Baltimore Notebook

By MAX JOHNSON

This new year will be one of great political actively locally and nationally—and we might do well to brace ourselves now for the increasing impact.

Brace ourselves, that is—with some idea of things to come.

In Maryland before the year is out — we will have elected a U. S. Senator.

Also, we will have elected a congressman in each of the state's seven congressional districts — and an eighth congressman to serve at-large.

Nationally before the end of the year—we will have elected a President of this nation.

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COMING, HOWEVER, are many other important political matters.

And they are issues and events to demand the attention of all citizens—because they affect the welfare of all citizens.

First off — there will be a house-to-house canvass of voters in Baltimore Jan. 20.

This survey by the Supervisors of Elections aims to correct registration—as well as remove from the books those who have died or moved from the city.

Voters who fail to respond to this survey are subject to be stricken from the registration books—however correct their addresses are registered.

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AND ON Jan. 20, too—the City Council reconvenes to start tackling some highly important matters.

Among them will be Mayor McKeldin's omnibus civil rights ordinance.

This proposal is in the Council's Judiciary Committee — which will determine in what form it reaches the Council floor.

While these matters are under deliberation—the state's General Assembly will launch a 30-day session at Annapolis in February.

Of top importance here will be the state's budget for the next fiscal year which begins July 1.

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THE ALREADY indicated hike in property and gasoline taxes, to name just two, should attract considerable citizenship interest.

Then, there is to be a congressional redistricting plan advanced—to be substituted, perhaps, for the plan approved earlier and now petitioned to referendum.

The Assembly then faces a special session to pass a legislative redistricting proposal for Baltimore — approved recently by a majority of the city delegation.

So—Annapolis demands attention, too.

Meanwhile, persons not yet registered to become eligible to vote must be reminded they have just until April 18 to do so—if they wish to vote in the presidential primary.

This primary May 19 gives early promise of being of unusual high interest

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STATE - WIDE candidates will, for the first time, not have to depend on a unit vote—for Maryland has now discarded that system.

This means such candidates can carry the heavy populated areas and win—rather than depend on the Eastern Shore and/or Southern Maryland counties.

The tail no longer wags the dog in Maryland voting — so to speak.

Following the primary and the determination of state winners of party nominations—citizens' interest will shift

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BORN WITH MONEY — Nurse Effie Williams and new mother, Mrs. Helen Hall, 906 Bennett Pl., welcome her son into New Year after 5 pound 13 ounce baby was born at 6:28 a.m. Jan 1 in University Hospital. Although not first baby born in New Year the unnamed infant won $100 prize from AFRO because his birth was first reported to the AFRO.

Tydings to announce Jan. 14, takes stand on civil rights

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

"Civil rights is not an issue.

"Unless every American enjoys the freedoms, rights and privileges spelled out in our Bill of Rights, America can never lead the free world.

"It's as simple as that."

Joseph D. Tydings, former U.S. District Attorney, a "Kennedy Democrat" was premiering his battle tactics in the upcoming duel with Louis L. Goldstein for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate seat now held by GOP Sen. J. Glenn Beall.

Mr. Tydings, 35 is expected to announce his candidacy Jan. 14 for the nomination.

Mr. Goldstein, state comptroller, and hand-picked candidate of State Democratic leaders, is expected to go through with the formality of announcing with in a few days.

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MR. TYDINGS was picked by the Brothers Kennedy (the then President and his brother Robert F., U.S. Attorney General) as U.S. District Attorney for Maryland over the opposition of the local Congressional delegation.

He won the favor of the late President and his brother Robert after organizing the Kennedy Presidential Primary in Maryland in 1960 and later Delaware and Florida for the general election in which Mr. Kennedy beat Richard M. Nixon.

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IN OPPOSING Mr. Goldstein, the former Federal prosecutor who is personally responsible for the indictment, conviction and jailing of high political figures and executives in the mail fraud and savings and loan scandal, will be cast in the role as the independent against the Organization Man.

Mr. Tydings headed the investigations and prosecutions which led to the conviction of Thomas F. Johnson, former Eastern Shore congressman; Frank Boykin, former Alabama congressman, and the indictment of A. Gordon Boone, Speaker of the House, Maryland General Assembly, who is awaiting trial.

Admitting that the prosecutions did little to enhance his popularity with politicians, Mr. Tydings: "I took an oath to do my duty."

"Honesty and integrity in government, service to the people rather than the machine, and not being just another of 100 senators," will be the issues on which Mr. Tydings will peg his campaign, he told the AFRO last week.

"In addition to staging a spirited crusade against inherent weaknesses and corruption of machine politics, the son of the late Sen. Millard E. Tydings is expected to unveil his plan for fighting chronic unemployment, the threat of automation, which plagues the state, and promoting economic growth and development which is woefully lacking, he said.

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FEDERAL AID to education will be one of his main projects as senator, he added.

"These are the real and critical issues that face us and, if elected, I intend to use all my energy, ability and personal contacts to do something about them," he declared.

His contacts, Mr. Tydings pointed out, are considerable.

In addition to the entree into the council of national leaders, fashioned through his association and work with the New Frontier, the former state legislator from Harford County inherited an envious political heritage from his late father and grandfather.

The senior Mr. Tydings was a U.S. senator for 23 years and his grandfather, the late Joseph E. Davis, was Ambassador to Moscow during the Roosevelt Administration, an international lawyer and personal friend of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the candidate-to-be said.

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ON CIVIL RIGHTS, a matter he considers to be above and beyond partisan politics, Mr. Tydings said the greatest present need is to revamp the rules and procedures of the U.S. Congress which "is being strangled by anarchism."

A system which bottles up progressive legislation which keeps this nation from mov-

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McKeldin praises Clean Block Drive

The AFRO's Clean Block Campaign, entering its 28th consecutive year, Sunday drew enthusiastic praise of Mayor Theodore McKeldin.

Mr. McKeldin was guest on WBAL's televised Maryland News Conference.

Queried by AFRO Editor Cliff Mackay concerning complaint of the Women's Civic League that he had failed to appoint a committee to work for a cleaner Baltimore as requested in City Council resolution, Mr. McKeldin replied:

"I'm making a careful study to see that the best possible persons are appointed. I have conferred with a number of experts in that area and hope to get the cooperation of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

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"WHAT WE WANT to do is enlarge on the marvelous example set by the AFRO in its Clean Block Campaign. I think it is a wonderful program and the AFRO is to be commended for it."

In another area, Mr. McKeldin denied criticism that he has not given full support to his administration's civil rights bill now pending in City Council.

Contending that such criticism is "completely unjustified," the mayor recalled that it was at his urging that Dave Glenn, then chairman of the city's Equal Opportunity Commission, drew up the comprehensive legislation, later introduced by City Council President Thomas D'Alesandro II.

"I enlisted the support for the bill of both Catholic and Episcopal bishops as well as many leading businessmen," he said.

In response to another question, Mr. McKeldin refused to concede that the equal housing section of the bill might not be approved by the City Council.

Baltimore health picture for 1963 is a gloomy one

A gloomy picture of Baltimore's health is evident in the year-end analysis by the city's health department.

One of the prime incidences of an inner-city's health is the incidence rate of tuberculosis, which showed a 6.7 per cent increase over last year. In 1963, 825 cases were reported as contrasted with 780 in 1962, and 749 in 1961.

In another negative aspect of the city's health, reported cases of syphilis rose 15 per cent, from 384 infectious cases in 1962 to 442 cases in 1963.

Automobile accident injuries rose to a record high of 9,840 persons, an increase of 1 per cent over the previous high in 1962.

Illegitimacy did not show a decline. Twenty per cent of infants born to city residents were illegitimate.

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SINCE 1943, when a record number of 963,000 persons resided in the city, the population has been decreasing. On July 1, population of the city was estimated at 924,000, a decline of 8,000 from the previous July.

The decrease in population is due to a loss of white residents without a corresponding increase in the non-white population.

During the year interval, the white population decreased from 585,000 to 570,000—a loss of 15,000. The non-white population increased by 7,000, from 347,000 to 354,000, the smallest numerical increase in one year since 1950.

Non-whites now total 38.3 per cent of the population.

As the population changes some decline in average income is reported and there is an increase in the proportion of population which is under 15 years of age and 65 and over. Among white residents, 12.5 per cent are 65 and older.

THE REPORT lists four important administrative implications of the population trend:

1. There is a continuous growth in the number of mothers of limited economic resources who must depend upon prenatal and pediatric facilities.

2. There is a growing number of school children whose health, dental and medical care needs fall heavily upon the city's health department.

3. There is a persistency in such health problems as tuberculosis and syphilis which are highly associated with economically depressed circumstances.

4. There is a growth in public concern with the medical-social problems of the increasing number and percentage of aged residents.

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IN POSITIVE aspects of the city's health, the department reported that polcomyelitis was eradicated for an additional year. The last case of the disease was reported on Oct. 17, 1961.

A reduction of deaths among childbearing mothers and newly born infants and effective control over common communicable diseases were recorded.

On the matter of infant mortality the infant death was lower than any year since 1956 and nine per cent lower than 1962.

However, there is still a high discrepancy between the death rate for white and non-white infants.

The 1963 infant mortality was 20.7 death per 1,000 live births. The rate for white infants was 21.7 and that for nonwhites was 39.1.

The health department reported that it has a grant from the U.S. Children's Bureau to develop an experimental program to determine whether the infant mortality and high prematurity rate can be reduced among mothers in low economic circumstances.

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OTHER NOTED developments during 1963 worthy of note were:

1. An outbreak of influenza resulted in a seven per cent increase in the overall death rate.

2. The city-wide oral vaccination campaign against poliomyelitis was completed in March.

3. An Alcoholism Clinic was established in the Department's Eastern Health District Building.

4. A full-time chief of the Division of Child Day Care was appointed.

5. Congress enacted into law proposals to provide federal funds to prospec-

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Students, union join to organize workers

The laundry and dry cleaning industry is the newest target of local civil rights fighters and a students' labor group is taking to the streets to encourage laundry workers to demand better pay and union representation.

Today (Friday) a squad of students belonging to the newly formed Labor Committee of the Civic Interest Group (CIG) handed out recruiting leaflets to laundry workers as they left work at a Clifton Ave. and Monroe Street plant.

This tactic — street recruiting of workers — is the newest wrinkle in freedom activity here.

According to CIG spokesmen, the student labor committee's primary purpose is "to bring decent wages and working conditions to the oppressed and exploited workers in the laundry and dry cleaning industry."

CIG is working with AFL-CIO officials in this campaign.

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THE STUDENTS' labor committee released figures stating that "the number of persons in the industry is estimated at 5,000 and approximately 98 per cent are colored."

CIG also maintained that workers in the laundry industry have few fringe benefits, sub-standard wages and lack of job security.

"The Student Labor Committee feels that it must immediately adopt revolutionary techniques to alleviate the economic exploitation of these unfortunate workers," said a CIG official on Thursday.

First companies to be hit by the student street teams will be the Elite and Acme plants. The students will use only leaflets to encourage the laundry workers to demand job rights and AFL - CIO labor representation.

Welfare midnight visits report after Jan. 13

A report and recommendations by Raleigh C. Hobson, director, State Department of Public Welfare, on midnight visits to homes of welfare recipients will be made public sometime after Jan. 13.

Mr. Hobson said the city's DPW is making such a study now under direction of Miss Esther Lazarus, its director, which will not be available until that date.

He told the AFRO he wanted to check his report before releasing his own.

Some indications of his recommendations might be noted, however, when he said he had requested such investigations while heading the Richmond, Va., DPW.

Mrs. G. Luther Washington, 3500 block Ellamont Rd., and vice principal Clifton Park Junior High School, is a member of the recently named advisory council on child welfare to the state DPW which will also study Mr. Hobson's recommendations.

The DPW board recently named Ambrose D. Cross, of Ellicott City, to the Howard County Welfare Board. He is a custodian at the post office there.

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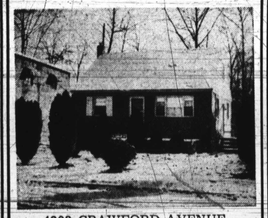

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THE WEATHER
Friday, variable sunshine, breezy and colder, afternoon temperatures in mid 30s, tonight fair and cold lows 20-25.
Saturday fair and colder high in upper 30s.

'The Route 40 Blues'

EVERYONE'S WELCOME NOW; BUT TRAVELERS ARE FEW

AND HE DID RETURN

BEFORE — Reporters George W. Collins, Rufus Wells, and Herbert Mangrum found it necessary to pose as African diplomats before they could get served in Route 40 restaurants two years ago.

AFTER — Reporter leaves Williamsburg Inn after being served with no strings attached on Wednesday. (AFRO Photos by I. Henry Phillips)

Phony African retraces steps of famous trip

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

African diplomats were being tossed from restaurants faster than the State Department could apologize

Student demonstrators were insulted by operators, roughed up by ruffians, and jailed by police when they tried to get something to eat.

It was difficult — nearly impossible, in fact — to find a restaurant or motel that would serve a traveler of color.

Such was the way of life on Route 40 two years ago as I lived it in the role of a phony African, a reporter, and a Just Plain Bill.

Two years and one expressway later, I returned this week to the scene of some bitter moments and discovered it was now difficult to find a restaurant that doesn't serve travelers of color.

The welcome mat was out for all, but there were no takers. There were more waitresses than customers and owners were crying the blues.

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ON THE BASIS of interviews with owners I left with the impression they all had recently listened to an old blue song — "I've Got a Right to Cry"

Cause of it all is the $70 million Northeastern Expressway dedicated Nov. 14 by the late President John F. Kennedy, in whose memory it is scheduled to be named.

The new highway has taken the bulk of the tourist trade from Route 40 and economic disaster is hovering over the 45-mile strip of concrete.

Already reeling from the staggering loss of business to the expressway, restaurant and motel operators in particular and business owners in general are fretting because they fear the worst is yet to come.

"Remember Washington Boulevard," said one in reference to the decline of that once-lucrative commercial strip after Baltimore-Washington Expressway was built.

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THIS WEEK'S JOURNEY along Route 40 began at the Double T Diner roughly seven miles north of the city.

It was here, I remember all too vividly, that a prominent group of New Yorkers, including Percy Sutton, noted attorney, was jailed when they sought service. Reporters and cameramen were chased when they attempted to record the incident two years ago.

Wednesday it was different.

When Photographer I. Henry Phillips and I reached the Double T near the end of the breakfast hour, there were four waitrsses and three customers.

We chose a ham omelet, toast and coffee as our first on a day that was to see a lot of eating

The pleasant waitress was prompt, courteous and thorough.

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I FOUND THE owner, John Fangikis, in the kitchen, busy preparing food for the lunch 'rush.'

His dark hair disarrayed and face flecked with small beads of perspiration, Mr. Fangikis spoke like a man resigned to an uncertain fate:

"This is the second time around for me. I never regained the 30 per cent of my business lost when they opened the Golden Ring entrance to the Harbor Tunnel."

The owner said he dropped his segregated serving policy shortly before the passage of the PUBLIC Accommodation the Public Accommodations Law which covers Baltimore County.

"I have no regrets, since I integrated," he said. "Everybody is welcome," he added as he glanced through a kitchen service window only to see a cluster stools and booths — all empty:

SECOND stop on the day-long journey was at the Brooks' Williamsburg Inn.

Walking through the door of the plush colonial style restaurant where one customer, two waitresses and the hostess waited, thoughts of 1962 again haunted my memory.

The last time I was here there were no parking spaces — they were occupied by

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Cambridge meet is now on again

(Special to the AFRO)
CAMBRIDGE

Last week, the chairman of Cambridge's Human Relations Committee tried to call off his group's planned meeting with Senator Daniel Brewster and other Maryland legislators regarding solutions to the city's racial and economic problems.

This week, Commission chairman the Rev. Allan Whately changed his mind after the 17 - member biracial commission rejected his offer to resign and expressed confidence in his continuing leadership.

Thus another turnabout event unfolds in Cambridge, a city which seems determined to keep from making headway in easing its racial tensions.

The AFRO also learned that Cambridge is to send representatives to a Feb. 1 New York meeting on boycotting schools.

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THE ORIGINAL meeting with Senator Brewster who has taken the reins in working out peaceful settlement of Cambridge's smoldering conflict was set for Jan. 15 in Washington. Mr. Brewster, other Maryland lawmakers and Federal officials were to meet with the Cambridge leaders.

Last Friday as time for the talks drew nearer, Rev. Mr. Whatley announced that he was calling off the meeting.

This was a bombshell. Colored leaders commented that pressure from die - hard segregationists was responsible for the Rev. Mr. Whatley change of mind.

Mrs. Gloria Richardson,

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Foul play seen in church fire

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. — Arson is the suspected cause of a $500,000 fire here which gutted the church pastored by the president of the local branch of the NAACP.

A report of a private investigation initiated by trustees of the Roanoke Baptist Church, Whittington Ave., at Ozark St., indicates that the blaze that destroyed the interior of the edifice Sunday, Dec. 22 was intentionally started.

The Rev. James Donald Rice is pastor of the 95-year-old church. The minister's militant efforts as NAACP head have made him and his family the target of numerous threats. The latest threat on his life came last night before the fire.

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EVIDENCE OF forced entry into the church through one of the side doors was found, according to the in-

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Cops bar rides in wagons

The complaint of a woman last week, who said she had been ordered to ride in the back of a patrol wagon with a white man she had accused of molesting her, brought police department action this week.

"We have issued orders," Inspector Leo Kelly told the AFRO. "that complaining witnesses will not be conveyed to a station house in a patrol wagon without their consent.

"Although this has never been a written procedure, it has been understood and the complaining witness usually has been taken to the station in a car or walked.

"But it must be remembered that every little detail cannot be a written procedure. Things vary according to the situation. We cannot even say that in the future this type of thing will not happen again."

THE WOMAN, an attractive 25 - year - old Urban Renewal and housing agency secretary, charged that a white man came up to her and placed his hands on her person as she was making a telephone call in the basement of a downtown office building.

A passer - by who allegedly saw the offense called a police officer to the assistance of the young woman and the man was arrested.

However, the secretary said, she was ordered to ride

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LBJ warns foes of rights in his State of Union talk

By DAN DAY

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — President Lyndon Johnson apparently removed all doubt Wednesday on where he stands on the vital civil rights issues facing the country.

In his State of the Union message, he told a joint session of the House and Senate:

"Let me make one principle of this Administration abundantly clear: All . . . opportunities — in employment, education, housing and every field — must be open to Americans of every color."

He drove home the point that "as far as the writ of Federal law will run, we must abolish not some but all racial discrimination."

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MR. JOHNSON started hitting on this theme in the very beginning of his address, when he called on his former colleagues to "let this session of Congress be known as the session which did more for civil rights than the last hundred sessions combined."

There was a burst of applause.

He listed civil rights among seven things he wanted the Congress to achieve this year. The others included a tax cut, an all-out war on poverty, medicare for the aged, reforms in transportation, more efficient foreign aid program, and more and better homes, schools, libraries and hospitals.

There was little reaction when he said, "All this and more can and must be done," but many applauded when he said quietly: "It can be done this summer."

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THE CHIEF Executive spelled out his thoughts on racial matters in Part VI of the message. He declared

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Cancer study links disease to cigarettes

Does cigarette smoke cause cancer, or not?

Citizens will hear a report on the controversial issue Saturday when the United States Surgeon General's Advisory Committee on Smoking and Health holds a noon press conference.

The full content of the report is basically unknown. But Dr. Perry F. Prather, Maryland's health commissioner, said that he would be "surprised if the report did not show that cigarette smoking is harmful."

The statement came a day after Commissioner Prather had been advised by the State's Advisory Council on Preventive Medicine to issue a statement warning the public that cigarette smoking may cause cancer.

The Council warned that:

1. Cigarette smoking is the principal cause of lung cancer; the more cigarettes smoked, the greater the risk of contracting the disease.

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