Baltimore Notebook

By MAX JOHNSON

There is still very much in the making that proposal to gerrymander the Fourth District — in the process of realigning the existing boundaries of the city's six legislative districts.

And by gerrymander — I mean precisely this:

They proposed to enlarge the district, as, of course, is required — but the plan is to enlarge it with an almost overwhelmingly number of white voters.

To accomplish this, they want to extend certain existing boundaries in quite an odd fashion into the large Fifth District — rather than follow natural enlargement procedures.

The very obvious purpose is to contain the colored vote power — hence the gerrymandering move.

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THE FOURTH DISTRICT, in recent years, has been the only one of the six in the city where the colored voter has been in a majority.

The gerrymander they are proposing now would no longer give the colored voter in the new Fourth District any semblance of a majority — worthy of that designation.

The colored voter would have no city district in which he would be in such a majority — though colored citizen form over a third of Baltimore's total population.

This means the colored voter would have no district in which he could elect public officials of his own choice—such as is now the case in the Fourth.

Here should be a disturbing situation for all such citizens — whether they reside in the Fourth or another district.

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FOR A gerrymander such as is planned would mean the loss during the next state election of colored representation at Annapolis.

And such representation — when done in the true sense of the word — is vastly important to all of Baltimore's colored citizens.

So — let's sidestep the technicalities and look in broad terms at how they want to redistrict the new Fourth.

The accompanying map should help.

The diagonal lines show the Fourth Legislative District as it now is — or rather as it was until a few days ago when Judge Barnes declared all 'city legislative boundaries null and void.

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THE CLOSE or checkered additions represent what is proposed.

And here comes the gerrymandering proposals.

They are represented by the numbered 1, 2, 3 precincts in the upper left.

And also carried further by the designated 95, 96, 97, 99 precincts further above on the left.

Those 1, 2, 3 precincts represent 1,936 white voters—and just 369 colored.

The above 95, 96, 97, 99 precincts carry 3,368 white voters—but just 180 colored.

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SO, THEY want to gerrymander the Fourth District with a thumb of over 1,900 white voters on its left—and a cocky hat of more than 3,300 other white voters on its top.

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NEW RESIDENTS — Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Redding Jr. of Wilmington, Del., are welcomed to Baltimore by Father Robert M. Powell, right, associate rector of St. James P. E. Church. Mr. Redding becomes program director of Lafayette Square Community Center on Nov. 15. Until his appointment to St. James, Father Powell was Center's executive director, a post which has not yet been filled. Photo was made at Lafayette Square's annual luncheon meeting on Monday.

Geo. B. Murphy Homes, 17th housing project, dedicated

By MAX JOHNSON

Baltimore honored one of its renowned late citizens and noted a milestone in its advancement Thursday morning, coupling both in a single ceremony at 900 Argyle Ave.

The occasion was the dedication of the George B. Murphy Homes, the city's 17th low - rent public housing project.

It is named in honor of Dr. George B. Murphy Sr., educator, former secretary of the AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers and remembered for numerous other distinctions.

This is a 758 - unit project under sponsorship of the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency bordering Perkins Spring Square, vicinity of Myrtle Ave. and George St.

It is the first such project here with some units designed especially for the convenience of the elderly.

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APPROXIMATELY 150 dignitaries and citizens braved windy low 50-degree temperature for the outdoor hour and 45-minute ceremony along with the family and relatives of Dr. Murphy.

BURHA officials arose to the occasion with a number of distinguished speakers.

With Walter Sondheim Jr., BURHA chairman, presiding these included:

Thomas D'Alesandro Jr., City Council president and acting mayor due to the illness of Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin, who took note of the units designed for the elderly and stated:

"The second major point of interest here for me today is that this project will be operated in accordance with the principle that all groups in the community must have an opportunity to enjoy the benefits of our urban society.

"I want to make it very clear that I stand for the opening up of opportunity to all our citizens, without regard to race, color or creed.

"Furthermore, this city needs people from among all the varied groups of its citizens to move forward to positions of responsible leadership."

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THEN CAME John H. Murphy 3rd, president, AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers, who in paying tribute to BURHA for this new, unique project, recalled he was among those present almost a year ago during ground - breaking ceremonies there.

Anita Williams, well known civic leader and friend of the late Dr. Murphy, paid tribute to him with a recounting of his accomplishments.

"He was appointed to the Housing Authority by Mayor (Howard) Jackson in 1937," she said, "and served until 1945. He helped to secure $20,000,000 for housing for colored residents out of $50,000,000 that was spent.

"Dr. Murphy was a kind, gentle, understanding, forthright gentleman. He was referred to by those who knew and loved him as 'Baltimore's elder statesman.'"

Howard H. Murphy, one of Dr. Murphy's sons and AFRO business manager, responded to the tribute with the presentation to Mr. Sondheim of a painted portrait of his father for placement in the project's administration office.

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RICHARD L STEINER, BURHA director, presented the two keynote speakers, Mrs. Marie McGuire, commissioner of the Public Housing Administration, and Mrs. Margaret C. Scheinhaut, chairman, Maryland State Coordinating commission on Problems of the Aging.

They are twin sisters.

"The dedication today of the George B. Murphy Homes," Mrs. McGuire stated, "should arouse pride in every heart.

"It is a more personal and lasting way, it perpetuates in stone and steel an imprint Dr. Murphy etched on his community in his lifetime as a civic leader, educator and Baltimore's first colored housing commissioner.

"There is added significance in this dedication, in view of the struggle of our country to see to it that equal opportunity is, in fact, a working force of government, and not lip service to perpetuate hypocrasy or deny the very safeguards our Constitution guarantees."

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MRS. SCHWEINHAUT, in terming the project "a step forward in Maryland," noted that her commission had initiated several benefits for the aged, said in reminding there was still much to be done:

"We are determined older people will find Maryland a pleasant place, indeed."

Our brief speakers were LeRoy A. Smith, director, Philadelphia regional office, Public Housing Administration; Herman A. Pressman, city comptroller, and Edward N. Wilson, chairman, Area I Council, Mt. Royal-Fremont Urban Renewal Area.

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MR. WILSON noted the Murphy Homes constitute the first project to be undertaken and completed in this BURHA area.

Invocation was by the Rev. Marcus G. Wood, pastor, Providence Baptist Church. Benedication was given by the Father Herbert R. Jordan, assistant pastor, St. Martin's Roman Catholic Church.

Murphy Homes consists of 54 colorful buildings on 14.9 acres of land. Four of the buildings are 14 stories each and the remaining 2 are two and three each.

There are 78 of its 758 units designed for the elderly. Of these, 52 are efficiency units and 26 are one-bedroom apartments.

The other 680 units are for people of all ages and family sizes. Including 158 with one bedroom, 238 with two bedrooms, 230 with three bedrooms, 44 with four bedrooms and 10 with five bedrooms.

The project has four large play areas, one in front of each of the high-rise buildings, a basketball court and a small amphitheater.

Initial occupancy began less than two years from date construction started.

General construction cost is $7,996,000, with elevator construction costs an additional $191,536.

The George B. Murphy Homes brings the total of Baltimore's low-rent public housing units to 10,280.

Political Institute asked to help with redistricting task

Morgan College's Institute for Political Education headed by Dr. James Fleming, has been asked to serve as a resource in the planning for re-districting of Baltimore's councilmanic districts, by Henry G. Parks Jr., City Councilman.

Mr. Parks announced today that the total resources of the community should be marshalled to provide the equity of representation in the City's government to which all citizens are entitled.

The pending re-districting has thrown the City, State and Federal voting areas into obsolescence and the local political order into confusion.

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THE CITY'S representatives in the state government are meeting continually and without success, with a judicial decree hanging over their heads. Plan X as amended has to do with the City Councilmanic districts.

The Institute for Political Education has been sponsored at Morgan State College for the past 5 years on annual grants from the Ford Foundation.

Although tried out on a one year basis, the result achieved has caused the repeated grants on a continuing basis that reached a peak of $175,000 this year.

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IN ADDITION, there is established a Bureau of Urban Affairs established at the college, under the presidency of Dr. Martin Jenkins, that is involved in the problems of cities in general.

Mr. Parks stated that in the present atmosphere of uncertainty and moves of both offensive and defensive nature, it is best to attack the problem in a responsible factual manner.

He hopes that Dr. Fleming can supply the sound foundation on which to build the city's future.

Coppin Courier gets a new editor-in-chief

A 20-year-old Coppin State College coed has high hopes for the Coppin Courier this school year.

The new editor - in - chief, Miss Lavania Hammond, a junior of 1511 Presstman St., spoke enthusiastically this week about her plans for the Courier.

Recalling that the four - page tabloid only came out once last term though it normally would be published in November, January, March and May, Miss Hammond, an attractive honor student, told the AFRO.

"I'm sort of rejuvenating it. I hope to bring it back with some new ideas."

In addition to school news, Miss Hammond says the Courier will carry community news about events which directly affect the college and others which do not have direct bearing on the campus program.

If Miss Hammond is as successful with the paper as she has been in her school work, the Courier's future is as promising as she imagines it.

SHE WAS one of the first three colored students in the accelerated courses at School 49 after Baltimore schools were integrated and graduated from Eastern High School.

Since entering Coppin, Miss Hammond has been on the Dean's List every semester. She will be a member of the Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society on the campus which starts initiation Friday, Nov. 22.

MISS HAMMOND

Last summer Miss Hammond studied human relations on a two - week Miles W. Conner scholarship at Adelphi College, Garden City, L. I.

Her plans now are to do graduate study in psychiatric sociology.

Working with Miss Hammond on the Courier are Miss Vivian Davis, news editor; Mrs. Mary Nicholson, features, and Mrs. Lucille Matthews, managing editor.

Faculty adviser is Dr. Howard D. Langford, chairman of the English Department.

Miss Hammond isn't in the newspaper business because she expects to make a future out of it. There was a challenge at the Courier and she "enjoys the responsibility of seeing a job get done."

Rains come to parched Baltimore

Parched fields and forests were cooled this week and dwindling water supplies got a boost from the driving rainfall which totaled 3.50 inches during a 48 - hour period.

The U. S. Weather Bureau reported that as of 1 p.m. Thursday nearly four inches of rain had been dumped on Baltimore and vicinity by 1 p.m.

Farmers and forest rangers were able to breathe a bit easier as the rain brought relief from the growing threat of fires and wilting winter crops.

City officials, too, were glad to abandon several possible steps under consideration to conserve water supplies which had reached the danger point.

Despite the down pour, the Weather Bureau reported that the rainfall thus far this year is still a minus 3.18 from normal.

$4.15 tax rate seen, school cuts restored

Baltimore's City Council is set to wrestle with a proposed next year's city budget calling for an increase in the property tax of 20 cents, from the present $3.95 rate to a record $4.15.

The Council may make additional cuts to further lower this tax, but can add no deleted items to raise it.

The Board of Estimates approved the proposed budget this week, calling for expenditures of $356,123,591 for 1964.

Principal restorations in the budget include items slashed at recommendation of Charles L. Benton, budget director, involving Board of Education requests.

These restorations include a provision for 96 additional teachers for trainable and disadvantaged pupils, $2,000,000 in construction funds for new schools.

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ALSO RESTORED were approval of a pilot program for day care of nursery-age children of working mothers, allowances for salary adjust.

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Burke Marshall to address local institute

Burke Marshall, chief of the Justice Department's civil rights division, will address an Institute to be held here Friday, Nov. 22 in the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

Theme of the institute program, which will run from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., is "Equal Opportunity: The Challenge of Reality."

A panel of experts to be heard include Calhoun Bond, attorney, Stephen C. Cromwell, executive director, Department of Employment Security; David L. Glenn, executive secretary, Baltimore Equal Opportunity Commission; William M. Passano, president Waverly Press.

Also, Mrs. E. R. Pierson, commissioner, Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency; Mrs. Henry Seidel, past president, Baltimore City Council of PTA's; Oliver W. Singleton, regional director, Region IV, AFL-CIO.

Dr. Wilmer V. Bell, director of adult education, Baltimore Public Schools, will serve as moderator.

Mr. Marshall, to be introduced by Carlton R. Sickles, Maryland Congressman -at-large, at 12:30 during luncheon, M. Shakman Katz, conference president, will preside.

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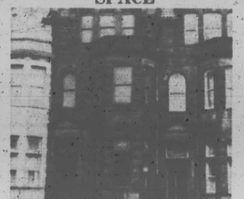

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THE WEATHER

Temperatures over next five days will average 6 degrees above normal with a warming trend through most of the period. Little if any precipitation expected.

JURORS SPLIT 10 TO 2 IN 'MOTHER-IN-LAW' SLAYING

Councilmen hear rights bill views

"Pass this ordinance and bring peace and harmony to the community."

"Give me the right to be a human being in Baltimore."

"This law represents the completion of a cycle—colored people were freed in 1863 and white people are being enslaved in 1963."

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THESE WERE the opinions voiced Thursday night by proponents and opponents of the proposed sweeping civil right legislation during the second public hearing on Mayor McKeldin's omnibus bill designed to make Baltimore an "open city."

They were testifying before the City Council Judiciary Committee which listened to pros and cons on the public accommodations section of the bill.

Robert B. Watts, representing the NAACP and the Rev. Marion C. Bascom, speaking for the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance, voiced the first two statements while urging the committee to approve the measure.

Samuel J. Setta, president of the Maryland Petition Committee, and leader of the "antis", sees adoption of the law as the reversal of slavery.

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DURING THE three-hour hearing City Councilmen and approximately a hundred listeners heard 10 speakers, representing government agencies, educational, religious, labor and community groups plead for passage of the measure.

On the "antis" side six speakers, including George Washington Williams, sent up a chorus of "I'm again' it!"

Samuel T. Daniels, labor and Masonic leader, co-ordinated the presentation of supporters.

Mr. Watts, warned councilmen not to create "another Cambridge," by failing to pass the ordinance.

"Young people are waiting and watching you. If they can't get public accommodations by law they will go into the streets."

Owners of public accommodations, the attorney said, want to "get rid of segregation but want it done by law."

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THE REV. MR. Bascom, who based his plea on morality, asked the lawmakers to

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Jail pupil, mother

A fight at Valley and Preston Sts., Thursday afternoon resulted in a teenage student being hospitalized and a second, along with her mother, being jailed.

Central District police identified the hospitalized girl as Marie Sanders, 16, 1300 block Valley St., who was operated on after being stabbed in the face, neck and side with an ice pick.

Earline Edwards, 16, 1300 block Aisquith St., and her mother, Mrs. Esther Edwards, 34, were charged with assault with intent to murder and were scheduled to appear in Municipal Court this (Friday) morning.

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SGT. EDWARD CADE and Officer James F. Orchey reported that the girls had been arguing and that the Edwards woman later became involved. The accused student reportedly went home for the weapon.

Miss Sanders was reported in satisfactory condition Friday at Mercy Hospital.

Both girls are 10th grade students at Dunbar High School. The incident occurred about 3:45 p.m.

Rites set for dentist, wife

Joint funeral services will be held Saturday noon at Emmanuel Christian Community Church for Dr. Chalmers Hairston, 46, and his wife, Mrs. Mary R. Hairston, 63.

Dr. Hairston, a dentist, with offices at 729 N. Carrollton Ave., died on Friday at Provident Hospital. He suffered a stomach ailment.

Mrs. Hairston, a teacher

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Wilkins to speak

Roy Wilkins, executive secretary for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, will be the main speaker on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 2:30 p.m., at the Sharp Street Memorial Methodist Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts.

Some 10,000 persons from around the state will gather in a protest rally to hear the militant leader from the NAACP speak on "Civil Rights, Now."

Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, president of the Baltimore Branch NAACP, also announced a 2 - week extension of the current membership drive in view of Mayor McKeldin's Proclamation designation the week of Nov. 17-23 as NAACP Week in Baltimore.

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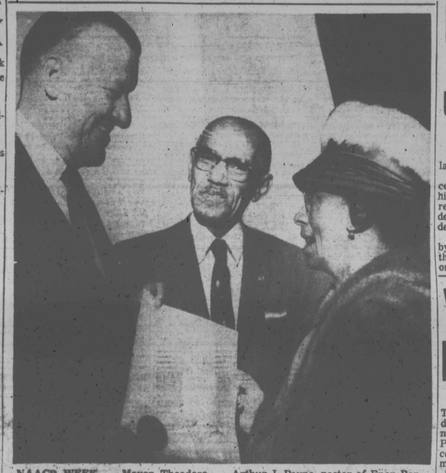
DR. JACKSON stressed the point that many workers in the current drive have requested this extension to enable them to communicate with many more potential NAACP supporters who had not been contacted during the last 4 weeks.

The drive, to date, has resulted in 11,000 new NAACP members in Baltimore.

Officers and members of the Myra Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star (PHA), some 2,000 who will be opening the 3 - day annual session in Baltimore, will also join a dramatic march demonstrating their support of the Civil Rights movement on Sunday from the Masonic Temple to Sharp Street Memorial Church.

Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell state conference president of NAACP, announced that she was greatly encouraged by the reports coming in from branches from around the state which indicate full support for the Civil Rights Rally and that the leadership from the 27 branches of the NAACP State Conference will meet in a special session to consider a stepped-up program in their respective counties around the state.



NAACP WEEK — Mayor Theodore McKeldin discusses proclamation designating Nov. 17 - 23 as "NAACP Week" in Baltimore with the Rev. Arthur J. Payne, pastor of Enon Baptist Church, and Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, NAACP president.

Welfare Board urged to end warrant-less night searches

By MOSES J. NEWSON

The State Department of Welfare was urged today to request Anthony Celebrezze, secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, to order an end to night searches of welfare clients' homes here unless warrants are used.

In urging the action, Howard H. Murphy, a board member, called the warrantless night searches violations of the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments and cited sections of the Social Security Act under which he said Celebrezze could move.

Meanwhile, in Washington, a spokesman in Secretary Celebrezze's office said he would have no comment on charges that the warrantless night searches are illegal and that he has the authority to halt them.

Secretary Celebrezze said he was familiar with the study made by Yale University law professor Charles A. Reich in which a detailed argument is made to support his theory that the searches are unlawful as now conducted.

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MISS ESTHER LAZARUS, director of the Baltimore Department of Welfare, told the AFRO that about five percent of the working time of the agency's 12 investigators are spent making the controversial searches.

On the legality of the warrantless searches Miss Lazarus said, "clearly that is a constitutional question, something that has to be brought out" in the courts or on advice of attorneys.

Miss Lazarus explained that the agency conducts the

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MRS SANTA SAYS:

'Great film, great cause'

Those persons who attend the AFRO's Mrs. Santa's gala showing of the film "Gone Are The Days" are in for a tremendous emotional experience.

Here is a motion picture brilliant in concept and so brilliant in execution that one moment has laughter ringing throughout the theatre, and in the next, brings a tear to the eye.

It is so real and so timely that no person in our city should miss it.

Tickets for the benefit show on Monday, Nov. 25, at the Charles Theatre are now on sale at the AFRO office, 628 N. Eutaw St.

There will be two shows—one, at 7:30 p.m. and the other at 9:30 p.m.

Tickets may be obtained at this office on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Sunday from noon until 5 p.m.

Since space in the theatre is limited, it is suggested that you purchase your tickets as early as possible. They are also available at the following places.

The Madison Ave. YWCA, 1912 Madison Ave.

Caplan's Drug Store, 601 N. Carey St.

Pauline Brooks Fashions - 2137 W. North Ave.

Super Music, 270 N. Gay St.

Hilton Court Pharmacy, Hilton and Liberty Heights.

In addition to viewing the

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Insanity defense used for accused

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

The murder trial of Acy Ira Joseph Chandler ended late Thursday in a hung jury after five hours of deliberating.

Asked to decide the sanity or insanity and guilt or innocence of the former college football player in the death of his mother-in-law, the jury of three women and nine men reported to Judge J. Harold Grady they were hopelessly deadlocked—10 for acquital and two for conviction—after deliberating from 12:30 until 7:30 p.m.

Chandler, who confessed to the crime, pleaded innocent by reasons of insanity. The state will set a retrial date and the son-in-law's battle to escape death in the gas chamber or life imprisonment will begin all over again.

Chandler, 31, 200 block S. Hilton St., was charged with the ice pick and knife murder of his mother - in - law, Mrs. Evelyn Everett of 2526 Harlem Ave. last December.

Alfred J. O'Ferrell and Richard O. Motsay, prosecutors, charged Chandler stabbed Mrs. Everett to death in the basement of her home after kicking in the door.

In a statement to police the former Indiana policeman said he killed his mother-in-law while searching for his wife, Mrs. Eleanor Chandler.

"I intended to kill all the women in the family because my wife and mother-in-law had caused me nothing but trouble," the defendant said in the confession admitted into evidence.

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PLEADING NOT guilty by reasons of insanity, Russell J. White, court - appointed attorney, introduced testimony by four psychiatrists of the staff of the Clifton T. Perkins Mental Hospital.

"He was a victim of dissociative reaction and therefore not legally responsible for his actions at the time of the crime," the mental experts agreed in testimony before a Criminal Court jury and Judge J. Harold Grady.

However, Dr. Oscar Prado, head of the State Department of Mental Hygiene, disputed this view, and said Chandler was sane at the time and knew the consequences and nature of his actions.

"He doesn't fit the pattern of a dissociative reactivist," Dr. Prado testified.

Testifying in his own defense, Chandler detailed how his wife and mother-in-law "turned my children against me."

When he asked the children why they disliked him, the defendant told the jury, they allegedly replied: "because you are no good."

"My wife hounded me. She and my mother - in - law had arrested a lot of times and I just couldn't take it anymore.

"I was not going to turn the other cheek anymore," he told the jury.

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CHANDLER, IN detail-

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Waiter for House glad

WASHINGTON— (NNPA)— The head waiter of the House dining room on Capitol Hill may not be an Adam Clayton Powell when it comes to counter-part funds, but he made the headlines anyway.

Ernest Petinaud, who speaks French and Spanish fluently, was invited by Rep. Wayne L. Hays (D. Ohio) to accompany his 10-member delegation to Europe for the NATO parliamentarians, conference.

Hays is a member of the House committee that oversees the junkets of representatives and supervises employment. The well-liked Petinaud was given the role of liaison man for the delegation. Hays said he acted as messenger for them.

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FOR HIS special brand of "expertise", Petinaud received $30 a day in government counter-part funds to cover his living expenses in Paris.

Then, in Hays's words, "a hell of a row" developed back home. "I think it is because Mr. Petinaud is colored," Hays explained in London last Monday. "He's a good guy and I thought it was a nice thing to do. He is on his vacation anyway."

The Congressman said the ruckus was raised by his "political enemies", who made a mountain out of a molehill by setting off a wave of criticism over Petinaud's presence in the delegation.

HAYS OFFERED to personally foot Petinaud's expenses for the four days he spent in London (about $64), because the head waiter performed no duties there. The eight days spent in Paris were covered by government counter-part funds.

As for Petinaud, he was glad he made the trip. He told reporters on his arrival in Washington Tuesday night, "I would be ready to do it again tomorrow."

BLUE STREAK SPECIAL

MOVIE STAR OSSIE DAVIS ON RACE, LOVE, POLITICS

By RALPH MATTHEWS JR.

Ossie Davis, playwright, actor and civil rights militant, came to town Thursday for the preview screening of "Gone Are The Days", the new movie he wrote and stars in opening here next week.

Six-two "in thin stockings," and "weighing about 190 now I am embarrassed to say," Mr. Davis is always the ideal subject for an interview.

His voice was booming and enthused as he spoke of his new movie, his first starring motion picture role, although he is by now a familiar face to anyone who watches TV drama or attends a Broadway productions.

ASKED IF "Gone are the Days", the screen version of Purlie Victorious, was too controversial to be shown in Southern movie houses, he said:

"No I don't think its too powerful for the South. I think if there is a Southern city where atmosphere has not been heated up, the film would be well received. I do believe that Southern cities will accept it."

In his new movie, as the Rev. Purlie Victorious, Mr. Davis makes several, hilarious speeches which racial pride as the serious underlying theme. He was asked if his quite obvious joy and pride in being "black was natural or a value he learned.

"Having racial pride is something I learned. My school back in Waycross, Ga. was segregated but our teachers were determined to teach us, to instill in us this feeling of pride of being someone.

"Much of my joy about being black stems from my father's influence. He was something of a heroic figure in my life. He didn't tolerate many of the customs of great areas colored people are subjected to and even in Georgia nobody bothered him. They knew how he felt.

"He taught himself to be a railroad construction engineer."

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HERE THE actor stretched out his hand as if across a horizon. "He supervised a long section of railroad track, saw it built. It covered some 20 miles and ran right past our town. We were all proud that he had directed this job that we could see. There were whites in the community who didn't think colored people should have this kind of a job. Oh yes, my father was my model and my inspiration."

Ossie Davis credits two Howard professors, Sterling Brown, the poet, and the late Alain Locke with nurturing his awareness of the good things of his heritage. "Those two will give you this pride if you but let them."

His duty during World War II in Liberia as an Army surgical technician added to this constantly nurturing pride of self and race, he recalls. "And of course, coming to Harlem and listening to the fiery black street speakers helped give me even more knowledge of myself and my people."

It is this gospel that colored Americans have nothing to be ashamed of and much to be proud of that is a basic theme underlying Mr. Davis' movie, "Gone Are The Days."

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ANOTHER THEME is that colored Americans are no longer going to stand for being second-place.

Although Ossie Davis is the most sought after colored actor on television these days his deserved success after years of struggle and learning his craft has not muffled his militancy.

On opportunities for colored performers in show business, particularly television, he commented: "Entertainment is opening up for us but not in all areas. Not in the area of policy-making, not where decisions affecting quality are concerned. There are no colored people employed in television (or anywhere else) in this area.

"Any industry that cannot find a place for Nat Cole or a Harry Belafonte should not start waving banners of progress."

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HE DID note that more colored entertainers were being integrated in television dramas and in commercials

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