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Novelist dies; aided race art

NEW YORK (UPI)—Novelist Carl Van Vechten, 84, died Tuesday in his sleep at his home here.

Van Vechten, who was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and graduated from the University of Chicago, was a newspaperman and photographer as well as fiction writer.

In 1906, he was music critic fo rth e NweYoreik ms.T ic for the New York Times. He also established the James Weldon Johnson collection of colored arts and letters at Yale University and the George Gershwin collection of music and musical literature at Fisk University.

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FAMILY AT COOKE RITES — At the Chicago funeral services for Sam Cooke, the popular singer, were, left to right: Spencer Leak, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cook Sr., parents of the slain singer, and A. R. Leak Sr. (at left), and at right, his brother, Charles Cooke (fur collar), his wife, Mrs. Barbara Cooke, with his manager, S. R. Crain (rear) and Cassius Clay, heavyweight champion of the world, a close friend of the singer.

SADDENED FRIENDS — Friends from the entertainment world were saddened and their faces showed it at the final rites for the beloved Sam Cooke in Chicago last week. In this group, from left, are: Jim Bishop and George Wood of Philadelphia, Billie Joe, Larry Steel (Smart Affairs, Atlantic City) and Dee Clark.

Spelman prexy's wife's rites held

ATLANTA, Ga. — Mrs. Dorothy Shepard Manley, the wife of President Albert E. Manley of Spelman College, and the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Shepard, and the stepdaughter of the late Mrs. Mary Shepard of Durham, N.C., died, after an extended illness, on Friday, Dec. 18.

Services were held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20, at Sisters Chapel on the Spelman College campus.

Mrs. Manley a native of Durham, where she received her elementary and secondary education, is a graduate of Fisk University and received a degree in Library Science from Hampton Institute.

She served as librarian at Knoxville College, Knoxville, Tennessee, and at North Carolina College, Durham, North Carolina. On March 8, 1943, she was married to Albert E. Manley who at the time was dean of instruction at North Carolina College.

MRS. DOROTHY MANLEY

IN THE SPRING of 1953, when her husband assumed the presidency of Spelman College, she took over the duties as wife of the president and soon won the admiration and hearts of the students, alumnae, faculty, and friends of Spelman with her soft, friendly, gracious manner. She was a familiar figure in the dormitories and on the campus.

She was an accomplished hostess, thoughtful of the students, an interesting conversationalist, a good listener, easily accessible, and served as a confidante to her husband. She was interested in every phase of campus life and was always ready and willing to give of her her time and energy when ever called upon.

Through more active in campus life, Mrs. Manley was also a dedicated worker in the organizations of which she was a member, among which were the Y.W.C.A., the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, American Association of University Women, Inquirers Club, and honorary member of the National Spelman Alumnae Association. She was a faithful member of Friendship Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Albert E. Manley; a niece, Geraldine Manley Cheek, Mrs. T. E. A. McCurdy, Mrs. James Boulware, Miss Marjorie Shepard, Mrs. J. H. Smith, Mr. W. A. Robinson, Mrs. Harold Holmes, Miss Parepa Watson, and numerous relatives.

17 couples get licenses

SALISBURY, Md. — Teenagers George Melvin Custis Jr., 19, of Delmar, Del. and Sharon Gloria Isler, 18, of Camden, N.J., were among 17 couples who took out marriage licenses here during the month of October. Others were:

FERNANDEZ - BLADWIN—Cristopal, 29, of Seaford, Del.; Virginia, 23, of Milton, Del.

CLARK - DOANE—Jack John, 25, of Quantico, Md.; and Elizabeth, 20, of Salisbury, Md.

CARRINGTON - HOGAN — David Lee Jr., 33, and Pauline C., 35, both of Atlantic, N.J.

PARKER - JONES — Herman, 23, of Salisbury, Md.; and Beatrice, 23, of Deal Island, Md.

ROBERTSON - JOHNSON — Willie, 29, and Catherine, 20, both of Lewes, Del.

COX - ADAMS — Otis Jr., 22, and Zelma, 21, both of Baltimore, Md.

HOPKINS - GOSLEE — Otis Jr., 24, of Mardela, Md.; Joyce 21, of Delmar, Del.

HUDSON - BAKER — Robert A., 45, of Salisbury, Md.; Rosemary, 26, of Delmar, Md.

GAITES - MILBOURNE — Robert, 22, and Alberta 18, both of Salisbury, Md.

COATES - MCGEE — Joseph, 41, and Susan, 40, both of Salisbury, Md.

DELAINE - JEFFERSON — William M., 24, and Irma Jean, 18, both of Milton, Del.

SCOTT - COPES — James Jr., 21, and Ilene, 22, both of Milton, Del.

TRIBBLE - JAMES — John Thomas, 27, of Quantico, Md.; and Dorothy, 26, of Bean City, Fla.

WILSON - SMITH — Isaiah, 21, and Gloria E., 21, both of Philadelphia, Pa.

BLAUERT - BEST — John, 32, of Mt. Vernon, N.Y.; and Joyce, 21, of Philadelphia, Pa.

BIRCHETT - DENNIS — Eugene, 18, and Barbara Anne, 20 both of Pocomoke, Md.

Rev. M. C. Thomas funeral rites held

WASHINGTON (NPI) — Services for the Rev. M. C. Thomas who died Dec. 3 at his residence on Mauge St. following a long illness were held Sunday from Oakie Grove Baptist Church, Evans, Ga., where he had been pastor for several years.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Beatrice Thomas; one son, Elijah Thomas; one brother, Freddie Thomas; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Hearing delayed

BOSTON (UPI) — Cases of four Boston men accused of stomping and beating a private secretary of heavyweight titlist Cassius Clay were continued Saturday until Dec. 31.

—Father Divine in lonely grave?

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turned to live in Brooklyn, at 416 Bainbridge St. Cared for by his daughter, Etta, and visited often by all of his children in N.Y., he became bothered with asthmatic attacks. He was admitted to Unity Hospital on Nov. 20, 1960, and at 4:49 the next day, died. Funeral services were held on Dec. 24, under the direction of Edward J. Robertson, mortician, of 396 Gates Ave., Brooklyn, and interred in Staten Island's Silver Mt. Cemetery.

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'Spirit' still lives

POSITIVE proof of the death of the original Father Divine won't be as shattering to the followers as it would have been some 8 - 10 years ago, for the movement has methodically chipped away the image of the physical man and projects his "spirit" through tape-recordings, reprinting his old speeches and publishing the "New Day" from as far back as 1938, and a few interspersed highly restricted "personal appearances." The Woodmont, Pa. mansion where most of the "messages" currently originate, is inaccessible to outsiders as Fort Knox. Ditto, Sayville.

Most of those who knew him closely in the early days have "vanished," and when the 1947 "marriage" took place, all photos of the original Divine and Sister Penny, were ordered removed from the local and far-flung missions. Those who remained had no comparison to make between the present and the past — and centered all attention to the name only-that holds any degree of omnipotency, "Father Divine."

'Hello' interview

That something was amiss was evident as recently as 1962, when an Evening Bulletin Reporter, Burton Chardak, was granted an interview with Divine, and reported in his story that the famed leader greeted him with "Hello."

Such an expression by Divine, or any devout follower was previously unheard of, for the word contains what is regarded as a profane segment.

Chardak told this writer that he only had about two minutes with Divine, and had never recalled seeing him before.

That the original man has gone to his final resting place long ago leaves what only that of any departed soul can leave — the spirit of what he stood for and created, or what they made of him. All that Robert Gibson failed to do in his assumption of the title, "God," was to achieve mortal life everlasting.

Police Blotter

Storebreaking — Louis E. Ferguson, (3 cases), sub curia.

Violation of Probation — Willie J. Williams, probation revoked.

Rape — Calvin L. Thompson, guilty, 5 years in Maryland Correctional Institution for Men; Richard G. Hoover, guilty, 4 years in Maryland Correctional Institution for Men.

Larceny — Norris Bea, guilty sub curia.

Assault to Murder — Sidney R. Millner, guilty, 2 years in House of Correction, sentence suspended to pay costs and upon conditions.

Burglary — Robert Weathers Jr., guilty, sentence deferred pending motion for new trial.

Disorderly Conduct — James W. Simms, not guilty.

Assault — Marvin Davis, not guilty.

Murder — Marvin Davis, not guilty.

Burglary — Wilbert Sampson, 6 years in House of Correction.

Non - Support — George Burrlin, pay $12 per week; Lawrence Grossi, pay $20 per week; Ira Scott, pay $30 per week; Lawrence Wallace, pay $25 per week; Clarence Wiggins, pay $25 per week; Thomas Breeden, sentenced to House of Correction for 18 months.

Bastardy — Charles Randolph, 2 years in House of Correction, sentence suspended, pay $5 per week.

Violation of Probation — John J. Collins, 18 months in House of Correction; Howard Thomas, 18 months in House of Correction; Eugene Bell, 2 years in House of Correction; John Callagar, 18 months in House of Correction.

Burglary — Henry M. Williams, guilty, sentence deferred, pending motion for new trial.

Forgery — Herbert R. Lorenz, guilty, 18 months in House of Correction, sentence suspended.

Receiving Stolen Goods — Herbert R. Lorenz, not guilty.

Assault — Charles Benson, guilty, 3 months in House of Correction, sentence suspended to pay cost and upon conditions.

Larceny — Clifford Highlower, guilty, 3 years in House of Correction.

Lottery — Claude Chance, guilty, 6 months in House of Correction, sentence suspended to pay fine and costs; Claude Harris, guilty, 1 year in House of Correction, sentence suspended to pay fine and costs.

Bets On Races — Henry T. Wonneman, probation before verdict to pay $200 fine; Mary Wonneman, not guilty.

Larceny — Ronald G. Peterson, guilty, 18 months in Maryland Correctional Institution for Men; Norman Roy, guilty, 6 months in Maryland Correctional Institution for Men.

Assault to Murder — Arley Worrell, (2 cases), not guilty by reason of insanity.

Deadly Weapon — Arley Worrell, not guilty by reason of insanity.

Rogue and Vagabond — Edward Baker, guilty, 18 months in House of Correction.

Larceny — Paul H. Rutledge, guilty 2nd count, 1 year in Penitentiary to run concurrently with other sentence.

Assault — Michael Libercci, guilty, 1 year in House of Correction, sentence suspended and probation for 1 year upon conditions.

Storebreaking — Richard E. Hepple, guilty, 4 years in House of Correction, sentence suspended and probation for 4 years.

Forgery — Paul H. Rutledge, guilty, 3 years in Penitentiary, to run concurrently with other sentence.

Lottery — Lindsay E. Travis, pleaded guilty 4th count, 6 months in House of Correction, sentence suspended and probation to pay fine and costs; Elaine Ruffin, not guilty; Alexander Whaley, not guilty; Mattie L. Travis, pleaded guilty 4th count, fined $200 and costs.

Gambling — Leonard J. Allison sub curia.

Assault — James B. Senft, not guilty; Harvey G. Manns, not guilty.

Housebreaking — James B. Senft, guilty 3rd and 5th counts, 3 years in House of Correction.

Embezzlement — Jean Vieira, stet.

Barbiturate Violation — James B. Senft, not guilty.

Possessing Revolver Without Permit — James B. Senft, guilty, sentence suspended.

Deadly Weapon — James B. Senft, guilty, 14 months in House of Correction, to run concurrently with other sentence.

Disorderly Conduct — Harvey G. Manns, pleaded guilty 5th count, 60 days jail, balance of sentence suspended.

Murder — Hubert H. Johnson, guilty of murder in the 2nd degree, imposition of sentence pending the filing of a motion for a new trial.

Perverted Practice — Frank D. Greaver, provation before verdict.

Resisting Arrest — Frank D. Greaver, guilty, 30 days in jail, sentence suspended to pay fine of $50 and costs.

Disorderly Conduct — Frank D. Greaver, not guilty.

Storebreaking — Richard G. Jenkins, guilty, 2 years in House of Correction.

Burglary — Ronald W. Mays, Jr., committed to Clifton T. Perkins State Hospital, subject to the further order of Court.

Shoplifting — Viola G. Sullivan, probation before verdict.

Assault to Rape — Ronald W. Mays, Jr., committed to Clifton T. Perkins State Hospital, subject to the further order of Court.

Unauthorized Use — Jo Ann Vernon Green, appeal withdrawn.

Disorderly Conduct — Jo Ann Thomas, probation before verdict; Patricia Lindsay, bail forfeited.

Obstructing Justice — James E. Dotson, bail forfeited.

Storebreaking — Albert Adale, guilty 1st, 3rd and 5th counts, 5 years in House of Correction on each count, to run concurrently.

Burglary — Arkles Womack, guilty 1st, 3rd and 5th counts, 5 years in House of Correction on each count, to run concurrently.

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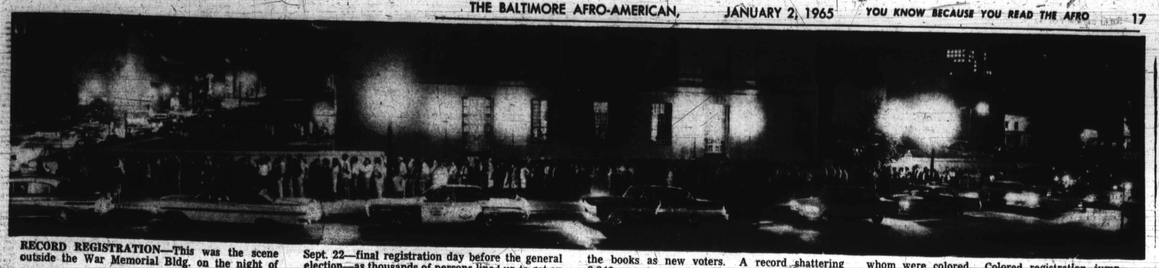

RECORD REGISTRATION—This was the scene outside the War Memorial Bldg. on the night of Sept. 22—final registration day before the general election—as thousands of persons lined up to get on the books as new voters. A record shattering 8,248 persons were registered that day, 5,191 of whom were colored. Colored registration jumped to an all-time high of 133,096.

1964 Was A Year With Stories That Will Be Remembered

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

This was the year everybody lived and saved up to get to the New York World's Fair "come summer." Who can forget it?

Plus getting acquainted with two strange new words "White Backlash," Marylanders got acquainted with some new "strangers," Barry Goldwater and Gov. Wallace.

While somebody was spilling the beans about $96.50 caskets that were marked up to $637.50, before the body could get inside the pine boards sprayed with "plastice" bronze, a "Soul Singer" invaded the $16 million Baltimore Civi Center and filled it up with 12,153 yowling teen agers.

But let's begin with January that was as mild as this December has been.

Like they're saying now, "a black Christmas means a full graveyard," they said it then, just about a year ago.

But, a few days later, Winter rared back and snowed down throughout the month and rose to a crisis in February that closed down Baltimore.

JANUARY

Dr. Martin Luther King had the Time Magazine "Man of the Year" citation in his pocket when he arrived in Baltimore the first month of the year to give the Mason's main speech at the 101st Emancipation Celebration.

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The Rev. Edmond D. Meade completed 25 years at Israel Baptist Church and was honored at a Banquet by many of Baltimore's leading citizens.

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As Jan. 9 marked the season's heaviest snow and seven inches of it closed schools, city and state offices at 12 noon.

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Six African students were awarded Murphy scholarships from Warren Shaw, executive director of the fund with Judge Robert B. Watts, attorneys William C. Rogers and Harry S. Kaufman co-chairmen.

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New civil marriage laws required $15 and a visit to each of two courts as brides were exempt from promising to obey.

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Baltimoreans had halted sit-in-demonstrations and a lull came on the Civil Rights front as citizens failed to take up the movement in full swing in New York, the "Rent Strike."

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It was announced that Dinah Washington's Dec. 14, 1963 death was accidental.

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The lung cancer scare took some smokers off tobacco but others who described themselves as confirmed cigarette devotees, said they'd just as soon go that way as any other.

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Baltimore members of the AME church journeyed to New York to a testimonial banquet honoring Bishop D. Ward Nichols.

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The Methodist Wesleyan Service Guild reached its 25th birthday.

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Sit-In demonstrations of a few years ago brought Route 40 in Maryland to world headlines but when Rigor Mortis set in at the restaurants and motels and other businesses on that ill-famed way, headlines were small.

The Kennedy Highway where JFK cut the ribbon in Nov. 1963, shortly before Dallas, made it unnecessary for folks to travel the Old Route 40 where feelings got hurt.

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The Provident Hospital Drive under George Russell and Samuel Hecht, opened a a new campaign for the $2 million needed and Old Provident Hospital got a new coat of paint.

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Polio was at a standstill with one case for 1963 and Marylanders breathed a sigh of relief this was one river crossed.

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The Johnson gave their first State dinner at the White House and among the few attending from Baltimore were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mitchell.

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The first mention of The Rise of Barry Goldwater in Maryland came when rumors had it that he and Rocky would enter the May 19 Primaries in Maryland.

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Catholic churches in the state handed down a ruling that no discrimination was to be had in Catholic Hospitals and they appointed a special group to see that there would be no hitch in carrying it out.

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Mrs. Lena K. Lee retired from the public Elementary School No. 103 where she's been principal and went on downtown to resume her law practice.

FEBRUARY

The $92,486 estate left by an 89-year old maiden lady, Miss Rebecca Short, included cash and blue chip stocks.

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That Old Devil, Fire, arrived as usual in the dead of Winter and five small children were burned to death Feb. 16 at their Leslie St. home.

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The Eastside Community Committee held its 20th annual blue Ribbon Tea and retained its reputation for the one February Sunday afternoon event that never fails to attract—no matter how cold. Was 18 degrees above that day.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Emory Bond, Sr.
unexpected star

The Bonds celebrated their 25th anniversary when Mr. Bond, Sr. a 25 year employee of the Post Office, was informed that he was the father of a baby boy, James Emory Bond, Jr. born to them in Sinai Hospital. Mrs. Bond, the former Miss Ruth Ann Jones, is a teacher in the Baltimore City Public Schools.

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Voter Registration for the May 19 Primaries got an early start as the NAACP with its ear to the ground heard about Wallace and his plans to invade Maryland.

MARCH

Maryland ministers and students braved sleet, rain, ice and snow to picket in City Hall Plaza. Led by Dick Gregory, the courageous crowd broke icycles off their noses and sang right on.

April

About the time Senator Verda Welcome was wondering had someone mistaken her front yard for hunting grounds, a host of Rock-N-Roll fans emptied piggie banks and bought tickets for the Civic Center James Brown Show by the thousands. The capacity crowd of 2,33 was somewhat of a novelty, and so were the shaking, quaking singer and the teens.

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April 24 marked the day Baltimore got behind the Rev. Dr. Harrison J. Bryant for a rousing testimonial dinner and decided to push the Bethel AME pastor over the line for bishop honor.

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In May, at the Cincinnatti Ohio AME General Conference Dr. Bryant became the first Baltimore AME bishop in 20 years. Before him were the late Bishops Hood, Coppin, Johnson, Hurst, Brooks, Gaines and Davis.

The first AME General Conference was held in Baltimore.

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Mrs. Marian Banfield won the Business and Professional Women's Sojourne Truth Award.

James Emory Bond, Sr., age 75, left his home at 236 N Mount St., early one morning and ended up the star of an unexpected hour-long TV program. Since then he's captured friends with his warmth and sincerity on national TV. He gives his ideas on curbing crime.

MAY

The 34th AFRO cooking school opened to a crowd of 4,000 and totaled about 7,000 before the 3-day annual spring event closed.

Mrs. Amelia Boynton who ran for Congress from Selma Ala. but didn't make it, arrived in Baltimore to make some Stop Wallace speeches.

For a day, she and Wallace were blurred from sight while Mahammed Ali, Cassius Clay, romped with Muslim children, kissed babies and otherwise let folks know twas spring and he was in love.

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The long, hot-dog-filled summer began to come around the bend as school children began to take off on buses for the New York World's Fair.

School 238 stayed home and practiced for their presentation of the Enchanted Forest but Gwynns Falls Junior High School's 100 8th Graders and Belmont's happy Elementary pupils added their numbers the steady stream that flooed the Fair from all sections of the nation.

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DICK GREGORY came back to Baltimore to lead pickets at Woodlawn Social Security where up-grading of employees had failed to take place.

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Funerals became the subject that "bared looking into" as a Congressional Com-

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1964's political front

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On the political scene, the outgoing year in Maryland was notable for a more than usual series of key racial decisions.

They were crossroads, however, which resulted in significant gains in every instance.

Tops among these were the new civil rights law for Baltimore, passage of a state - wide public accommodations measure, and a record high voter registration in this city of 133,096 colored citizens.

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ACCOMPANYING IN the primary and general election was the big question of whether a majority of Maryland voters would follow race - baiting, extremists candidates or the moderates. To a man, the moderates won.

Maryland voters further demonstrated a trend toward this liberal type of thinking by decisive support of the statewide public accommodations law, which had been petitioned to referendum.

Meanwhile, there were upsets in the congressional primary and general election, though only candidates sympathetic to colored citizens' needs were involved.

The General Assembly set up new legislative districts for Baltimore, and a successful suit knocked out new city councilmanic boundaries that had been approved by the City Council.

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SUCH WERE THE political highlights of the outgoing year in Maryland.

Matters got off to a booming start in February, when the City Council approved by a 12-6 vote Mayor Theodore H. McKeldin's omnibus civil rights ordinance covering Baltimore.

The Council rejected, however, all proposals toward open occupancy in housing. Coverage included, though, almost every phase of public life, with exception of bars and taverns.

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J. Millard Tawes, yielding to pressure from many interested organizations, called the General Assembly into special session at close of its 30-day meet in March, to pass the state-wide public accommodations law.

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A SIMILAR measure approved a year ago covered only Baltimore and 11 of the state's 23 counties. Nine of the counties were exempted by their lawmakers.

This law was promptly petitioned to referendum by the Maryland Petition Committee, a segregationist organization centered primarily in Anne Arundel County and the Eastern Shore.

Maryland voters supported the new law in a whipping margin, 65 percent of approximately 35,000 votes in the subsequent November general election.

It was the winter General Assembly session that saw approval of the new legislative district boundaries for Baltimore.

This realignment, among other things, gave colored citizens a tighter rein on the predominantly colored Fourth District, the one such in the city.

Previously, colored voters there were 59 percent of the total. Now they are 66.5 percent.

Maryland got its first big test of race-baiting extremism, when Alabama's Gov. George C. Wallace came here and entered the May primary.

Senator Daniel B. Brewster entered the race also as a favorite son candidate, to protect the state's votes at the later Democratic National Convention.

Despite strong support in several areas, Gov. Wallace was beaten by a high outpouring of colored and liberal white voters.

IT WAS a primary, too, that saw an upset victory of Joseph D. Tydings, a young relatively newcomer, over Louis L. Goldstein, the Tawes machine candidate, for the Democratic U.S. Senate nomination.

Fowling the primary, the NAACP, churches and a number of organizations joined to launch a city-wide voter registration campaign. From June 1 through Sept. 22, at close of registration, they had added 27,475 new voters on the books.

During the same period, there were 19,615 whites registered.

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There were 133,096 colored registered for the general election, an all-time record. Registering high, and 268,842 whites eligible to vote in Baltimore.

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THE CAMPAIGN leading up to the general election saw still another test for Maryland voters on the race issue.

Strong support for Arizona's Sen. Barry M. Goldwater had developed in the state.

At the Republican National Convention at San Francisco in July, however, colored city delegates had openly disavowed his presidential nomination on the floor.

They continued this fight against his election afterwards, and were joined in their rejection of Sen. Goldwater by Mayor McKeldin, among other Republicans.

Only one colored citizen, one Bishop Otho J. Hayman

FOR GOLDWATER—Bishop Otho J. Hayman, of the Baltimore-Washington area AME churches, astounded members of his race in the midst of the presidential campaign in October, when he announced his endorsement of Sen. Barry M. Goldwater. Repercussions were such, however, he retracted the endorsement two days later. He said first he was supporting Goldwater because "he has done more for colored citizens than President Johnson."

district superintendent of Methodist churches, publicly announced his support of Sen. Goldwater.

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REPERCUSSIONS FROM other members of his race, including the associate clergy, were such he retracted the support two days later.

The Goldwater threat continued at an increasing pace, however. So did the building against this threat develop in the colored community.

Result was President Lyndon B. Johnson usually trounced the Arizona senator in Maryland.

In Baltimore's 186 AFRO precincts of the 554 in the city, those all colored or predominately so, a turnout of a record high 76 percent of the eligible voters gave President Johnson 95 percent of their votes.

The President's sweeping victory in Maryland appeared to be the year's major decisive step in the state to

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Story of crime in '64

By WILBUR PINDER

Crime-wise the year 1964 saw these headline stories:

The death of seven children in a fire that brought accused of setting.

• An assassination attempt made on the life of a state legislator.

• Five police officers died in the line of duty which represents a "never before" record for the city.

• A pretty divorcee beaten to death. A passer-by discovered the body and attempted to criminally assault the woman before calling police.

• A member of the House of Delegates was convicted of conspiracy to obstruct justice.

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One of the most widely publicized crimes of 1964 occured on Dec. 1, during the early morning hours.

Kennard A. Smith, 37, according to charges by police, threw cans of gasoline into the home of his estranged wife, Mrs. Marian Smith, 42, and seven of his children were burned to death.

Smith had only been released from jail on a writ of habeas corpus several days before where he was awaiting trial in the stabbing death of Mrs. Helen Wallace, 24.

Four of the Smith children managed to get out of the house. One of them told police a man standing in the shadows pushed him back into the flaming building as he tried to escape.

Also charged in the children's death and setting the blaze is Arthur Johnson, 50, 1000 block S. Hanover St.

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Patrolmen who died in the line of duty this year were:

Officer Francis Stransky, who died following a scuffle on Jan. 10 with two men in a tavern. He had arrested them on charges of disorderly conduct.

Patrolman Claude Profili was killed Jan. 29, while answering a bank hold-up alarm in the 500 block Franklintown Rd. The three blond, armed robbers were given a life sentence in the Federal Penitentiary.

Patrolman Walter P. Matthys was shot to death with his own revolver on Sept. 11, when he attempted to arrest Cleaven "The King" Dupree on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Dupree a former mental patient was apprehended place, in the vicinity of Central Ave. and Edythe St.

Patrolman Teddy L. Bafford was shot to death on Oct. 15, when he was investigating a shooting at the corner of Liberty Hgts. and Garrison Blvd.

Charged with the fatal shooting is Joseph Branch, 19, of New York.

Finally, the fatal shooting early Christmas morning of Sgt. Jack Lee Cooper, who was found lying by his patrol car on a Northeast street.

Police records indicate this is the largest number of police officers killed in the line of duty during a one-year period. In 1963 there were no police officers killed.

The highest number killed prior to this year was three.

JANUARY

A few minutes after the year 1964 came in, Alexander Dubois Coger Jr., a 19-year-old Morgan College student, was shot to death in the 1100 block Popular Grove St.

Police first thought it was the tragic deed of a gang roving the area. However, several weeks later they arrested William White, 21, 1400 block Dukeland St., and charged him with murder.

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