—Hear Clay

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among colored people in Miami while Liston is training among whites in Las Vegas.

One person who attended the meeting, said that Clay, who usually is full of jests, predictions and poetry, was serious and dignified at Tuesday night's meeting.

Clay has not confirmed nor denied that he paid Malcolm X's way to Miami.

The fighter has a secretary whose last name is simply "X: who screens his mail.

William Faversham Jr., Chairman of the Louisville syndicate which backs Clay gave this explanation when queried about the fighter's connections with the Black Muslims.

"Cassius goes to a lot of meetings. He has natural curiosity." But he's a free young man. I don't know that he's a Muslim. I do know that he has gone to their meetings.

"Every man has a right to his own political faiths and his own religion."

There has been no confirmation on the rumor that Clay will give a sizeable chunk of his earnings from the Liston-Clay fight.

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—Community

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din civil rights package proceeds without great fanfare for several reasons.

One civil rights leader explained to the AFRO: "We back any legislation to bring colored citizens their deserved rights to fair housing, fair hiring and the like but we also know that no matter how many speeches Mr. McKeldin makes, his bill won't get through the City Council unless he is willing to do some horse - trading.

"He'll have to drop some political patronage in the laps of resisting councilmen. If he does not wheel and deal, then Bill 181 is doomed.

"We want to be careful that Mayor McKeldin does not place us in the position of being responsible for his bill's not going through. At some later time we don't want him saying that his civil rights package did not get through because of lack of support from colored Baltimoreans.

"If Bill 181 is not passed, in my view, it would be because the Mayor did not make the necessary political concessions, and not because civil rights minded citizens were not active enough."

EDWARD CHANCE, chairmen of Baltimore CORE, said "We would be in favor of the Mayor's legislative proposals although we know there are already civil rights laws on the books in Baltimore that are not being enforced.

"The laws are a step in the right direction but we must point out that there are existing laws which are being violated.

"CORE is more concerned with the moral application of laws than in the precisely legal sphere. You know that we engage in civil disobedience when we are confronted with laws we consider unjust."

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—Homes attacked

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can explode without warning and therefore threatens every family.

From Western District police records:

John D., age 14, on his way home from a party given by a 14-year-old girl in the 2500 block Harlem Ave. recently was accosted by three youths. One of the boys pointed a pistol at John then fired, wounding the boy in the arm.

The injured boy walked to his home three blocks away on Lauretta Ave. and sat in his living room watching television, afraid to tell his family that he had been shot.

The pain became unbearable. He finally told his mother. He was taken to Lutheran Hospital for treatment. He later identified the boy who shot him. His assailant's age: 16.

Another incident:

Police Sergeant Violet Hill Whyte reports that even a police officer's home is not safe from these young angry motiveless marauders.

Said Sgt. Whyte: **"My son gave a party. Some eight or 10 boys attempted to crash. I told them to move but they were very slow until I told them I would call the police. They moved. They knew I was a policewoman.**

"The next day, our home was broken into. Nothing was disturbed except the sports equipment in my son's room. They ransacked his room. I knew the boys involved and brought them and their parents into my office and gave them a good talking to."

Mrs. Whyte's opinion is that these defiant youngsters "have no real motivation for their acts. Out of ten boys in such a gang, at least eight will be intoxicated. Someone buys them cheap wine and beer. With this in them, they'll do anything.

Police report that youths involved in party crashing range in age from 14 to 18 years of age and that the most vicious of these are in the 15-17 year age range.

Something is curiously and disturbingly wrong with many of the youth (and adults) of this city.

The Circuit Court of Baltimore City, division of juvenile causes, will release its 1963 report on juvenile crime in the near future. The report, according to reliable sources, will indicate that serious crime among youth in Baltimore is on the increase in all categories, alarmingly so.

The party crashing menace is just one more sympton of deeper trouble. Even so, because of the constant threat of invading hoodlums, many parents are prohibiting house parties or going to the expense of hiring armed private policemen to guard homes and g uests when properly behaved teen-agers get together for a social.

NEXT WEEK: "WHY TEENS CRASH PARTIES"

—Civil marriages

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ever reports that the new wedding system is catching on rather rapidly.

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IN THE 18 days since civil weddings went into effect, 61 couples have been married by clerks of the Supreme Bench.

"To make them as dignified as possible," Mr. Pendleton said, "we perform the ceremonies in the courtroom and no pictures are allowed."

The courtroom is the one used by associate judges of the Supreme Bench to hear new trial motions and conduct other bench business meetings.

Mr. Pendleton's statistics show that preference for the courtroom marriages is nearly equally divided between local residents and out-of-towners.

As of Wednesday 31 of the couples getting married there came from out of the state while 30 live in Baltimore and surrounding counties, records show.

According to the limited statistics white couples favor the new system nearly five to one as compared to colored couples. Of the total wedded 50 couples were white and 11 were colored.

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OF THE 50 couples 27 were out-of-towners and 23 were local residents.

Among the non-white couples united in matrimony in the staid courtroom four came from out of state and seven gave local addresses.

Mr. Pendleton said that 25 per cent of the weddings are double ring and about 75 per cent are single ring. In the brief operation of the system, only two couples were married without rings, the clerk added.

First considered a major advantage for atheists and agnostics, court officials can recall only one bridegroom who displayed any anti-religious sentiments.

"There was one fellow who didn't believe in God, the church, or anything. He just wanted to get married," Mr. Pendleton said.

Another episode which Mr. Pendleton remembers was the anxious but "angry" intended 'bride' who was "really burning up."

Although she and her husband had been "happily married" for 30 years, they had to do it all over again when it was discovered that their first marriage took place a few days before the husband's divorce became final.

Fee for civil marriages is $10 with $8 going to the city and $2 to the state.

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MARRIAGES ARE performed upon request between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Couples wanting to get married at other times can do so by making arrangements through appointments.

Financial savings — if any — can not be determined with any degree of accuracy when the cost of civil wedding are compared to religious ceremonies.

Cost of marriage license is five dollars regardless of the method used to become man and wife. While there is a flat $10 fee put on civil rites, the amount a couple 'tips' a minister for performing a religious ceremony depends upon the generosity of the newlyweds or the size of the wallet soon to be deflated by the demands for setting up housekeeping.

—County housing

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ferred over the enactment of a housing law, Spiro T. Agnew, county commissioner, said in a statement read in his absence.

"I am opposed to open occupancy legislation. Although I believe it is wrong for race alone to be the determining factor in barring colored homeowners from housing opportunities," Mr. Agnew said while plugging for voluntary acceptance.

The right of a property owner to sell to whomever he chooses was the reason the county's chief executive gave for being opposed to housing laws.

Baltimore County, it was pointed out during the nearly three-hour meeting is in a precarious position on the question.

Mr. Agnew admitted in his statement that "there are those who contend that Baltimore County has no housing problem" because of is small colored population.

"But I think the situation more aptly should be stated that the problem is there are so few colored residents of Baltimore County."

He said action is needed now, however, lest the county finds itself in the position of the city which is now attempting to pass an open occupancy law.

The executive also pointed out that while there is apparently no housing problem in the county, there are three Federal Government-backed regulations which opens up housing opportunity to colored buyers.

These the late President John F. Kennedy Executive Order, issued in 1962, housing units acquired by the VA or FHA through foreclosures that must be sold without racial restrictions and federally-financed developments which must be rented or sold on an open occupancy basis.

A panel made up of race relations experts, real estate dealers, bankers, neighborhood association officials, and residents of both segregated and integrated neighborhoods answered questions posed by the audience during a question and answer session.

Edward Holmgren, executive director, Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc., listed several steps which orderly lead to integrated neighborhoods.

Edward Feingold, executive secretary of the commission, was moderator of the program.

It was while directing the question and answer portion that Mr. Feingold threatened to "cut off" John Wood, who said he "left the city because a colored family moved next door."

When the questioner repeatedly rambled over a wide area of the race question, Mr. Feingold warned him to stick to the discussion on housing.

"When Mr. Wood insisted on asking Robert Holt, fuel oil dealer, and panel member "if the NAACP or CORE are going to police their people after moving them into integrated neighborhoods," Mr. Feingold threatened to cut him off.

Mr. Wood and a woman who questioned the truth of white panelists who said they were happy to live in desegregated neighborhoods were the only questioners that came close to being opposed to the policy of voluntary acceptance of a fair housing.

"Why do some people (white) get telephone calls at night 20 colored people move in a house where four formerly lived? she asked.

Mr. Holmgren pointed that although this was a tactic used by "blockbusters" it was not typical behavior of residents in an integrated community.

In addition to Messrs. Holmgren, Inglehart, and Holt, other panelists included Johnson McClurkin, who would like to live in an integrated neighborhood;

Richard Selman, who fled to the suburbs to escape them; Henry Huckleberry, neighborhood association official who welcomed Mr. Holt to community; Robert Latane, who would like for his colored friend to be able to move into his neighborhood.

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—Poverty

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adequate schools, drop-outs, poor health, unemployment, which create delinquency, slums, crime, disease, and broken families.

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ON THE subject of equal opportunity, the President said:

Forty-four per cent of nonwhite families are poor. Deficiencies of education and health and continuing job discrimination depress the earnings of colored people and other nonwhites, throughout their lives.

Only 40 per cent of nonwhites compared to 70 percent of whites—complete high school.

Infant mortality is nearly twice as high, maternal mortality four times as high, for nonwhites.

The life expectancy of a nonwhite man at age 20 is nearly 5 years shorter than for his white contemporary and shorter than the average life expectancy reported in some 40 foreign countries.

Unemployment rates for nonwhites are generally double those of whites.

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"Even beyond civil rights legislation," the report continued, "the fight to end discrimination requires constructive action by all governments and citizens to make sure—in practice as well as in precipie—that all Americans have equal opportunities for education, for good health, for jobs, and for decent housing."

Accompanying the President's report was the annual report of the Council of Economic Advisers.

One section of that report, dealing with "Strategy Against Poverty", called for a program to end racial discrimination. The document said this would "open additional exits" from poverty, especially for nonwhites who have an incidence of poverty at least twice that of the Nation as a whole.

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NIGHT COURT PLEA

Kenneth E. Lee, Candidate for Judge of The Municipal Court, has urged Governor Tawes to begin a Night Court to help the police and to save the police from using and losing many extra hours by waiting for Day Court to begin.

Gasoline tax bill set for Assembly

By MAX JOHNSON

A bill to increase the state gasoline tax from six to seven cents a gallon, and to hike the motor vehicle titling tax from two to three percent is ready for General Assembly introduction.

Also, another bill would make subject to perjury penalties persons who make false statements to obtain assistance under a public welfare program.

Still another bill, ready for introduction, seeks to tighten auction picture censorship laws, and to permit the licensing of certain films for exhibition only to persons 18 years of age and over.

These are among some 70-odd bills prepared by the General Assembly's Legislative Council, to be placed before the Assembly when its 30 - day session opens Feb. 5.

THIS COUNCIL is the working arm of the Assembly between sessions, a body which studies and prepares proposed legislation.

The batch of bills prepared by this Legislative Council covers a wide range of subject matter and activities.

One bill would tighten election laws to prohibit a defeated candidate in the primary, other than a judge, to be placed on the general election ballot for the same post by an opposition party.

This bill was prompted by the action of Hyman A. Pressman's defeat for city comptroller as a Democrat in last year's Baltimore primary, and his victory as a candidate for the same post on the Republican ballot in the general election.

Still another bill would change the time requirements for switching party affiliations, challenging registrations and the time for furnishing of lists of registered voters.

THE COUNCIL has prepared a bill which would alter the commitment to a mental hospital of certain alcoholics.

This bill was suggested by the State Department of Health's coordinator for alcoholics.

And on the matter of health, another bill to be placed before the General Assembly would create a state fund of $75,000 for granting long term loans for the construction of voluntary, non-profit hospital facilities in the state.

Then, there is still another bill set to require dealers to notify the State Police, and for sales in Baltimore the police commissioner, for the sales of all pistols in the state.

AMONG THE BATCH of bills also, is one to completely revise the existing system of state aid to education.

It replaces the old programs of aid per classroom, aid per pupil, and equalization aid with one formula, which is based upon a minimum required salary scale for teachers from $4,800 to $7,000, a staffing ratio of 45 professionals to each 1,000 pupils, and a fixed amount per pupil for operating expenses.

Among the other bills are those covering adjustments to the unsatisfied claim and judgment fund; state employees; social welfare planning; retirement; income tax for self-employed persons, and installment sales tax.

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Brailey declares: 'no progress'

Baltimore's leading colored labor spokesman, Troy Brailey, has charged that despite attempts to mislead the public into believing industry and labor have opened doors to minority youth in apprentice programs, "no such progress has been made, nothing's been done."

Mr. Brailey, president of the Baltimore chapter of the Negro American Labor Council, made this declaration in commenting upon the report of the Md. Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights on racial discrimination in apprenticship training.

The labor leader said: "I was not surprised at the report of the Md. Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights on discrimination in apprenticeship training when it revealed that out of 2,400 youths enrolled in various apprenticeship programs in Maryland, only 20 are or were colored."

Mr. Brailey also stated: "Regardless of what you may read in the daily press about openings in the apprenticeship program for colored youths that go unfilled because these youth 'do not apply, there are still very few unions that accept them at all.

"There are only two of the building trade unions in Maryland who will accept colored apprentices.

"Nowhere, has the colored youth of this state been more completely banned on account of color than in the apprenticeship program."

When asked, if in his findings, he felt placing of colored youths in training for skilled jobs in the Baltimore area was on the increase, Mr. Brailey said, "no, nothing is being done."

Mr. Brailey felt the only immediate solution would be for State officials to follow the lead of 30 other states, including Kentucky, "which have opened State apprenticeship councils and have formally adopted the Department of Labor's equal opportunity apprenticeship policy."

—Insanity

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the nearest they could get to a verdict was a hung jury following a three day trial.

In the pending assault case, Mrs. Chandler charges that her husband beat, choked and drugged her through the streets of East Baltimore the night before he kicked in his mother-in-law's door at 2520 Harlem Ave.

Mrs. Everett was stabbed to death in the cellar of the neatly furnished home and Mrs. Chandler testified she only escaped death because her husband thought she was a bundle of clothes on the floor of the closet.

She explained that she fled to the closet when Chandler broke down the door.

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NEW YORK — James E. Newsom, 60, head of the passenger division of National Distillers' traffic department, recently was honored for 45 years of service with the company. He joined the firm at the age of 15.

—Carl Rowan

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before he would resume fulltime duty.

"Were I to continue as director of this agency during that period," Mr. Murrow wrote, "it would mean that I could not direct its affairs as I would wish, as I have tried to do, or as you are entitled to expect it to be directed."

The resignation became effective Jan. 20, and the White House confirmed that Mr. Murrow, who was a top figure in radio and television before taking the USIA assignment, had left two days before for California.

President Johnson praised Mr. Rowan, a native of Ravenscroft, Tenn., as "the man most eminently qualified to supervise this vital program of telling America's story abroad."

Mr. Rowan APPOINTEE is no stranger to the President. In 1961, he accompanied the then Vice President Johnson on a trip to the Far East, and last year he escorted him on a tour of Scandinavia.

A graduate of Tennessee State University, Oberlin College, and the University of Minnesota, Mr. Rowan, who returned home from Helsinki last Saturday, was sworn in last March 29 as U.S. Ambassador to Finland.

He has been granted honorary degrees by Simpson College, Hamline University, Oberline College, and is a recipient of the Achievement Award of the University of Minnesota.

In 1954, after touring Asia as a lecturer for the State Department, he was named one of the Nation's 10 outstanding Young Men by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

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WHILE A staff writer for the Minneapolis Star and Tribune, Mr. Rowan received **three successive medallions from the Sigma Delta Chi Professional Journalism Society as well as a number of other honors.**

He joined the Minneapolis paper as a reporter after receiving a master's degree in journalism from the University of Minnesota and working briefly for the AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers.

A prolific writer, he is the author of four books, "South of Freedom" (1952), "The Pitful and the Proud" (1956), "Go South to Sorrow" (1957), and "Wait 'Til Next Year" (1960).

Mr. Rowan received consiserable publicity in 1962 when he was refused membership in the ultra-elite Cosmos Club of Washington, and again when he made a speech criticizing U.S. propaganda activities of the secessionist Katanga regime.

HE IS credited with a masterful performance while serving as an alternate member of the U.S. delegation to the 17th General Assembly of the United Nations.

Friends said it was his skill in sparring with Soviet diplomats that resulted in his appointment to the Finnish post.

Mr. Rowan is married to the former Vivien L. Murphy of Buffalo, N.Y., and they have three children, Barbara, 17; Carl Jr., 11; and Geoffrey, 10.

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Other Assets	2,506.32
Total Assets	$1,853,303.61
LIABILITIES	
Savings Accounts	$1,713,327.55
Loans in Process	64,091.81
Advance Payments by Borrower for Taxes etc.	42,517.50
Other Liabilities	7,913.67
General Reserves and Surplus	25,453.08
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Date	Number	Amount
12/31/57	362	$ 18,281.34
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