Baltimore Notebook

By MAX JOHNSON

This, I have been told repeatedly for a long time now is the joyous, do-gooder period of the year.

A time when people try to atone for their devilish deeds all year long—by being nice to each other for a couple of weeks.

It is not, however, in this hypocritical spirit that I wish to extend publicly some Yuletide greetings at this time.

These, may I hasten to assure one and all, are really warm, heart-felt seasonal greetings.

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SO, WITHOUT further ado — these are to:

Gov. J. Millard Tawes—

Cambridge had you groggy for awhile, didn't it? But, you came off the ropes like a champ, with that judgeship appointment of Bob Watts.

Happy holidays, Governor!

Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein—

What wha Joe Tydings and Dave Hume cooking up a scheme for the Senate seat you want, it looks like a hard, cold winter, doesn't it?

Merry Christmas, Louie!

Thomas B. Finan, attorney general—

All can be calm, all can be bright for you—if Louie Goldstein wins, heh, what?

Season's greetings, Tom!

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Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin—

What a year's end for you. If your civil rights ordinance passes, you take credit. If it doesn't — you can blame the Democratic City Council.

May happiness fill your holidays, Mayor!

Thomas D'Alesandro 3rd., City Council president—

You won that debate on a legalized lottery, didn't you?

Merry Yule season, Tommy!

Hyman A. Pressman, city comptroller—

You won that debate on a legalized lottery, didn't you?

Merry Yule season, Hymie!

City Councilmen—

May Santa leave in each of your fireplace hung stockings, a bright new copy of "How To Win Friends and Influence People."

Or—would you rather more tranquillizers?

Top of the holidays to you, gentlemen!

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Judge Robert B. Watts, new Municipal Court jurist—

What a Christmas present that came out of Annapolis for you—and for many of us as well.

Continued joy be with you throughout this season, Bob!

Senator Verda F. Welcome—

We can both be certain you won't get a seasonal greeting card from Jack Pollack.

Happy Yuletide, Verda!

Loyal Randolph, relocated businessman—

I'm quite sure you are sending warm seasonal greetings to Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency officials. Right?

Merry Christmas, Randy!

AFRO readers—

Happy holidays, Boss!

Holofcener quits, hits at Agnew

Yielding to several weeks of intensified pressure, Michael G. Holofcener stepped down Thursday as chairman of Baltimore County's Human Relations Commission, but said he would remain as a member.

Spiro T. Agnew, county executive, who named Mr. Holofcener to a one-year term the past July, has been persistent in recent weeks in his demands that he be removed, charging in essence he is not a good chairman.

Mr. Holofcener took note of this difference with Mr. Agnew in a statement he issued Thursday afternoon at his Pikesville insurance office, announcing his resignation as Commission chairman.

The statement began with:

"The county executive's interference with the Human Relations Commission, and his statements on civil rights, have convinced me that he expects the Commission to respond to his authority, and be subject to the dictates of political expediency.

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"TO THE contrary, I believe that the Commission's role should be one of action and initiative in fulfillment of its commitment to legislative authority, and its avowed statement of purpose ...

"I cannot remain as chairman under this cloud which has been placed on the leadership and independence of the Commission.

"I believe the conclusion is now unmistakable that the enunciated policies of the Commission are in seri-

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CHRISTMAS PRESENT — Municipal Court Judge Robert B. Watts, with his family, receives appointment commission from James F. Carney, clerk of Superior Court, who administered the oath of office to Judge Watts during ceremonies at Central Municipal Court Wednesday. From left are Mr. Carney, Jacquelyn, 9; Genelle, 5; Bobette, 3 (in judge's lap); and Mrs. Jacquelyn Watts. Robert B. Watts Jr., at rear, is a graduate student at the University of Maryland. Another son, Rodney Morgan freshman, is not shown.

Eastern scouts elect Kelley

Ending on a successful note, the Eastern District, Baltimore Area Council of Boy Scouts of America, elected 1964 officers at its annual business meeting Dec. 12 in St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, Dundalk.

Heading the slate of officers was a new chairman, James Kelley, superintendent of the Open Hearth at Bethlehem Steel.

Kelley succeeds John W. Miller, who has chaired the district for six years.

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Large crowd sees Watts sworn again

Lavish and warm praise plus biting criticism highlighted the impressive swearing-in ceremony for Municipal Court Judge Robert B. Watts, Wednesday, in Central Municipal Court.

State officials, headed by Gov. J. Millard Tawes, who named Mr. Watts to the vacancy created by the death of Judge William K. Barrett, judges and lawyers were lavish in their praise of the judicial talents of the only colored member of the Municipal Court.

Acting Chief Judge of the Supreme Bench, Charles E. Moylan Sr., set the tone of the ceremony:

"Judge Robert B. Watts is recognized by our bench and the bar as a sound lawyer.

"Learned in the law, possessing exceptional qualities of mind and heart, discriminating in judgment, he will bring to the Municipal Court qualities one needs to become a capable, poised, firm and incorruptible judge."

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SPEAKING TO a packed courtroom, including Judge Watts's wife, Mrs. Jacquelyn Watts, and four of his five children, law partners, friends and wellwishers, Judge Moylan declared:

"Judge Watts possesses humility, an innate sense of fairness and a kind of genius for finding the heart of an intricate problem of law."

The ceremony actually was a replay of an earlier one when the 41 - year - old lawyer became the first person of his race to be named to the new court system in 1961. He was defeated in a close election last November when Judge Joseph L. Broccolino polled slightly more than 2,000 votes than he.

T. Barton Harrington, chief judge of the Municipal Court, and Howard C. Bregel, former president of the Bar Association and Chairman of the Governor's Permanent

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King's visit—were there two reasons?

By TED HANDY

Was Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech here Thursday night the first move in power struggle involving both church and civil rights on a national level?

Will Baltimore become the northern-most stronghold of the dynamic Rev. Mr. King's particular brand of non-violent freedom fighting?

Does the appearance of Dr. King also signal a campaign by the liberal wing of the National Baptist Convention to step up pressure to oust Dr. J. H. Jackson, the controversial Chicago minister, as Convention president.

Dr. Jackson, who advocates a "go slow" policy, almost suffered serious injury at the hands of delegates at a civil rights convention in Chicago last summer who resented his "soft" racial line.

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THESE ARE some of the lively inside questions being kicked around locally in the aftermath of Dr. King's address at the Civic Center here last night. (Thursday.)

Of course Dr. King's appearance here may be nothing more than what it seems but several background factors require close examination.

The rally last night was for the benefit of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Dr. King's Atlanta-based rights organization, and local freedom groups including the Baltimore branch NAACP, the Baltimore chapter of CORE and the Civic Interest Group.

The program was under the general auspices of the Maryland Committee for Freedom of which Dr. Logan Kearse, pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church, is chairman.

It is no secret that Dr. Kearse is a strong supporter and ally of Dr. King and admires the Georgian's skill and tactics as a civil rights leader.

It is farther no secret that Dr. Kearse is a firm believer in enlisting mass support for both his church and community program.

It is finally no secret that while many Maryland Baptist ministers are still in Dr. J. H. Jackson's camp; increasing numbers, notably Dr. Kearse, have chosen to align themselves with the progressive wing of the National Baptist organization as exemplified by Martin Luther King's leadership.

WHAT COULD possibly come as an after-effect of Dr. King's visit here is that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference may actively organize in Baltimore and become a new force in the local freedom movement.

Why would Dr. King and SCLC allies be thinking in terms of Baltimore as a new area for mass civil rights action?

Several reasons come to mind.

Dr. King's stress on non-

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No hope for rights bill before Christmas

All hopes of getting Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin's civil rights ordinance before the City Council proper, prior to Monday's holiday recess period, were dispelled this week.

The Council was still wrangling in executive session Thursday night over the city's budget for next year.

It is expected this budget will be cleared today (Friday for final action either today or Monday.

This means the omnibus civil rights ordinance, now in the Judiciary Committee, may not reach the Council floor until early February.

William D. Schaefer (5th D.), Council vice president and Judiciary Committee chairman, told the AFRO Thursday night the City Council would reconvene either Jan. 13 or 20.

He said his committee would start deliberations on the ordinance a week after Council sessions were resumed.

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THE OMNIBUS package would end racial discrimination in employment, public educational institutions, other than parochial schools, and in health and welfare services.

The City Council Thursday night was grappling with a series of nuisance taxes, in an effort to stave off a hike in the property tax rate of 20 cents, from the $3.95 to $4.15 as suggested by the Board of Estimates.

Among these proposed taxes are a one-cent levy on soft drinks 16 ounces and under, an admissions tax on some entertainments, an increased tax on hotel rooms, a property transfer tax hike of from one-half of one cent to one cent and a ten cent tax on each $100 deposited in savings and loan organizations.

Tayback named

Dr. Matthew Tayback has been named Deputy Commissioner of Health in the Baltimore City Health Department.

Dr. Tayback has been Acting Deputy Commissioner since the retirement of Dr. E. Ross Davies on September 30, 1963.

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THE WEATHER
Considerably cloudy today and Saturday, high today in the 40s and low today in the 20s. Colder Saturday.

SEEK BOARDER IN SLAYING

Protests delayed in Cambridge

CAMBRIDGE, Md. — "We have begun mobilizing for demonstrations but we are holding up until after a meeting arranged by Sen. Daniel Brewster (D.- Md.) with SNCC, CNAC, Federal officials, segregationists, county legislators and others, to be held in Washington during the first part of January."

This is the latest word from racially troubled Cambridge as given by Mrs. Gloria Richardson, chairman of the Cambridge Nonviolent Action Committee (CNAC) on Thursday.

Mrs. Richardson said her group will not only once again seek full civil rights for colored residents of jim-crow Cambridge but will request emergency relief aid from the Department of Agriculture.

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"THERE ARE 1700 destitute families down here," she said. "Some 900 families according to my latest figures, are receiving an average unemployment check of only $24.63 per household.

"We want some Federal government people sent in here to help people organize their farms, we want the Department of Agriculture to send in surplus food stocks. Our people are really hard-pressed. It's been a rough winter."

Mrs. Richardson reported one note of progress in Cambridge. "The national guard armory is offering an integrated recreation program. It is being supervised by guardsmen. A mixed group of kids was in Monday to play basketball and got along very well.

This sports program, said the CNAC leader, is conducted every day except Sunday between one and four p.m.

ON THE possibility of renewed demonstrations, Mrs. Richardson said, "You can never tell what people here will do, but we are mobilizing for demonstrations."

If the meeting arranged by Senator Brewster has no positive results, she said, mass demonstrations are once again a certainty for this violence - plagued Eastern shore community.

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Albany 5 get terms

By Staff Correspondent

MACON, Ga. — U. S. District Court Judge W. A. Bottle Monday pronounced sentence on five of the nine Albany, Ga., defendants, convicted last month on charges of committing perjury before a federal grand jury last July.

The convictions and sentences will be appealed.

Sister M. King, acting chairman of the Albany Movement and civil rights candidate for mayor last October, was sentenced to one year and a day; Thomas Chatmon, three counts, five years probation;

Miss Joni Rabinowitz of New Rochelle, N. Y., a student at Antioch College, was sentenced under the youth correction act to be restricted for four years. She was the only white defendant indicted.

The attorney general has the choice of confining her in a penal institution or allowing her to remain out or to continue in school.

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THE REV. Samuel B. Wells, an active voter registration worker, who led a protest march last July in defiance of a federal injunction was convicted on two counts and sentenced to one year and a day.

Mrs. Elza Jackson, recording secretary of the Albany Movement, is scheduled to be tried in January.

Len Holt from Washington said, "The wide and seemingly illogical variations in the sentences can be explained only by the degree of leadership exercised by the defendants in the Albany community.

"If you protest and lead the protest, you will be hit hardest by the federal courts. In the case of Miss Rabinowitz, the word is now out, we don't want any white folks down here participating in the freedom struggle.

"None of the defendants had any previous police or criminal records except for arrests in civil rights dem-

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$10,000 FOR PROVIDENT — Irvin Kovens, head of the M. Kovens Department store at 1335 W. Baltimore St., with his mother, Mrs. Morris Kovens, present $10,000 to the Provident Hospital Development Program. Receiving the check are Mrs. Victorine Adams, general solicitation chairman, and George L. Russell Jr., co-chairman of the campaign for $2,400,000. With this gift the total raised reached $706,000. The second phase of the drive, involving the solicitation of industrial, commercial and financial firms, starts in January, reports Samuel Hecht, chairman.

Va. children send scroll to Mrs. JFK

FARMVILLE, Va. (ANP)—Children attending the first free school operated in Prince Edward County since 1959 formerly presented a memorial scroll last week in honor of President Kennedy.

The scroll, recalling that Kennedy "once considered us in our distress," will be sent to Mrs. Kennedy.

Neil V. Sullivan of Hempstead, Long Island, N.Y., superintendent for the one-year, privately financed Prince Edward Free School Association, accepted the foot and a half square, leatherbound scroll at an afternoon memorial service in the high school auditorium.

James B. Cooley, principal, said Sullivan will see that the scroll gets to Mrs. Kennedy.

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MORE THAN a dozen sheets of signatures of all the white children enrolled in the Free Schools were attached to the scroll.

The scroll remembered that Kennedy had played an instrumental part in setting up the free schools to provide an education for the children.

Prince Edward's public schools were closed in 1959 to avoid court-ordered desegregation and the county's white children since then have paid tuition to attend private, segregated schools. There were no free schools in the county until the four

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Paul Robeson, home after 5 years, may face difficulty

NEW YORK — (ANP) — The possibility of a snub by civil rights organizations and an almost certain reopening of a congressional probe into the political beliefs await heroic Singer Paul Robeson who returned here Sunday to be met by a barrage of newsmen's questions, which he ignored, and by a grandaughter whom he'd never seen.

Accompanied by his devoted wife Eslanda who tried to shield the famous expatriate from the press and who remained behind with the luggage as he drove off with his engineer son, Paul Jr., Robeson has left only a shell of the handsome physique that made him a great athlete, actor and idol.

However, his infectious smile and flashes of his magnetic personality were still visible as he greeted with kisses his son, his white daughter-in-law, the former, Marilyn Paula Greenberg and his two grandchildren, 12-year-old David and one-year-old Suzy," who didn't quite understand what all the fuss was about.

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MEANWHILE IN Washington, alerted to his return, the House Un - American Activities Committee was making ready to reopen its investigation of Robeson.

The committee accused Robeson of supporting Communist front organizations. For that reason, and for his refusal to sign a non-Communist affidavit, he had a long battle to get a passport when he went abroad in 1958.

He made his home in England, before going to Communist East Berlin earlier in 1963, for medical treatment.

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ROBESON won his passport after the Supreme Court ruled that the State Department lacked legal authority to deny him one for failure to sign the non - Communist pledge.

The law has since been changed to give the State Department that right so Robeson could have trouble getting another passport if he wanted to leave this country again.

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A HOUSE committee

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Mrs. Santa ends annual campaign

Thanks to the efforts of the AFRO and the Regent Theatre nearly 1,500 underprivileged children shared the joys of Christmas Tuesday when they were personal guests of Mrs. Santa at the AFRO-Regent annual Christmas party.

The youngsters were treated to an exciting film, "Fun in Acapulco," starring Elvis Presley, and a live show featuring a talented group of local entertainers.

Rockin' Robin, the dapper and loquacious disc jockey from Radio Station WEBB, was master of ceremonies and Jerome Scruggs, leader of the Houserockers Band, furnished background music for a variety of songs and dances all built on the Christmas theme.

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HIGHLIGHT OF the party was the appearance of F. W. Doddle, who teamed with George Taylor, the youthful magician.

Using P.W. as his foil, George was hard put to outwit his audience of eagle-eyed youngsters who caught — or thought they caught — the secret to his every trick.

The mousecateer who relayed messages to Mr. Doodle never failed to rouse cheers as he darted on and off stage.

Sonny Hatchett, soloist - guitarist, treated the young

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Son finds body on Christmas Eve

"When the door swung open I saw my mother's body lying on the kitchen floor. I ran over to her and I knew she was dead but I didn't want to believe it."

This is the way William Howard Jr., 24, 800 block Harlem Ave., described the discovery of the body of his mother Mrs. Emma Lee Howard, 43, in her home in the 900 block N. Stricker St., on Christmas Eve.

Mrs. Howard died of stab wounds in her left chest, side and arm.

In another room of the house, the son found a Christmas tree, bare, except for one red bulb, and several unwrapped Christmas gifts.

Five children were in the house but slept through the assault. Two of the children are Mr. Howard's daughters, while the three other children are Mrs. Howard's son and two daughters.

Western District and Homicide Squad investigators theorize Mrs. Howard was killed between 8 and 10:10 p.m., when her body was found by her son.

A warrant has been issued, according to police, for a 35-year-old former boarder, at the home.

"My wife had taken the children to my mother's house earlier that day (Tuesday), and she and I had gone back to her house to pick the kids up," Mr. Howard said.

"We knocked at the door and when we did not get any answer, my wife knocked on the door harder and it swung open. She saw my mother lying on the floor and called me," said Mr. Howard.

Investigators said that the basement kitchen showed only "slight" signs of a struggle. They said that in a room where several children were sleeping, blood stains were found on the floor.

The blood stains led from the first floor bedroom down a flight of stairs to the basement kitchen where the woman's body was discovered.

"Her arm was hanging over the back of a chair as if she had either fallen from the chair or she was attempting to raise herself from the floor," Mr. Howard stated.

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NEIGHBORS told the AFRO that they had heard no unusual noises during the night, and police said that there no signs of a forced entrance.

Last to see Mrs. Howard alive was her eight year old daughter, Patricia, who told police that she and her mother watched television until about 7:30 p.m.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed at AFRO presstime.

Free friend of victim

WASHINGTON

A store owner, Eugene Palmer, 64, was exonerated Thursday at a coroner's inquest into the death of retired Howard University German professor, Charles G. Williams.

Palmer had been taken into custody shortly after Williams was found on Dec. 14 lying on his back in a dazed condition at 1725 Fourth St., NW.

Pvt. John F. Gray testified at the inquest that Williams was intoxicated when found and couldn't give any coherent information. He also testified that no one in the neighborhood knew what had happened.

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DURING THE ENQUEST, 12 - year - old Mary Frances Younger, 404 Florida Ave., NW, told the jury that she heard Williams beg Palmer for a dollar. According to Miss Younger, when Palmer refused. Williams began to argue with him.

Detective Joseph M. O'Brien testified that Palmer had told him that he pushed Williams during their argument and summoned an ambulance when Williams didn't get up. Palmer had also told

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'C. C.' Jackson to retire in January

Gregarious Charles Channing Jackson Jr., 63, better known as "C.C." is, by his own admission, cantankerous and a non - conformist.

He is that way because he firmly believes that man must stand up for what he believes.

A slim, angular, white - haired man who still shows traces of his athletic prowess he said: "I know that I am an oddity, a misfit; but that's me."

He admits that such a personality has attracted some enemies, but "I have made lots of friends," he said.

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MR. JACKSON has had a long career in the Department of Recreation. He will be retired next month after serving nearly 35 years with the department.

He is a district supervisor of playgrounds. From his desk in the bureau's headquarters at 1129 N. Calvert St., Mr. Jackson includes among his duties the direction and supervision of activities on playgrounds and in community centers in the entire area.

An important factor in the development of Mr. Jackson's personality is the evil of racial discrimination. He had to fight his way, inch by inch, up the ladder in the Department of Recreation.

First, he was hired in 1929 as a recreation leader "for colored work." When he was hired there was only one full time recreation worker in the colored community.

In 1940, when he was appointed district supervisor of the Northwest District, where

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CHARLES C. JACKSON

FIVE VIEWS OF THE YEAR 1963

POLITICS

By MAX JOHNSON

Politically in Maryland, this outgoing 1963 will be remembered foremost historically for the General Assembly enactment of a public accommodations law for part of the state.

There were noteworthy racial advancements, however, in the area of representation in government.

And there were disappointments in the continued lack of racial representation on some of Baltimore's top municipal agencies.

Then, there was a legislative redistricting plan for the city.

All in all, it has been a fair to middling year politically—

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CIVIL RIGHTS

By RALPH MATTHEWS JR.

A man named Bill Moore, Northwood, Gwynn Oak, jobs and de facto school segregation made the major Baltimore civil rights news stories of 1963.

This was the year local freedom fighters spread their activities in many new directions and several Baltimore projects achieved the status of international incidents.

JANUARY

Baltimore CORE continued its efforts to get the Baltimore Colts to move their training camp from Westminster, Md., where most public accommodations are operated on a segregated basis.

The Civic Interest Group and Ministerial Alliance hammered away at Maryland's segregated prisons. CIG investigators won permission to tour state penal institutions.

They found Patuxent Institute the only jail "totally free of racial discrimination." Pressure from civil righters had penal authorities promising a speed-up on integration of the House of Correction and other facilities.

Secretary of Labor Willard Wirtz, after an AFRO series on racial discrimination in the Maryland Department of Employment Security ordered Federal investigators to study job placement and personnel policies of this Feder-

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DEATHS

By WALTER DEAN

Some of the city's most prominent residents died during 1963.

JANUARY

The new year started auspiciously enough with the fatal accident of Leon Bartz, a 35-year-old school teacher who was killed in an automobile collision at 8 p.m. Jan. 1

A Douglass High School and Howard University graduate, Mr. Bartz, a sixth-grade teacher at school No. 150, was crushed in his foreign-made car at Liberty Hgts. and Hilton St.

During the same month, Mrs. Katie R. Williams, who

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POLICE

By WILBUR PINDER

The year 1963 saw the largest crime wave in the history of Baltimore.

According to Capt. George F. Klemmick, Homicide Squad commander, there were 140 murders during the year.

"This represents the largest number of homicides in the 10 years that I have commanded this squad," he said.

Of the 140 homicides, nine remain unsolved. Six of these nine involve colored persons.

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THE YEAR started with a series of homicides during the Christmas and New Year holiday.

The most tragic among

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THE COURT

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

Big, drama-packed, and exciting trials were few and far between in Criminal Court this year.

In fact the biggest—that of William D. Zantzinger—hardly didn't unfold in a local courtroom at all.

Zantzinger, a Southern Maryland tobacco farmer, convicted of the caning Death" of Mrs. Hattie Carroll during A posh society ball at a downtown hotel, was tried and convicted in a tiny courtroom in Hagerstown in Washington County.

The trial, which pitted the image of the arrogant southern plantation boss against that of a humble, kind, de-

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