Baltimore Notebook

By MAX JOHNSON

Now that last rites for President Kennedy have made his tragic death a bitter memory—the City Council is back on its bickering level.

It is grappling now with these two major pieces of proposed legislation:

1. Mayor McKeldin's omnibus civil rights ordinance.
2. Baltimore's budget for next year.

The civil rights ordinance is likely to be passed—in one form or another.

The budget is going to be passed before the end of the year—in one form or another, also.

SO—IT'S that questionable "in one form or another" which surrounds both ordinances with an aura of high concern at the moment.

What kind of civil rights legislation will come out of the City Council—how much and what new taxes next year?

Speculation arises, too, on what impact President Kennedy's assassination will have on passage of the proposed civil rights ordinance.

Out of deference to the late President's strong fight for such rights — will opposition all but vanish and it pass without watering-down amendments?

Let's see what we have to date.

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THE ORDINANCE proposes equal rights for all citizens in these areas:

1. Employment; 2. public accommodations; 3. housing; 4. educational institutions, other than parochial schools; 5. health and welfare services.

Public hearings so far on the first three provisions have produced opposition to all three—with the strongest centered on housing.

Remaining for public airing are proposals covering educational institutions—health and welfare services.

It's a safe bet opposition will be voiced to these, too —despite the air of suspicion surrounding the Kennedy assassination.

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IT MUST be recalled there's a hard core of anti-integrationists here who liked neither the late President nor his civil rights program—and said so publicly.

I don't see his tragic death bringing any change in them whatsoever — only a degree of sorrow over the circumstances.

This leaves the fate of the proposed civil rights legislation for Baltimore as it now stands up to whatever rising public support that may be further generated.

As of now—the housing provisions of the ordinance are in dire trouble.

They don't apply to private homes—but the opposition, including an official of the Real Estate Board of Greater Baltimore, are scaring a lot of people by saying the proposed housing law would lead to that.

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CURRENT INDICATIONS, then, are the housing proposals will be watered down greatly.

The other provisions of the ordinance appear to be safe for the moment.

The budget situation presents a more complex picture. **There is that matter of a 20-cent hike proposed in the**

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RIGHTS INTEREST—Here is a view of a majority of the 600 citizens who crowded the War Memorial Tuesday night for a hearing on the housing provisions of Mayor McKeldin's omnibus civil rights ordinance, before the City Council's Judiciary Committee. A total of 42 speakers appeared for and against the ordinance during the four-hour hearing. Proceedings were moved to the War Memorial auditorium, after interested citizens overflowed all available space in and around the City Council chamber in City Hall.

RIGHTS HEARING—These speakers and spectators were caught by AFRO photographer I Henry Phillips Tuesday evening at the City Council committee hearing on Mayor McKeldin's omnibus civil rights ordinance. Left to right, Bishop T. Austin Murphy, auxiliary bishop of Baltimore who urged its passage; Charles A. Avara, Barbers' Union offical, who wanted barbershops excluded; Russell Llyes Jr., spectator; Alexander Stark, 5th District House of Delegates member, speaking in favor of the ordinance; Mrs. Dorothy McGowan, spectator; Frank Gray, president, Citizens Planning and Housing Association, who urged passage of the ordinance.

Writer's critics prefer secrecy

An anonymous pamphlet characterizing world-renowned poet Langston Hughes as a Communist and anti-Christian was circulated in Baltimore during the local run of Mr. Hughes' religious musical "Black Nativity."

Although the noted writer's accusers preferred secrecy, this week the AFRO cleared up some of the mystery of the pamphlet.

Entitled "What do you Think?" the pamphlet listed two poems written in the 1940's by Mr. Hughes, "Goodby Christ" and "One More "S"." In The U.S.A." along with reports by the Special Committee on Un-American Propaganda Activities, House of Representatives, the 78th Congress.

Below the poems, the unknown pamphlet writer commented:

w do you think tmanet she Now do you think that any man who holds these views on Christianity and Americanism is entitled to your support or that of your church for his new play?"

THE HOUSE Committee had reported, in 1944, that Langston National Citizens Political Action Committee, was for a period of approximately 20 years a professed cardholding member of the Communist Party in the United States.".

In other excerpts from Congressional hearings of this second session of the 78th Congress, others linked the famed educator, Mrs. Mary McCleod Bethune and labor leaders James Carey and John Curran.

The pamphlet had been brought to the attention of the Baltimore Board of School Commissioners by a Southwest Baltimore woman.

When interviewed by the AFRO, she readily explained that she had received copies of the pamphlet and had circulated some.

"I felt this was important," she said but denied that the attack on Mr. Hughes was the work of ahy organization.

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When asked who had prepared the pamphlet, she gave a reporter the name of a man with business offices in downtown Baltimore.

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THE WOMAN said she had known of Langston Hughes work from some years ago. "did not see Black Nativity but understood it was quite controversial. I haven't talked to anyone who has seen it. I had planned to get a better picture."

The man said to have prepared the anonymous accusations against the playwright was also contacted by the AFRO.

He said: "I don't know who distributed it . . . I do know it was not distributed by any specific group."

Further questioning elicited from him the statement that "... some people bor-

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Halt GOP action due to JFK's death

A dinner meeting of the Republican State Central Committee, scheduled for Dec. 6, has been postponed until sometime in January, in observance of the tragic death of President, John F. Kennedy.

David Scull State Central Committee chairman, announced the postponement with this statement:

"The Republican Party in Maryland joins with its national committee in a demonstration of unity behind the new president, by delaying a month period of national mourning, free from partisan political activity."

Carver High talent set for Dec. 6 show

The cream of Carver Vocational - Technical High School's vocal instrumental, dramatic and dance talent will be on parade Friday evening, Dec. 6 at 8:30 p.m. when the school presents its annual Carver Varieties.

More than a dozen school clubs will appear in this traditional talent show to be held in the Carver auditorium.

The program will include a dramatic production of a Viennese party by the Les Petite Dames Club. The skit will show what goes on at a diplomatic evening soiree.

The Carver Curtain Callers will present the Life and Loves of Cleopatra. William Brown, a senior, has written a mystery play to be performed. The Math Club has a skit "No More Math" on tap.

Other presentations will include a court room comedy by the Student Council and performances by Lamplighters Club, the eleventh grade advisory council, the Library Club, the Traveling Vagabonds, the Safety Club and the Modern Dance group.

Also appearing will be Johnny Smallwood's band, Fred Butler's "Van Dykes," Freddie Jones" All String Band, the Spidells and members of the Junior Red Corss.

The program is open to the public.

Large crowd supports, hits rights bill in public hearing

By MAX JOHNSON

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BISHOP T. AUSTIN MURPHY, auxiliary bishop of the Catholic Archdiocese of Baltimore, was speaking Tuesday evening, urging passage of Mayor McKeldin's omnibus civil rights ordinance now before the City Council. The occasion — the Council's Judiciary Committee's second public hearing on the housing provisions and the fourth on the ordinance itself. The next public hearing will be Thursday night.

An orderly crowd of some 600 persons, of whom white citizens were in attendance, evidencing the preparation both sides had made for the event.

They so overflowed the Council chamber, the outside corridors and adjoining room, the hearing was transferred across City Hall Plaza to the War Memorial Building.

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BISHOP MURPHY, the first to speak for the proponents, ended his plea for passage of the ordinance with the above reference to the late President Kennedy, though his reference was denied other speakers.

"Thomas D'Alesandro 3rd,

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"Now is the hour for us to rise from sleep . . . Let us lay aside the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light."
Romans 13, 11-12.

ADVENT

Which begins Sunday, December 1st, IS a Season of Prayerful Preparation for the Anniversary of the Birth of Christ.

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THE WEATHER

Today (Friday) will be partly sunny and a little warmer. High near 48. Saturday considerable sunshine. Warmer with high in the 50s. Sunday cloudy, some rain likely.

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Mrs. Santa appeals for Yule funds

From all over the city, pleas for help are beginning to pour into the AFRO's Mrs. Santa as she prepares for her fifth consecutive year of helping needy families in Baltimore.

On Tuesday, Mrs. Santa published the first of her needy cases, and from now until Christmas, she will carry new listings in each edition of the AFRO.

Once again, she is asking for help from all of her friends, whose hearts are touched at this season of the year by the plight of the less fortunate.

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MRS. SANTA knows of children who have never received a toy, of people bent by the infirmities of age, of homes in which all hope has fled.

It is for these people that the project is conducted without regard to race, creed or color.

There are several ways in which the community can help in the Mrs. Santa Project.

1. By adopting one or more of Mrs. Santa's families.

Each case has been given a number. When an individual or club finds a case of interest, Mrs. Santa will provide the name and all other necessary information.

Simply call Mulberry 5-6015 and ask for Mrs. Santa.

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ONE GROUP which has already responded to the pleas of the needy is the National Alliance of Postal Employees, which has adopted 43 families and will provide them with food.

Mrs. Santa is hoping that other organizations in the city will join in this worthwhile project.

2. **By making cash donations to the Mrs. Santa Fund.**

The money raised in this fashion will be used to purchase food baskets which will be distributed to needy families.

There is a tremendous need for funds. Donations should be mailed to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa Fund, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md.

Any gift will be welcome,

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Troops cut in C'bridge

CAMBRIDGE — National Guard forces which have enforced modified martial law here since last July when violence erupted between the races, will be reduced.

Mrs. Gloria Richardson, leader of the Cambridge Non-Violent Action Committee, an anti - segregation group of mostly young people, announced earlier this week that protest demonstrations will be resumed Dec. 23, two days before Christmas and at the end of the official 30 - day national mourning period following the assassination of President Kennedy.

The troop cutback, which leaves 15 enlisted men and officers on duty here, was ordered by State Adjutant Gen. Milton A. Reckord after Gov. J. Millard Tawes decided Wednesday to keep guardsmen on duty indefinitely.

This is the smallest contingent of troops to maintain order since soldiers were rushed in last summer to put down blood letting.

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IN ANNOUNCING the cutback. Gen. Reckord said the token force will be continued as "long as both sides maintain law and order.

However, the general said the Eastern Shore based 2nd Battalion of the 115th Infantry will be on alert ready "to move in at any time" should the need arise.

At the height of unrest in Cambridge as many as 800 troops, under the command of Brig. Gen. George M. Gelston, were on duty.

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THE REDUCED unit will

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$15 billion urged for education

WASHINGTON — (NNPA) —James Farmer, national director of CORE, has recommended that the country begin a massive re-education drive to "repair the damage done in segregated schools."

He told President Johnson Wednesday that such a retraining project — for children of both races — is necessary "to reclaim the pride of our land."

The fourth colored civil rights leader to be summoned to the White House since last Friday, Mr. Farmer estimated that the program would cost the Federal Government about $15 billion over a five - year period.

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LIKE THE OTHERS, the fiery director of the Congress of Racial Equality left Mr. Johnson's office "much impressed" with the Chief Executive's firm commitment to the equal opportunity movement.

Also like the others Mr. Farmer said he had promised the President to do all he could to assist the Administration in getting a civil rights bill through Congress.

The legislation proposed by the late President Kennedy and approved by the House Judiciary Committee (after some changes), is resting on the desk of Rep. Howard W. Smith (D.-Va.), chairman of the House Rules Committee.

Mr. Smith has served notice that he is in no hurry to announce hearings on the civil rights package which has bi - partisan support.

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ASKED BY REPORTERS to list the steps CORE would take in furnishing the necessary "assistance," Mr. Farmer said his group would resort to lobbying and "demonstrations if the bill is held up."

He said the subject of demonstrations did not come up during his "get acquainted" talk with the President.

"Why not?" a reporter asked. "Because the President knows CORE is a direct action group," Mr. Farmer

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$100,000 FOR PROVIDENT — A pledge for $100,000 for the construction of the new Provident Hospital was turned over to hospital authorities on Thursday by Samuel Daniels, grand master of Prince Hall Masons. The pledge is to be paid within a period of five years. Left to right: Charles Tilden, chairman of clubs and organizations for the drive; Mr. Daniels; James Dorsey, grand senior warden of the Masons; Cortlandt Brown, treasurer of the hospital board of trustees; Sam H. Hecht and George Russell, co-chairmen of the drive; Leon D. Holsey, fund raising chairman for the Masons. Mr. Daniels said the pledge was an indication of the Masons' concern for the community at large.

Council committee begins study of civil rights bill

The City Council's Judiciary Committee is expected to begin deliberations either today (Friday) or Monday on Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin's proposed civil rights ordinance.

Thomas D'Alesandro 3rd, Council president, has said he wants the ordinance acted on before Christmas.

He has also expressed the opinion the housing provisions are likely to face serious Council opposition.

The sixth and final public hearing on the ordinance Wednesday evening brought such opposition from an organization which otherwise urged passage of the bill.

William Boucher 3rd, executive director, Greater Baltimore Committee, told the councilmen and the approximately 150 persons assembled:

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"WE SUPPORT the legislation except as it applies to housing.

"We suggest there is necessity to solve the problems in the field of housing and urge further study and action to that end, and we request that consideration be given to means to equalize the responsibility under the legislation."

However, Dr. Furman L. Templeton, executive director, Baltimore Urban League, presented an array of other speakers, all of whom urged passage of the ordinance in its entirety without crippling amendments.

These included:

Stanley Mazer, of Mayor

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Protests seen as possibility

WASHINGTON — (NNPA) —The most dynamic figure in the desegregation movement said this week his followers may resume massive demonstrations unless Congress acts soon on civil rights legislation.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., of Atlanta, made this point clear on emerging from a 50-minute conference with President Johnson.

He told reporters at the White House that his talks with the Chief Executive, who had summoned him for the meeting, had been fruitful.

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"MAN-ISSUES relating to to civil rights, including unemployment in general, and particularly among colored workers," were discussed, Dr. King said.

The need for a broad retraining program for the unemployed also was mentioned. the civil rights leader added. he told the President that the most urgent present need is for "strong and vigorous work to get a civil rights bill through Congress."

Dr. King spoke bitterly of the "coalition in Congress" preventing a fair and representative government. The colored citizen is in a "tragic situation," he said, when men like Rep. Howard W. Smith, chairman of the House Rules Committee, can refuse to publicly announce that they are against equal rights for all Americans.

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THE MINISTER, who has spent many days in Southern jails, said the back of the coalition must be broken. He plans to make a tour of the country within the next two months to "make the public aware of the whole situation."

On the tour, he said he would urge colored citizens to register and vote by the thousands.

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IN THE MEANTIME, Dr. King promised no let up in demonstrations which he called the "very thrust of our movement."

While there had been a moratorium on demonstrations in some places, due to the assassination of President, that stage has now passed. He emphasized that demonstrations, or the threat of demonstrations, would be considered a valid weapon "as long as the present conditions persist."

Asked about the situation in Danville, Va., where a truce has been in effect, Dr. King said the truce is limited to 15 days, but "not beyond Dec. 15," when things will begin to happen in Danville, and also in Williamston, N.C.

Calvert St. rape case in 2nd day

The murder and rape trial of Clarence Hence Green entered the second day today (Friday) before a two-judge panel in Criminal Court.

Green, 17, 2200 block Guilford Ave., is charged with the August murder of James Duffy and the razor-slashing and rape of his wife, Mrs. Naomi Duffy.

State's Attorney William J. O'Donnell and deputy Charles E. Moylan Jr., prosecutors, charged Green murdered the husband and attacked his wife after breaking into their Calvert St. home during the early hours of the morning of Aug. 24.

Eastern District police arrested Green in connection with a robbery two months later but Det. Lt. Anton Glover of Homicide was called in after Green was quoted by police cellmates as bragging about the "Duffy Case," police testified before Judges Reuben Oppenheimer and Edwin Harlan.

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THROUGH HIS attorney, Joseph Rosenthal, Green entered a not guilty plea, contending he cut the 38-year-old man's throat in self defense and engaged in sexual relations with Mrs. Duffy through mutual consent.

In a statement to Lt. Glover, admitted into evidence, Green said he entered the house after being invited by Mrs. Duffy.

"So what are you doing tonight?" he quoted the wife as asking him as he walked past the house.

"Why, do you want me to come up?" Green said he replied.

"You can suit yourself." the defendant claimed the

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A woman's struggle against the odds

By RALPH MATTHEWS JR.

Nothing like this had ever happened to Mrs. Emelda Baxley before.

As a girl in New Orleans, her parents had owned their home and it was a sound dwelling.

Mrs. Baxley remembers that "We were born in that house and we all married out of that house."

That was 18 years ago. Now, mother of nine children, her husband absent, Mrs. Baxley has for the past year been fighting a losing battle against a house bent on collapse.

Last December, the Baxleys almost died of gas fume poisoning from a defective furnace.

Yesterday, almost a year to the day, her 17-year-old daughter had part of the kitchen ceiling fall on her head while she sat doing her homework.

Not all of the ceiling fell on Mrs. Baxley's eldest child. Just a chunk of plaster that had been weakened by the leaking toilet in the bathroom upstairs.

The girl was treated at Provident Hospital Tuesday night and on Wednesday was confined to her bed.

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MRS. BAXLEY sat now in her troublesome kitchen and talked above the constant dripping from the toilet. Waste water pinged into buckets about her on the kitchen floor.

"The real estate man sent a man out to look at the ceiling this morning. That's all he did was look. As you can see it's still dripping and I don't know when they intend to fix it.

Mrs. Baxley had just finished a conversation with her family's welfare case worker.

She sighed. "My husband used to work at Ft. Meade. He made good money but work ran out . . . and . ."

The woman's voce trailed off. She waved her hand gently. It suggested a bird in flight.

Mrs. Baxley and family have been putting up with these house defects for a year and a half.

Besides being overcome by gas fumes, the rain comes through the rear kitchen window as if nothing was in its

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THE FIRST TIME

Officer Elzey retires from duty

REGAN IN 1946

From now on good music, reading and "easy living" instead of the sound and fury of crime in the streets, will play major roles in the life of Gardner Elzey.

Mr. Elzey, 42, 2045 Wheeler Ave., a 17-year veteran of the Baltimore Police Department, retired last week.

The former patrolman (uniform and plainclothes) was awarded special disability retirement as a result of injuries sustained in the line of duty which hospitalized him for seven months.

Officer Elzey, who joined the force on April 3, 1946, was struck down by a motorist in August, 1962, while on duty in the Southwestern District.

The injury completely paralyzed the left side of the officer's body, but he regained use of his limbs through treatment at the therapeutic clinic at University Hospital, where he is an out patient.

MR. ELZEY saw duty in all but one of the districts and earned four commendations for his work in solving crimes of rape, murder and burglary.

The first policeman of color to retire from the force, Mr. Elzey, from 1955 until 1960, was a juvenile protective officer where he worked with problem children in the Northwest section of the city.

Native of Philadelphia, Mr. Elzey was educated in public schools there and in Washington and attended Maryland State, Morgan and the University of Maryland.

Retirement will also enable him to complete work for his

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TOO MUCH TALK

Muslim leader gags Malcolm

CHICAGO — Malcolm X, No. 2 man in the Black Muslim movement, has been slapped with an indefite suspension from public speaking for comments he made about the death of President Kennedy.

A brief statement released Wednesday by Muslim Headquarters here announced the gag. It bore the signature of Muslim ruler Elijah Muhammad.

The statement said in part: "Chicago - Minister Malcolm Shabazz addressing a public meeting at Manhattan Center, New York City Dec. 1, did not speak for Muslims when he commented on the death of President John F. Kennedy.

"He was speaking for himself and not Muslims in general. Minister Malcom has been suspended from public speaking for the time being. The nation still mourns the loss of our President.

IN THE speech last Sun-

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