PTA Congress backs hike in Welfare grants

By a narrow margin, the Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers Tuesday night voted to support legislation to increase welfare payments to families with dependent children.

Meeting in Baltimore for a two-day session, the PTA Congress included the measure to bring payments for food, clothing and shelter up to state welfare department standards, along with nine other items that the group will push for passage during the coming year.

Presided over by state PTA head Joseph W. Showalter, the stormy evening legislative session at the Lord Baltimore Hotel lasted until 12:30 a.m.

The major proposal endorsed by the congress, which numbered 1,200 people, was a law that would extend state aid, to include public kindergartens.

AS A main theme of this year's meeting, study and legislation in the area of mental health programs were urged.

Indicating their concern for emotionally disturbed children, state-wide members advised:

(1) establishing regional residential treatment centers and (2) providing state aid comparable to that furnished other handicapped children.

During the evening session, the PTA Congress also voted offering pre-school training to disadvantaged children.

The new proposal is aimed towards: "offering pre-school training and early childhood education opportunities to culturally disadvantaged children through legislation which would authorize the State Department of Education to provide the leadership necessary for such a program."

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IN AN addition to their agenda, the members urged "reappraisal of existing vocational and technical education programs, expansion, and where necessary, revamping of existing programs."

Other legislation advanced by the congress included:

(1) Establishment of public day-care centers and encouragement of the operation of private centers with state minimum standards for all public and private care.

(2) Expansion of opportunities for Driver Education in public schools.

(3) The development and implementation of a comprehensive master plan for state higher education and the expansion of colleges in the state.

(4) The setting of standards to assure that by 1970 there will be libraries in all public schools staffed with certified librarians and meeting standards for books and equipment.

(5) Revision of the state scholarship provisions to remove scholarships from political influence and obtain equitable distribution.

The congress also voted to endorse the proposed goals and legislation of the national PTA and its own list of goals for the coming three-year period, including a statement on equality of opportunity.

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ACCORDING TO its statement, the Maryland PTA will work for "full implementation of the State Board of Education policy on desegregation of the public schools."

Included in the Tuesday and Wednesday sessions were panel discussions on mental health; higher education in the state and financing of schools, tours of local educational facilities and a banquet address by Dr. Lawrence G. Derthick, former U. S. commissioner of education.

PTA FAMILY OF YEAR in Maryland came from Hollywood in St. Mary's County Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Zollinhofer and their four children were picked over 15 other families during the 49th PTA Congress at Lord Baltimore Hotel Wednesday. Parents advise teaching early obedience, showing love and making child feel important. Children are, standing, Darling, 12, and Sherry, 14, and seated, Duncan, 5, and Wendy, 8. Enjoying Wednesday evening banquet (upper right) are Joseph R. Ward, legislative chairman, and Otis B. Hooper, president, both of Gwynns Falls Junior High, and Mrs. Pearl Edwards, PTA chairman, School 69. Lower panel, PTA Congress officers: Mrs. Robert S. Fletcher, secretary; Joseph Showalter, president; Mrs. Robert E. Hampson; first vice, and newly elected second vice, Dr. William Early, of Prince Georges County. He won in a floor battle though not put forth by the PTA Congress nominating committee.

Crownsville clinic chief's father buried

ANNAPOLIS — Funeral rites for Herbert Adam Dixon Phillips of the West Indies, the father of Dr. George McKenzie Phillips, clinical director of Crownsville State Hospital, were conducted here at the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Thursday. The eulogy was delivered by the church minister, Elder Robert Willis of Baltimore.

Mr. Phillips one of Tobago's most progressive and prominent senior citizens, who had been in ailing health since 1963, came to the States two months ago to seek further medical treatment.

A native of the West Indies, he was born at Tobago on Jan. 18, 1886 and received his education in the islands.

A retired Highway Engineer for the government of Trinidad and Tobago for more than 20 years, during which time he pioneered in the development of the highway system of the island, Mr. Phillips later became a successful farmer and contributed significantly to the economic progress of his community.

Mr. Phillips was instrumental in stimulating religious interest through active participation in the Seventh Day Adventist Church, serving as Elder and Pastor.

He devoted a large part of his life distributing religious literature to many homes as a full - time colporteur evangelist until his health began to fail, - the aftermath of the loss of his home and most of his property by hurricane.

THOSE WHO served as pallbearers were Dr. Lloyd and Elliott Roberts, Phillip demir, Dr. Parvic Samandy N. Ferguson, Dr. Mefetik Greene, Vernon Sparks, Joseph Lee and Everett Wilson.

Flower bearers were Mesdames Elsie Wilson, Mattie Williams, Gem Hutleston and Clara Sergeant.

Mrs. Ralph Willoughby, mother of Mrs. George Phillips, and Mr. and Mrs. Mobery Barnes, all of Brooklyn, N.Y., were here for the services.

The deceased is survived by a widow, Mrs. Leelyne T. Phillips, now residing in Maryland; three sons other than Dr. Phillips, Prof. Oliver Phillips of North Carolina College, Durham, and Mitchell and Harrison Phillips, both of the West Indies;

Also two older sisters, Mrs. Florence Scobie and Mrs. Vasiti James in the West Indies, four granddaughters, thirteen grandsons and a host of other relatives and friends.

Burial was in Lawn Pine Cemetery in Annapolis. George Tittle, mortician, was in charge of burial arrangements.

Woman suspect questioned in Eastside death

A woman suspect is being questioned by homicide investigators in the fatal shooting of James Carlton Allen, 39, 300 block E. Biddle St., Tuesday afternoon.

The victim was found by police lying in a pool of blood in the 1600 block Ashland Ave. He was taken to Johns Hopkins Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival at 4:10 p.m.

Witnesses said the shooting followed an argument between the dead man and a woman identified as a friend.

Police are attempting to locat a relative of the deceased.

West Germans to see 'Black Nativity'

FRANKFURT, Germany—Broadway's Gospel Hit, "Black Nativity", following a triumph at the 1964 Berlin Festival, will appear here November 16 and 19, at Volksbildungsheim's Music Hall.

The cast has already appeared in London, Paris.

Mrs. Young, mother of AFRO aide, dead at 82

Requiem High Mass will be sung Monday at 9 a.m. at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church for Mrs. Elizabeth L. Young, 82, 555 Robert St., mother of Mrs. Beatrice Wilson, AFRO chief proofreader. She died Thursday following a long illness.

Burial will be in Arbutus Memorial Park.

A native of Lancaster, Va., Mrs. Young came to Baltimore when she was 14 years of age. She was the widow of Otho Young, U.S. government employee, who died in 1946.

In addition to Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Young is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Margaret Y. Black, and a son, Melvin Young, both of Baltimore.

Three grandchildren and three great grandchildren also survive.

VOLUNTEERS GIVE — Mrs. Ruth Tibbs, director of the Provident Hospital Volunteer Women's Auxiliary presents a check for $1,000 on $1,500 pledge to Earl L. Hagan, a representative of the new hospital fund committee. L. to R. are (seated) Mrs. Martha Holmes, president of the auxiliary; Mrs. Ernestine Bowie, and Mrs. Juanita Selh. Standing, same order, Mrs. Dorothy Green, Mrs. Tibbs, Mr. Hagan and Mrs. Margaret Carroll.

Mayor unveils inner harbor plans today

Robert C. Weaver, administrator, Housing and Home Finance Agency, heads a delegation of federal officials visiting the city today (Friday) to look at Baltimore's inner harbor and municipal center development plans.

Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin unveils the plans at 10:30 a.m. in his office before an invited assembly, including top city officials.

A noon luncheon follows at the Center Club, Charles Center.

Accompanying Mr. Weaver to Baltimore today will be William S. Slayton, commissioner of the Urban Renewal Administration, and Warren A. Phelan, regional administrator of Mr. Weaver's agency.

60 million seals mailed Thursday

In an avalanche of canvas mail bags (more than 300 of them) some 60 million Christmas Seals were mailed Thursday in Baltimore homes. The seals, offered by the Maryland Tuberculosis Association, as its only fund raising effort, are familiar on the holiday scene as an integral part of cards, letters and packages.

The Baltimore Campaign is part of a nationwide tradition, now in its 58th year. In 1907, Miss Emily Bissell conceived 'the Christmas Seal idea as a way to raise $300 needed to maintain a tiny TB Sanitarium in Delaware.

The idea caught hold, and the 1964 Campaign in Baltimore City is expected to raise in excess of $150,000.

Powell threatens nasty reporter

HONOLULU (UPI) — Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D-N. Y. reportedly threatened to "slug" a local reporter who had hounded him since Powell arrived Tuesday night for talks with labor and industrial leaders.

The threat came, the reporter said, when he approached Powell at a bar at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel and asked to interview him. The Honolulu reporter said he had been denied interviews previously.

"You want me to beat a glass over your head" Powell was quoted as saying. The reporter said he declined the offer and was told "Get out before I slug you." Powell heads the House Committee on Education and Labor.

Labor Department seeking key to job-idleness riddle

At the request of the U. S. Department of Labor, a job-vacancy survey to determine what current employment openings are presently available in the Baltimore-Metropolitan area, will be started this week by the Maryland Department of Employment Security.

The primary aim of the survey, according to the Labor Department, is to help solve the predicament of jobs without workers while at the same time there are workers without jobs.

In a sample letter to be sent to employers asked to participate in the survey the Department states:

"This inability to match unfilled jobs and available workers is a wasteful and costly aspect of the current unemployment problem."

In addition, the Department points out that the job vacancy information collected will also be of local value in determining future areas of retraining for unemployed persons requiring new skills.

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STEPHEN C. CROMWELL, director of DES said that his agency has been doing surveys for several of the state's school systems for the purpose of helping educators plan their vocational curriculum.

He said the Federal survey will concern itself primarily with employers having immediate job openings as of the week of November 20.

Altogether 800 large and small employers in Baltimore and surrounding counties will be contacted by mail and personal visit, Mr. Cromwell said.

COURT REPORTER FOR SUPREME BENCH — Frank B. Carter Jr., 1613 Thomas Ave., was sworn in last Wednesday as court reporter to the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City by deputy clerk A. Patterson Pendleton.

Carter starts work for Supreme Bench

Frank B. Carter, 1613 Thomas Ave., was sworn in last Wednesday as court reporter to the Supreme Bench.

A stenotype reporter for the Maryland Workmen's Compensation Commission for the past six years, Mr. Carter's new appointment was effective as of Wednesday, this week.

At the swearing in ceremonies, A. Patterson Pendleton, deputy clerk of the Supreme Bench, noted that during competitive tests for the position, Mr. Carter ranked way out in front of five others who were competing.

Basic salary as Maryland's only colored court reporter is $8,400. Other functions pertaining to the position will bring total salary up into five figures.

THE 39-YEAR-OLD native of Catonsville is a former carpenter who studied stenotyping through a correspondence course.

The new appointee told the AFRO: "I am extremely happy about my new appointment. I am only sorry that we do not have any other qualified members of our race to vie for these jobs.

"I should like to say that much of the credit for my having progressed in this field goes to Milton Allen, local attorney. He constantly encouraged me and helped to open the first door for me several years ago."

Mr. Carter likes to bowl with his wife. Only. The Carters have three children, Delaphine, 20; Frank 14; and Brenda, 10.

European tour planned for '65

University Center of Howard University is sponsoring a European Tour in 1965.

The tour, open to students, faculty and friends of the University, will depart New York via Alitalia Airlines on June 10 and return on July 1.

Among the countries to be visited are England, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Switzerland and France.

State will fight Giles case ruling

The State is expected to attempt to upset a Tuesday ruling in Montgomery County Circuit Court granting a new trial to the once condemned Giles Brothers, James and John.

The ruling by Judge Walter H. Moorman stated the brothers were denied "due process of law because the State suppressed evidence" in the 1961 rape trial.

Leonard Kardy, State's Attorney for Montgomery County, told the AFRO Wednesday: "The State is going to appeal the ruling of the Maryland Court of Appeals.

"I will be filing a brief almost immediately and expect that arguments will be heard after the first of the year.

"The ruling was based on a point never before raised in the state of Maryland and we feel that it needs adjudication at the appellate level."

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MEANWHILE, the brothers and James Johnson, all convicted and once sentenced to die on the 1961 charges, remain in the Maryland Penitentiary pending further action on the ruling. Last summers death sentences for the three were commuted to life imprisonment by Gov. Tawes following a storm of protests over the extreme penalty imposed for the rape case involving a 16 - year - old white girl.

A Giles - Johnson Defense Committee, an inter - racial group of outraged citizens hired attorneys and made investigations into the case following the boys' convictions.

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THE COMMITTEE, in its plea last year to Gov. Tawes, charged that the girl was known to be promiscuous and irresponsible in other rape accusations not involving the convicted three.

Investigations also brought to light evidence that, had it been presented, might have affected the outcome of the original trial.

The group, organized by Mrs. Frances Ross, Silver Springs housewife, not only asked for lifting of the death sentences but also recommended freedom for the prisoners.

The new trial ruling is a result of the activities of the Defense Committee and could lead to the ultimate freeing of the convicted youths.

State's Attorney Kardy stated his intention of staging a prompt re-trial if his appeal is denied; however, informed sources see little possibility of the State's gaining another conviction in the event it should be tried again.

Provident unit launches blood project

Provident Hospital Women's Auxiliary, already knee deep in fund-raising projects to aid and abet the Provident Hospital Development Drive, announced this week still another project.

The auxiliary is now in the process of setting up and maintaining a blood depot nor list to benefit patients who are unable to secure blood for tranfusions.

Under the sustained blood donor list, indigent, aged and patients without family or friends will be able to get blood when it's needed, Charles Tildon, development program director, said.

Dr. Henry C. Welcome has been named director of the project and Auxiliary representatives include Mesdames Muriel Coates, Sarah Sterling and Madie Mitchell.

Other Auxiliary activities include "Around The World Bazaar," held 4 p.m. Thursday at the hospital annex featuring slides showing the growth of Provident and a hat show.

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AN ARM of the Auxiliary Provident Volunteers, will stage a fashion show and tea at the annex Dec. 6.

Officers of the group are: Mesdames Martha Holmes, president; Maggie Flacks, financial secretary; Caroline Veasey, recording secretary; Rosena T. Cole, treasurer; and Esther Winston, chaplain. Mrs. Ruth Tibbs is director of the Provident Volunteers.

Federal prosecutor will explain Civil Rights Law

Local office managers will hear how the Federal Civil Rights Law applies to business and industry at the monthly meeting of the Baltimore Chapter, Administrative Management Society, 7 p.m., Nov. 16 in the Sheraton-Inn.

Arthur G. Murphy Sr., assistant U. S. attorney for Maryland, will address the meeting. A question and answer period will follow.

He will be assisted in the latter part of the program by Barry E. Greenstein, investigator for the Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations, and Samuel T. Daniels, executive secretary of the Community Relations Commission.

Mr. Murphy was appointed assistant U. S. attorney by the chief federal prosecutor for Maryland, Joseph D. Tydings, now U. S. Senator-elect.

He was among government lawyers who visited the Justice Department Civil Rights Division to draw up plans to handle violations of the law on the state level.

A member of the Baltimore City and Monumental Bar Associations, Mr. Murphy is an honor graduate of Morgan State College, where he, is currently a lecturer in business administration.

Walter C. Houck, insurance executive, is president of the Baltimore Chapter of Administrative Management Society

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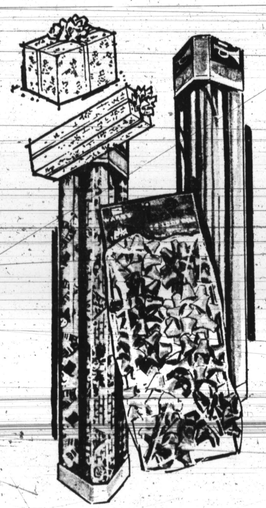

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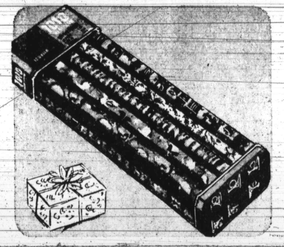

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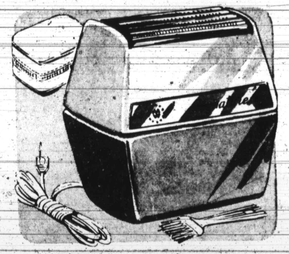

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