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Maryland Council of Churches, a total of 60 clergymen have participated in 6 conversations with Police Commissioner Bernard J. Schmidt and his inspectors.

**This opportunity to confer with the commissioner and his top ranking assistants was reported fruitful in that it permitted an effective exchange of views on problems of law enforcement.**

It also provided a means through which increased cooperation might be effected in terms of the neighborhoods in which clergymen live and conduct their ministries, Dr. Bell said.

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IT HAS been agreed that Commissioner Schmidt, through police department channels, will urge patrolmen to make themselves known to the clergymen located on their beats.

All clergymen are in turn urged to visit the police station which serves their neighborhood in order to meet the commanding officer and to offer whatever assistance might be possible in promoting improved law observance and enforcement.

**A directory listing the several police districts, the captains in charge and the telephone numbers by which they can be reached has been sent to the ministers of Baltimore City.**

The clergymen have expressed their appreciation for the cooperation given by his interest in the pilot effort.

Among ministers invited to attend the discussions were the Rev. Robert Powell, St. James Protestant Episcopal Church; the Rev. Herbert O. Edwards, Bethel AME Church; the Rev. E. Rudolph Obey, Cherry Hill Community Church.

Also, the Rev. Maxwell Johnson, Ebenezer Baptist Church; the Rev. Robert Newbold, Grace Presbyterian Church; and the Rev. Thomas Fraser, Walbrook Trinity Presbyterian Church.

## Walter A. Baker, Cherry Hill, dies

Funeral services for Walter A. Baker, 56, veteran government employee and associate editor of the monthly Cherry Hill News, will be held Monday at 1 p.m. from Union Baptist Church, the Rev. Baxter L. Matthews officiating.

Mr. Baker, of 513 Roundview Rd. in Cherry Hill, died Wednesday afternoon in Fort Howard Hospital. He had been ill about a month.

**A native of Scotland Neck, N.C., Mr. Baker had lived in Cherry Hill for 17 years. He was widely known there as an active participant in civic and educational circles.**

Mr. Baker worked for the Federal Government for 35 years, first with the Veterans Administration and at the time of his death as a laboratory technician with the local office of the Food and Drug Administration.

HE HAD BEEN a member of the Union Baptist Church, 1219 Druid Hill Ave., for 28 years and was a deacon there.

Mr. Baker served on the executive committee of the PTA's of Schools 160, 150 and 180; was a counselor for Explorer Post 582 and a member of American Legion Post 288.

**He was a past president of the influential Cherry Hill Coordinating Council and a past president of the Roundview Road Improvement Association.**

Mr. Baker is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ellen I. Baker, and six children: Mrs. Blanche Baker, Mrs. Ruth M. Armstrong, Mrs. Evelyn Wallace, Jesse L., James and Lawrence, all of Baltimore, and Walter L. Baker of Washington, D.C.

Also, a brother, Charles A. Baker of New York; eight grandchildren, two nieces and five nephews, other relatives and friends.

## Mason named assistant prosecutor

William J. O'Donnell, Baltimore State's Attorney, Thursday announced the appointment of David T. Mason as an assistant prosecutor.

**Mr. Mason, 47, secretary of the Jail Board and appeals referee for the Department of Employment Security, fills the vacancy left by James W. McAllister, who resigned last month.**

The new assistant is a native of Providence, R. I., and a graduate of Lincoln University and the University of Maryland Law School.

The attorney is the first member of his race appointed by Mr. O'Donnell, who inherited two colored assistants when he replaced the late Saul A. Harris.

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**HOWEVER,** after Mr. McAllister resigned the other prosecutor of color, Benjamin L. Brown was not reappointed.

Mr. O'Donnell said he will name a colored appointee to the vacancy left by Mr. Brown.

Several applicants are being considered, but no decision on when or who has been reached, according to the chief prosecutor.

**Mr. Mason lives at 2411 Rosedale Rd. with his wife, the former Miss Margaret Spriggs, a city school teacher.**

He is a graduate of Douglass High School where he was a star athlete before attending Lincoln.

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**HE IS** A veteran of World War II and was admitted to the bar in 1951.

The new assistant is a member of the Monumental and Baltimore City Bar Associations, the NAACP, Urban League and other civic and social organizations.

"I think I'm getting a good man," Mr. O'Donnell said while commenting on the appointment.

## Rev. McDonald gets NAACP job

The Baltimore Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has elected, the Rev. Jentry E. McDonald as executive secretary.

The Rev. Mr. McDonald has served as NAACP membership chairman for the past 18 years.

**Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, president of the Baltimore Branch, said this of Mr. McDonald:**

"He is a man who inspires others around him with his faith in God and the future. The Baltimore Branch is indeed fortunate to have as its executive secretary this man of God."

The Rev. Mr. McDonald, in accepting the executive position, severed his 25 years connection with the North Carolina Mutual Life Ins. Company, where he had served as staff manager for more than 21 years.

The new executive secretary is married, and the father of six children. He was born in North Carolina and came to Baltimore at an early age.

He studied political science at Morgan State College; religious education at the Maryland Baptist Center.

REV. GENTRY McDONALD

## Donation made

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George V. Anderson is president of the club.

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## More facts sought in prisoner's death

Circumstances surrounding the death of House of Correction inmate Braxton Allen still have not been satisfactorily explained, an official of the Maryland Crime Investigating Committee told Governor Tawes this week.

In a letter to Edmund C. Meister, executive assistant to the Governor, Alvin J. T. Zumbrun, director of MCIC said that while earlier letter from the Governors office "deals with the general situation surrounding the death of Braxton Allen and this committee is in agreement with the contents of that letter . . . allegations which we originally mentioned still do not remain investigated."

Mr. Zumbrun told the Governors assistant he wanted further amplification of allegations that the 35 - year-old Baltimore prisoner, who died of a ruptured spleen due to acute lukemia, bled to death and had only been treated for a slow hemorrhage with "aspirins and cotton."

The crime investigator also said the prisoners' death raised several questions, including the charge that "if the officer on Allen's dormitory sent or allowed him to go to the hospital four times in one night because of bleeding from his nose, why does the prison hospital report it knew nothing about his bleeding complaint and was aware only of the gum complaint?

ACCORDING TO Mr. Zumbrun, the review of this case by the Governors office "does not answer these questions. If an incident similar to the Allen case occurred to your brother or mine, surely we would look into all the allegations which seem to agree with one another."

Mr. Zumbrun also told the Governors assistant the investigation of the allegations earlier set forth cannot be satisfactorily concluded by a report from the acting Commissioner of Correction apparently only concerning procedures and personnel involved in the medical services at the institution.

## 76 register Jan. 14 to 16, total 119,667

Feb. 4 is the final date you may register to be eligible to vote in the March 5 primary.

If you have not yet registered to become eligible to vote, you may now do so.

Who should register?

These persons over 21 years of age who have lived in Baltimore for one year or more and are not yet registered to vote.

**Where to register — Supervisors of Elections, ground floor of People's Court Building, Gay and Fayette Sts.**

Hours you can register — Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

This office is closed on Saturdays. However, mobile registration will be held this Saturday at School 13, Patterson Park Ave. and McElderry St., 12 noon to 6 p.m.

Total registered for Nov. 1960 elecfion, 106,306.
Total registered for May, 1962 primary, 115,761.
Total registered for Nov. 1962 election, 118,869.
Total registered Jan. 14-16: 76.
*Total to date: Jan. 16—119,667.

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THE WEATHER
For Friday-sunny, highest near 33. Friday night-fair, not as cold. Lowest near 20 downtown to lower teens in some suburbs. Saturday - mostly sunny and warmer. Sunday-cloudy, little change in temperature with chance of some rain.

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# 'PROWLER' SHOT, DAUGHTER LEARNS IT'S HER MOTHER

## Prison head criticizes CIG

"If Burroughs would spend as much time and more emphasis on trying to keep colored people out of jail as he does in stirring up trouble, the colored race would be better off."

This was acting commissioner of correction James W. Curran's retort Thursday to a Baltimore student civil rights leader's comments after a citizens' tour of the Poplar Hill, Md. prison camp Wednesday.

Mr. Curran, reportedly, was upset because Leo Burroughs, official of the Civic Interest Group, had told the press "We noted a racially segregated seating pattern in the dining hall after we and two Baltimore ministers had inspected the Wicomico County penal farm.

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MR. CURRAN charged Burroughs made untrue statements about the dining area. He said there was no segregation in the camp's dining area. He said there was no segregation in the camp's dining hall and prisoners are permitted to sit where they choose.

The acting commissioner also said the camp had been integrated since it opened.

Mr. Burroughs' official statement to the press Wednesday night read:

"This camp is typical of other camps visited insofar as its entire force of correctional officers or guards (18 in number) was completely white. Mr. Ralph Gerhardt, camp supervisor, claimed that there has never been a colored applicant for the job.

"We also noted a racially segregated seating pattern in the dining hall. One of the correctional officers accounted for this by saying that sometimes the inmates tended to segregate themselves. The camp is unique however in that its physical plant is a very modern one."

AFTER HEARING of Mr. Curran's reaction to this re-

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## DES moves up to Gov.

This is how things stand at Maryland's Department of Employment Security after one month of investigation of its racial policies by top-level executives from the U.S. Department of Labor.

First Arthur M. Chapin, who is the Federal officer assigned by Labor Secretary Wirtz to probe the Free State agency, has no comment on his investigation except that "we are making progress."

Secondly, no colored employees of DES, although bypassed for promotions for many years, have come forth with formal complaints that would aid the Federal officials study of the DES situation.

Finally, Governor J. Millard Tawes has yet to confer with Federal administrators concerned with liberalizing this state's employment security program.

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BY WAY OF background, the investigation of DES was

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## Sgt. Mello—A Cop With A Conscience

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

"I guess there is some hope for people like me as long as there are people like him around.

"Thank God for people like him!"

**That tribute was paid to an agent of the state this week. It came from a man who had been robbed of 22 months of personal freedom by that same state.**

Lest this be confused with displaced loyalty, it should be remembered that had it not been for the tireless efforts of the agent, 22 months would have stretched into 20 years.

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WALTER ROGER WEBSTER, 23, paid the tribute just as he walked through the main entrance of the penitentiary a free man.

He was talking to, and about, the man chiefly responsible for proving he has been wrongly imprisoned—Det. Sgt. Dennis P. Mello.

**Sgt. Mello, a veteran, relentless and thorough investigator, is one of the people for whom Webster is eternally grateful.**

Webster was convicted of the shotgun holdup of a drugstore in the 1000 block N. Rosedale St. in the fall of 1961 and sentenced to 20 years in the pen.

Before, during, and after his trial Webster pleaded that he was innocent.

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NOBODY — policemen, state's attorneys and judges — believed him, the freed man said this week.

Nobody, that is, except Sgt. Mello, who proved his innocence after a year-long investigation.

The investigator said his suspicions were first aroused when he received a letter clearing Webster of all blame in the hold-up.

**"This case gave me a lot of worry," Sgt. Mello later testified, "because there were a lot of things that didn't fit."**

Because he was disturbed by missing pieces to the puzzle, Sgt. Mello set-

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'THANK GOD FOR HIM' — That's how Walter R. Webster, left, feels about Det. Sgt. Dennis P. Mello, whose relentless investigation freed him from an unjustly-imposed 20-year penitentiary term this week. They are walking through the Forrest St. entrance of the Maryland State pen.

## Husband held without bail

"We had all gone to bed; me and my husband, and my mother who slept in the next room. I was half asleep when I heard my husband get up. 'There is a prowler in the house,' he said.

"I sat up a little and watched him crack the door to the hall. It was dark, and there was a sound, but he did not turn on the lights. He fired one shot into the darkness."

Her eyes filling with tears, Mrs. Mary Jordan, 25, 800 W. Fayette St., continued:

"When I looked down and saw who had been shot, I fainted."

The victim of a 38 caliber gun shot wound in the head was her 65 - year-old mother, Mrs. Ola Boodford.

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CHARGED WITH the shooting is George Jordan, 60, who is being held without bail at the City Jail, awaiting action by the State's Attorney's office.

**Mrs. Jordan said that her mother, who had been living with her for about amonth, said that he had shot this mother-in-law, thinking she was a prowler.**

She said about 11 p.m. Wednesday, "We have had so much trouble with people breaking into the house," she said. "Last summer someone broke in and stole our television set and radio."

Mrs. Jordan also told the AFRO on Thursday that her mother had been living with one of her other daughters before moving in with her.

After she revived, Mrs. Jordan telephoned the police, and upon their arrival turned over to them the revolver and a bag containing 12 bullets.

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ACCORDING to Officers John Bantz and Joseph Tomshack, of the Western Police District, they were met at the door by Mr. Jordan, who said that he had shot this mother-in-law, thinking she was a prowler.

They found the body of Mrs. Boodford on the second floor, partially in her room and partially in the hall. She was dead on arrival at Franklin Square Hospital.

## Rights bills due hearing

By MAX JOHNSON

ANNAPOLIS — The House of Delegates' Judiciary Committee is set to hold open hearings here Tuesday on three public accommodations bills now in that committee.

The first hearing will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and then recess for lunch and the afternoon session of the General Assembly.

**The hearing will resume at 3 p.m., and continue until all citizens desiring to speak are heard.**

They will be held in the House chamber, second floor of the State Capitol building.

The proposals to be considered are H.B. 44, intro-

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## Morgan asks out

ANNAPOLIS — "It would be unwise to place Morgan under a board, that has control of five teachers colleges. Morgan is a liberal arts college.

"This new state college board is going to have a difficult time helping those colleges convert to liberal arts.

"This would tend to have this board place less emphasis on Morgan, which already has a fairly good liberal arts program."

Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, president, Morgan State College, was speaking here Thursday afternoon, asking that his school be excluded from the provisions of the Curlett Commission bill.

The occasion was a joint hearing before the Senate and House of Delegates Education Committees on the S.B. 9, which is currently in the Senate's committee.

Dr. Jenkins and the Rev. James H. Wooten, Morgan alumni and pastor of the Milton Ave. Methodist Church in Baltimore, were the only speakers asking adoption of an amendment to the bill, which would exclude Morgan.

The amendment was introduced several days ago by Senator Verda F. Welcome (D. 4th D., Balto.).

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THE BILL proposes that Morgan and the state's five teachers colleges be placed under a common board of trustees, rather than continue with separate boards for each college.

A number of speakers appeared before the joint committee in support of the bill, as originally drawn to include Morgan.

**Following the hearing, an AFRO poll of several committee members of both chambers showed that they favored the inclusion of Morgan under the bill's provisions.**

Dr. Jenkins, in protesting the inclusion of Morgan, said he would be inclined to go

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WORLD-FAMED SINGER HERE FOR CONCERT

## 'Love that Mahalia Jackson, she is for 'real,' AFRO writer finds

By B. M. PHILLIPS

Did you ever meet someone, and fall in love with them at the start?

This reporter did on Thursday. It was 2:35 p.m., when Miss Mahalia Jackson, world renowned singer, walked into the AFRO City Room.

**She sat right down and began to chat with me as though we had known each other all of our lives.**

Miss Mahalia is a lady with beautiful eyes and a quiet sense of humor.)

I asked her about her clothes (You usually get off to a good start if you ask women about their clothes, instead of their love life.)

What kind of coat is that you're wearing?

● 'Honey,' she smiled, without batting an eye, this is an old - fashioned Persian Lamb.

"Not one for mink in this kind of weather."

Actually, her full - length fur was very handsome and becoming.

Her French silk turban, dark greens and reds - was equally becoming.

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MISS MAHALIA has been back and forth the country in recent weeks — she was on the Firestone Hour in N.Y. on Sunday (did you see and hear her?)

The week before she was a star attraction at the Conference on Religion in her native Chicago. And, she sang in New York at the Carl Sandburg testimonial.

Does she travel by plane?

"Not in this country. I get by train or car. I just feel more comfortable." In explanation, she said: —

"Our train broke down coming from Chicago to New York.

"We could all get out and fix the engine. But if the plane had broken down . . ."

My laughter interrupted. She joined in laughing at her own joke.

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MAHALIA JACKSON is in Baltimore for a Sunday 3 p.m. concert at the Civic Center. It is her first visit since her Lyric appearance two years ago.

She is staying at the Stafford Hotel. She moved out of another hotel because "it was too cold."

Other members of her party are Miss Elizabeth Thornton, her secretary; Mrs. Louise Weaver, and Edward Robinson, pianist and organist and her accompanist, Miss Mildred Falls.

ON THURSDAY, Mahalia was guest artist on radio and television stations in Annapolis and Baltimore. While appearing at Annapolis, WANN, a group gathered at Richman's Pharmacy called to invite her over.

**Mahalia obliged. When she reached the West St. pharmacy 40 admirers were there to greet her.**

Do you know many artists who would stop in the middle of their schedule to visit an unknown group of well wishers? Mahalia did.

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MORE CUFF notes re Mahalia Jackson: She stands 5 ft. 7½ inches, weighs 200 pounds.

"I lost 55 pounds last year. My doctor said my heart was affected, so I just stopped eating."

For breakfast, she has just orange juice. She eats no lunch. For dinner she likes foods with protein, like fish and steak.'

She prefers tea, does not imbibe alcoholic beverages, but 'sometimes I may take a little wine.'

Mahalia says that she just loves people loves to entertain and to cook." Fish and greens foods are her favorites.

DO YOU SLEEP in all the bedrooms (she has four), of

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MISS MAHALIA JACKSON
'My age is a blessing . . .'
(AFRO Photo by Otha Mackey)

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## Mrs. Campanella dies suddenly

GLEN COVE, N.Y. — Police are investigating the sudden death of Mrs. Ruthe Campanella, wife of former baseball great Roy Campanella, who reportedly collapsed and died while talking on the phone in her Long Island home today (Friday).

**Earliest reports are that Mrs. Campanella was talking on the phone with a woman employee of the Internal Revenue Service office.**

The worker stated that she heard a commofion on the other end of the line and became alarmed.

She then called police. When officers arrived, they found Mrs. Campanella dead.

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The Campanellas had been in the limelight currently as a result of Mr. Campanella's suit for divorce. This action has resulted in bitter charges and counter - charges between the two. They had been married for 15 years.

Just last week Mrs. Campanella had denied charges by her husband that she had been involved in misconduct with a well - known bandleader. The couple had been engaged in a two-year court battle over custody of their suburban home and the extent of alimony Mrs. Campanella was to receive.

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Campy and Ruthe are well known in Baltimore and Washington. He lived in the Monumental City for several years prior to their marriage in 1948.

Roy at the time was playing with the Baltimore Elite Giants of the now defunct Negro American League.

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Mrs. Campanella was pronouncer dead at 12:55 p.m. Friday by Dr. George Durveat upon his arrival at her home. Only other person present in the house at the time of her death was her 15-year-old son.

MRS. CAMPANELLA

## Rites held for Curtis Mitchell

WASHINGTON

Funeral service were held today (Friday) at St. Lukes Episcopal Church for Curtis P. Mitchell, prominent criminal lawyer, who died Monday at Freedmen's Hospital. Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Mitchell, 50, who at a comparatively young age, established one of the largest criminal practices in the District, suffered a cerebal hemorrhage Sunday, January 14, at his home at 3536 Center St., NW.

BORN DECEMBER 28, 1913, in San Antonio, Tex., Mitchell was reared in Denver, Col., coming east in the 1930's.

He attended Lincoln University and also the Howard University School of Law from which he was graduated with honors in 1938.

Mitchell worked with the WPA and then as a lawyer for Federal Housing Ad-

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