Baltimore Notebook

By MAX JOHNSON

Ernest D. Young, a House of Delegates member representing Baltimore's Fourth District, has placed paradoxical request before the General Assembly — now convening in Annapolis.

He has asked that the Assembly's Legislative Council be authorized to appoint a special committee to study any proposed civil rights legislation.

In essence, Mr. Young would have civil rights proposals delayed — until some small group of people got around to deciding whether, or when if at all, such suggested legislation should be placed before the Assembly for action.

This, I repeat, is quite a puzzler.

For Mr. Young is colored — and as such, must share the many, many discriminatory injustices practiced on his fellow race members.

But, before comment — let's look at Mr. Young's House Joint Resolution No. 4, as placed before the House Monday evening.

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"HERE IS the full text:

"Whereas, the problems of discrimination in employment, housing and accommodations to the public has become a source of unrest and of great concern to many citizens of this state, and

"Whereas, the achievements and problems of the Interracial Commission are worthy of study, and the experiences of this commission should be of great assistance in any proposed civil rights legislation;

"Whereas, a considerable amount of money has been expended by Maryland in an attempt to quell unrest in areas not responsive to the demands of many citizens of Maryland, and

"Whereas, this chaotic condition has blighted the name of the fair state of Maryland in the eyes of the nation and the community of states of the world, and

"Whereas, the continued discrimination by some of the citizens of this state against other citizens is not in keeping with the traditions of the state and does discredit to all of its citizens, and

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WHEREAS SOME intelligent and reasonable approach to this problem is necessary to provide harmonious living so vital to the continued growth of this state, and

"WHEREAS, the several counties of the state have problems peculiar to their locations, economics, industry and cultural background, and

"Whereas, any legislative program in the area of human relations should provide for the cooperation of all citizens of the state and all the areas of the state, and

"Whereas, it is deemed by the General Assembly that statewide legislation in this area is preferable to piecemeal legislation, whereby some counties exempt themselves; now be it

"Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland that the Legislative Council is hereby requested to appoint a special committee to study the various problems involved in the area of civil rights, including an appraisal of the work of the Interracial Commission; and be it further

"Resolved, that the commission is requested to report promptly to the Legislative Council with whatever remedial legislation it recommends."

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HERE THEN, is what Mr. Young wants done with civil rights proposals to the Assembly — however pressing the need, however wrong the injustices.

The Legislative Council he mentions is composed of some Senate and House members — who meet infrequently between Assembly sessions to consider some proposed legislation.

Yet, Mr. Young would delay General Assembly consideration of civil rights legislation — until a committee of this group found time to determine whether they ought to do something nice for the colored people.

This proposal is almost too ridiculous for comment — for they've been studying civil rights proposals, pretty much the same ones, long before Mr. Young was born.

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BUT — TWO reasons prompt me to give it attention here.

1. If Mr. Young thinks he is being funny with this thing,

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NEW JAIL BOARD CHIEF — Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin swore in David L. Glenn on Tuesday as a member of the jail board and Mr. Glenn is to become the chairman on request of the mayor. It will mark the first time a colored person has headed a major city board. (AFRO photo by I. Henry Phillips).

AFRO spurs integration of Credit Union staff

Two staff vacancies have now been filled to integrate the Municipal Employees' Credit Union, 212 E. Lexington St., John T. O'Mailey, president, said Thursday.

The new employees are: Arthur W. White, 55, of Ellicott City, placed as a counselor, and James L. Harris, 24, 1400 block Poplar Grove St., hired as a clerk.

The AFRO was first to reveal the two job openings at the Credit Union in its Feb. 4 edition, following an inquiry about the organization's employment policy.

Mr. O'Mailey said the two vacancies had just occurred on the salaried staff of 27 employees, all of whom were white.

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HE STATED at the time the organization's officials had decided to integrate the staff, and advised any qualified person would be considered for the vacancies.

The hiring of Messrs. White and Harris is a result.

The Credit Union was established 27 years ago to help city employees to save, and as a convenience to them to borrow money.

Mr. O'Mailey said it has a membership of 22,000 of both races and assets of some $13,000,000.

Young's proposal to delay action on rights bills hit

Parren Mitchell, executive secretary of Maryland's Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations, issued a strong protest Thursday to a proposal which would delay General Assembly consideration of civil rights legislation.

Del. Ernest D. Young (D. 4th D., Balto.) placed such a proposal before the House of Delegates in Annapolis on Monday evening.

Mr. Young introduced Joint Resolution No. 4, which asks that the Assembly's Legislative Council be asked to appoint a special committee to study civil rights proposals, and appraise the work of the Interracial Commission.

This would delay action on such proposed legislation, for the Legislative Council meets between General Assembly sessions at infrequent intervals.

Here is Mr. Mitchell's protest to Mr. Young's resolution:

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THE COMMISSIONER'S position is based on two promises: First, the resolution, if passed, would have the effect of preventing action on civil rights legislation at this session.

We believe it is urgent to act at this session of the legislature . . . priority must be given to expanding the public accommodations law so that all counties in Maryland are included under the provisions of the law.

Second, if the resolution is passed, it will result in the duplication of the work of this commission whose duties and responsibilities were established by the General Assembly of Maryland in the 1951 session.

In the past we have given careful study to legislation and have recommended and/or supported legislation dealing with discrimination in public accommodations, employment and housing.

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WE BELIEVE that discrimination based upon race, creed, color, religion, or national origin is inimical to the economic, social and psychological well being of Maryland citizens. Many persons and groups have conducted studies of civil rights legislation.

The Commission firmly recommends the immediate enactment of civil rights legislation based upon data derived from numerous prior studies.

U. of Md. policy on chaplains called unacceptable by ACLU

By TED HANDY

Can individuals speak their minds at the University of Maryland or is freedom of speech being restricted by the College Park administration?

This is the raging controversy at the state's largest tax-supported seat of higher education.

The censorship issue exploded on campus following the recent resignation of the Rev. Jesse W. Myers, the university's Presbyterian chaplain.

The Rev. Mr. Meyers resigned effective June 15 because of new regulations issued by the university.

Liberal elements on campus see the university edicts as serving to clamp the lid on statements by chaplains such as the Rev. Myers made last fall when he criticized campus fraternities.

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DR. WILSON H. ELKINS, president of the university, in a statement issued Thursday denied that his administration's policy curtailed freedom of speech as charged by a newly-formed students group, The Emergency Student Civil Liberties Committee.

The student-committee, in printed material circulated on campus, also charged that the university had refused to permit a campus appearance by Dr. Martin Luther King and had last summer brought pressure to bear to prevent religious group participation in the "March On Washington."

Dr. Elkins' reply to charges of censorship coming from both campus and outside sources such as the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and the American Civil Liberties Union, confined itself only to the chaplains' free speech question.

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THE UNIVERSITY president said:

"The university's Board of Regents policy relating to university chaplains has been

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CORE may demonstrate at city pools

Baltimore CORE is considering demonstrations at skating rinks and swimming pools in city districts whose councilmen are balking at the passage of the equal accommodations bill now pending in the Council.

The non - violent direct action group also contemplates special mass voter registration drives, calling such a program "one of the most effective leverages in dealing with the Council."

CORE officials, in a press release yesterday, stated "CORE will evaluate the position taken by the Equal Opportunity Commission regarding pools and skating rinks. The problems of these accommodations were aired in the Mayor's office between CORE officials and EOC last summer.

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"LATER THE Mayor promised and introduced legislation to ban jim crow in

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City aid sought in registration drive

The coordinating unit of the city-wide nonpartisan voter registration organization has agreed to take two initial steps in its drive to register as many citizens as possible, and to protect the registration of 68,000 voters who may be stricken from

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the books.

They propose to:

1. Ask the Supervisors of Elections for eight supplemental registration locations in certain areas of the city.

2. Seek from the Board of Estimates and City Council an appropriation of as much additional funds as necessary to carry on such registration.

Latest breakdown shows a total of 180,000 persons over 21 years of age in the city, not registered as voters.

Of this number, 76,000 are colored.

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THIS VAST NUMBER of unregistered, but eligible, citizens are the ones the city-wide nonpartisan registration organization is trying to reach in one phase of its drive.

Dr. Carl Murphy, chairman of the board, AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, is serving as honorary chairman.

The 1960 census showed

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Provident drive hits $1 million

George L. Russell Jr., co-chairman of the Provident Hospital Development Program, announced today that the campaign has passed the $1,000,000 mark. The total raised to-date is $1,018,468.

The meeting that was scheduled for Tuesday evening, Feb. 11 at Mondawmin was postponed until Feb. 18 and will be held at School 150, Saratoga and Bentalou Sts.

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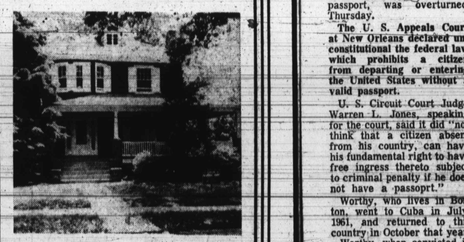

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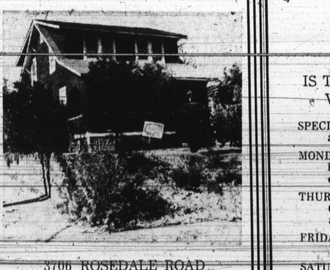

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THE WEATHER

Temperatures will average 3-10 degrees below normal of 47 high to 30 low for period. Continued cold, little day to day change. Precipitation will average about ½ inch rain or snow first of next week.

8-MONTH MARRIAGE ENDS IN MURDER AND SUICIDE

Rights bill in danger, support needed at once

By MAX JOHNSON

Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin's omnibus civil rights ordinance is in grave danger.

A highly concentrated drive is under way to knock out the tentatively approved sections covering housing and taverns under public accommodations.

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Opposition citizens are flooding the councilmen with hundreds of irate telegrams demanding that this be done.

As a result, odds are there will be a readjustment of the voting when the ordinance reaches the City Council floor for final and possible final reading Monday evening.

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PROPONENTS OF the measure among the public, meanwhile, appear to be complacently satisfied its passage is certain in a palatable form. No councilmen have reported continued pressure from them.

This was the picture surrounding the ordinance, as the AFRO pieced it together late Thursday evening.

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A BLOC of councilmen are set to demand elimination from the ordinance of the entire open housing provisions.

This bloc is led by the councilmen from the First and Sixth Districts, all of whom are against the ordinance as a whole, and some of the Third District representatives.

These councilmen will also demand that taverns not be included under the public accommodations provisions.

William D. Schaefer (5th D.), Council vice president and Judiciary Committee chairman who brought the ordinance to the floor last Monday, told the AFRO some major adjustments are certain, if the measure is to be saved.

He foresaw that these adjustments would be "surprising."

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THE ORDINANCE, as given a tentative okay by the Council last Monday night, covered housing where there are 11 or more dwelling units, and all places of public accommodation, including taverns.

That vote was 12 to 9. However, votes on 17 amendments accepted and rejected varied in a closer degree.

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SINCE, the councilmen with principally white constituents have been bombarded with telegrams and telephone calls at their homes, businesses and the Council objecting strenuously to the ordinance.

The Real Estate Board of Greater Baltimore has added fuel with its opposition campaign to the housing provisions.

This organization claimed in a quarter page advertisement in a daily paper that city property owners may lose the right to own and enjoy property. If ordinance is passed.

The situation is such no one will predict what will happen to the ordinance Monday evening.

Mr. Schaefer does foresee that the provisions will not stand to cover 11 or more dwelling units in an apartment house, but be raised to at least 35 and possibly more. This, he feels, might bring a compromise on the tavern situation.

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BUT, ON the other hand, the tavern issue is the chief

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Blame boy for fire fatal to 5

"You might have asked, why did this have to happen? It happened because God knew best. These children were gifts from God and we have no power to keep back from in what is already His.

"God has the right to take back his gifts whenever He gets ready. Would you deny these children Heaven? For now they are truly safe in the arms of Jesus."

Thus spoke the Rev. S. A. Thompson, pastor, Ebenezer AME Church, officiating Thursday at funeral rites for the five children who perished Sunday in a one alarm fire that destroyed their home in the 1500 block Leslie St.

Present for the services held at the Russ Funeral Home, were four of the surviving children and their father, Edward Thornton, a patient at the Springfield State Hospital.

The children's mother Mrs. Hattie Williams, and another son, Douglas, 5, are still undergoing treatment at Provident Hospital. Hospital authorities said her condition is fair.

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THE OTHER surviving children, Valerie, 11; Nathaniel, 8; William, 9, and Edward, 10, are staying with their grandmother, Mrs. Lillian Sanders, 1602 Holbrook St.

Arson Squad Investigators said Wednesday that a juvenile petition had been filed charging one of the Thornton children with having started the fire.

The 10-year-old boy, they said, had apparently been playing with matches in the

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STRICKEN — Dr. Furman L. Templeton, executive secretary of the Baltimore Urban League, is reported in 'favorable' condition at Sinai Hospital. He was stricken with a heart attack on Monday evening at his McCulloh St. home. Doctors have prescribed complete rest, no visitors or phone calls.

Liston by KO in 4th

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Sonny Liston will defend his world heavyweight title here Tuesday night in the Miami Beach Convention Hall.

The end for challenger Cassius Clay will come inside five rounds, probably late in the fourth.

Trying to pinpoint the exact time for the termination of any fight, regardless of the relative merits of the contenders, is risky business. It is even more so, when the opponents are hard-hitting heavyweights. And more so yet, when they are a pair of virtually unknown quantities such as Liston and Clay.

Just the same, the AFRO limb bears a sign reading "Liston by KO in four!" And Sam Lacy's stuck with it.

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INASMUCH as this forecast has to be carried several days in advance of the fight, it has to be based on a long-range view. That view figures Clay in the role of elusive traget with his superior hand and foot speed.

However, as this writer analyzes the strategy likely to be used by both men, Cassius will find it necessary to try to outbox the slower Sonny.

While the champion cannot match the maneuverability of his younger rival, the latter is no match for the power thrusts of the titleholder. His crushing jabs should dull the Clay speed and set him up for catching after ten or twelve minutes of action.

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EVEN ALL this prefight

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Hot words open trial in Monroe

MONROE, N.C.—The men who must decide whether Mrs. Mae Mallory and the three other now - famous Monroe Defendants will go free or possibly spend the rest of their lives in prison were scheduled to be selected beginning Thursday at 2:00 p.m.

Union County Superior Court Judge Walter Brock called the long-delayed case to trial late Tuesday. Several bizarre legal developments had kept the case pending since 1961 when the defendants were charged with kidnaping.

When the case was called Tuesday Mrs. Mallory's attorney sought to have the case moved to federal court and asked for time to prepare his case. Judge Brack denied both motions then ordered the jury selected.

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SIGNS THAT this world-known case might develop into one of the most tumultuous in history began to show as soon as the case was called. The first two defense motions led to a pointed exchange with the judge.

Attorney William S. Haffner of Cleveland was hired by Mrs. Mallory on Monday. When Judge Brock denied Haffner's motion for time to prepare his case, the lawyer commented that it would be a "farce" for the trial to proceed.

Judge Brock shot back, "Nothing is going to transpire in this courtroom that would be a farce." He labeled as "delaying tactics," Mrs Mallory's firing of two lawyers Monday and her hiring of Haffner.

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THE CASE is seen as a built-in-time-bomb because Monroe has long been a cen-

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MR. AND MRS. LEONARD CARROLL — IN HAPPIER DAYS

Wife slain after she rejects plea

A grieving mother stood staring Wednesday at an empty, blood-stained bed where only hours before she held her mortally wounded daughter in her arms and watched her die.

On the floor at the foot of the bed was another blood stain where the body of the mother's son-in-law had fallen after he pulled the trigger of a .38 cal. pistol aimed at his right temple.

Victims of the tragic murder-suicide, Leonard Carroll, 24, and his estranged wife, Mrs. Willa Louise Carroll 20, were pronounced dead on the scene, at 1829 Linden Ave.

The couple had been married for only eight months and separated last Friday night after a disagreement.

Mrs. Carroll, on the night of their separation, had moved to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lovelace of the Linden Ave. address.

MRS. LOVELACE told the AFRO Wednesday that her son-in-law visited his wife Tuesday night asking her to return home with him. She had refused, the mother stated.

"He stayed around the house all night. He and Louise had been kidding around and laughing. Leonard even went out and brought some bar-be-cue and we ate it together in the kitchen," recalled Mrs. Lovelace.

William Lovelace, father of the dead woman, recalled:

"It was about 6 a.m. when Leonard came in and asked me if I wanted coffee. I told him no, because I never drink coffee. Then he said he would be back, that he was going to get some for himself."

SLEEPING in the bed with Mrs. Carroll were her son Joseph, and her niece Miss Gloria Jean Wiggins, 18.

The bed was in a first-floor living room that also served as a bedroom.

Miss Wiggins told police that at about 6:30 a.m. she was awakened by noises that sounded like gunshots.

When she opened her eyes she saw that her aunt was bleeding from three places in her head. Leonard was standing over his wife.

Miss Wiggins said that with the gun in his right hand he walked calmly to the foot of the bed, glanced at her then placed the pistol at his right temple and pulled the trigger.

Mrs. Lovelace said, "I heard screams. They were loud and terrible and sounded as if they were coming closer. It was Gloria Jean. She held Joseph in her arms and cried to me telling me what had happened.

"I jumped out of bed and ran down the stairs. Louise was still alive but I knew she was dying."

When police arrived Mrs.

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400 Methodists in local meeting

Some 400 Methodist women are attending a five-day conference here, marking the 21st annual meeting of the Central Jurisdiction Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Methodist Church.

Headquarters for the affair is the Lord Baltimore Hotel, where at 8 p.m. today (Friday) a session honoring the 25th anniversary of the Woman's Society and Guild will be held.

Thursday evening, the women who come from an area roughly embracing the Central and Southern United States heard Mrs. J. Fount Tillman say that churches must meet new world challenges through "divinely-inspired love and God-given strength."

She is president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

She said that this new age places more emphasis on women who have greater opportunities for spreading Christianity and love throughout the world.

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THEMES FOR the joint conference were "Witness and Service" by the WSCS and "Our Missions Today" by the Wesleyan Guild.

Host for the affair was the Washington Conference of the WSCS.

Miss Myrtle Mack and the choir of the Metropolitan Methodist Church were among those who furnished music for the conference.

THE FOLLOWING is a portion of the remaining schedule of the WSCS conference:

The Woman's Society will hold a 2:15 p.m. session today (Friday) at the Lovely Lane Methodist Museum.

"Student Involvement In Today's World" and "The Challenge of Change" will be the subjects of discussion.

After the discussion, there **will be a business session.**

At 8 p.m. at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, the 25th anniversary of the Woman's Society and Guild will be celebrated.

On Saturday, at 8:30 a.m. a treasurer's report is scheduled, and a talk on Pakistan and the topic "Witness and Service in World Missions." A benediction will close the session.

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Central Jurisdiction will hold a meeting "Launching the 25th Anniversary of the SCS and WSG" at 8 p.m. Friday, at the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

The WSCS banquet will be

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Worthy wins case

A lower court conviction of AFRO correspondent William Worthy for violating the passport law by going to Cuba and returning without a passport, was overturned Thursday.

The U. S. Appeals Court at New Orleans declared unconstitutional the federal law which prohibits a citizen from departing or entering the United States without a valid passport.

U. S. Circuit Court Judge Warren L. Jones, speaking for the court, said it did "not think that a citizen absent from his country can have his fundamental right to have free ingress thereto subject to criminal penalty if he does not have a passport."

Worthy, who lives in Boston, went to Cuba in July, 1961, and returned to this country in October that year.

Worthy, when convicted in a Miami court, was fined $500 and sentenced to six months in jail.

AFL-CIO for strong civil rights bill

WASHINGTON—(NNPA)—The AFL-CIO Executive Council said Monday it was "convinced" that the civil rights bill "can and will be adopted" despite opposition by some senators.

In a statement issued at the beginning of its midwinter workshop at Bal Harbor, Fla., the Council added:

"The Senate in the past has too often been the graveyard of civil rights legislation. this can not be tolerated again. The urgency of our times and the complete humanitarianism of this issue underscore this fact."

But the Council presented a unique situation by not having a racial civil rights issue on the agenda.

Ashe beats Aussie in title tennis

By SAM LACY

SALISBURY, Md. — Arthur Ashe combined a blazing serve with a masterful passing game to win his way into the third round of the National Indoor Singles Tennis Championship at Wicomico Civic Center Thursday afternoon.

Ashe scored his second win in as many days, defeating Ken Fletcher of Australia, 4-6, 8-6, 6-4, in what the UCLA Junior describes as "the tougher tournament I have ever entered."

"This is a rough field," Ashe told the AFRO as he prepared to warm up for his

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IT'S GOING TO COST MORE TO GET OUT NOW

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

It's going to cost more to get out now.

That essentially is the effect of the new bail schedule which went into effect Wednesday.

As a result of the action of Criminal Court Judge Charles D. Harris who ordered the bail schedule updated from its 1958 standard, persons accused of crimes will find that the cost of temporary freedom — like the cost of living — has skyrocketed.

Among the sharpest jumps are:

Assault on a police officer from $500 to $3,500.

Robbery, from $2,500 to $5,000. If the accused robbery uses a deadly weapon he will have to post $10,000 bail.

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EQUALLY HIGH bails have also been ordered in crimes such as lottery violations, pandering, narcotics, morals violations, prostitution, deadly weapons, etc.

When the new schedule went into effect some trial lawyers complained that it would work undue hardships on undeserving persons and would adversely affect the overcrowding problem at City Jail in addition to crowding court dockets with Habeas Corpus hearings.

Judge Harris Wednesday Thursday that the plan has several adverse aspects but steadily defended it:

"There are unfavorable sides to the question but I feel that they are outweighed by the possible good that can come out of it," he told the AFRO.

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JUDGE HARRIS who presides in Criminal Court Part 1 this term gave these reasons for hiking bails.

1. The old schedule was outdated.

2. A large number of persons accused of crimes commit new ones while free on bail.

3. To assure appearance of accused violators in court, and

4. A possible deterrent to crime.

Judge Harris said the old rates were set "in the 20's and are far outdated in the 60's."

While sitting in Part II of Criminal Court last year, the judge declared, he heard numerous cases where persons awaiting trial on bail had committed crimes even more than the ones they were to be tried for.

Further, he pointed out, "every day somebody scheduled to stand trial fails to appear in court."

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LAWRENCE R. MOONEY, chief clerk of Criminal Court and his deputy, Carl O. Martin, who handle bails, reported that of 2,800 persons released on bail in 1963 only 20 forfeited. This amounts to seven-tenths of one per cent of the total.

The small percentage of those forfeiting bail rather than standing trial, Judge Harris declared, is not an accurate figure.

"Perhaps that is the number who forfeited, but there are many more who don't appear and the bail bondsmen ask for time to locate the person before bail is cancelled."

The higher bails, Judge

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