2,500 Jehovah's Witnesses meeting here at Coliseum

By ELIZABEH M. OLIVER

More than 2,500 persons are in the city today to attend the Regional Assembly of the Jehovah's Witnesses here.

The sessions opened early today (Friday) at the Coliseum and will end Sunday.

Among the prominent officials present is Dr. William B. Mason, local dentist, who is presiding minister of the Lafayette Park Congregation.

DR. WILLIAM B. MASON

Dr. Mason has been named a supervisor of the Witnesses Literature Department for the meeting and will be in charge of the Watch Tower distribution as well as other materials the Witnesses use in their mission of house-to-house ministry.

The Watch Tower publication has worldwide circulation and is in 117 languages.

Distribution of the literature is as unique a process as the much talked-about plan the Witnesses use to feed thousands of persons in minutes, which was studied by the U. S. Armed Forces a few years ago.

Jehovah's Witnesses receive a warm welcome in Baltimore since their members are widely known to come in large numbers, and are quiet and gracious.

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OUT-OF-TOWN members are housed throughout the city.

Before they moved in to the Coliseum to set the stage for the conference, they cleaned floors, seats, even the walls.

They will repeat the sworn duty and leave the place spotless. Food for countless meals is paid for in cash.

They follow a doctrine that says God will transform the earth into a paradise in our time and will restore man to human perfection. They pattern missionary efforts after Christ and the Apostles who preached from house to house throughout the world.

Membership leaps by more than a million converts around the world each year and includes people of all races.

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DR. MASON is typical of the officials who dedicate themselves to service. Although he maintains a full dental practice, he spends week-ends and evenings in the ministry of the Witnesses belief.

In 1952 Dr. Mason first came in contact with the work of Jehovah's Witnesses and began to study their literature.

Since one of the fundamental doctrines of Jehovah's Witnesses is that everyone must be a teacher of the Bible, he soon joined in the house-to-house ministry.

He was appointed presiding minister of the Lafayette Park Congregation in 1956.

AN UNASSUMING person, Dr. Mason is a successful inventor and a highly skilled farmer.

He owns the Arden Acres Estate, a stone's throw from the Annapolis Naval Academy on the Severn River, and raises thoroughbred horses and Shetland ponies.

The largest remaining single tract of land in the state, it has over 250 acres with an 88-acre airplane landing field.

Arrest 3 in Inn

"It is imparative that legislation be drafted banning discrimination in any place generally open to the public."

Parren J. Mitchell, executive secretary, Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations, had this comment Thursday, following the arrest of three men on trespass charges at a Conowingo Inn.

The three charged are:

Samuel H. Grant, 42, of Oxford, Pa., a faculty member at Lincoln University; Dr. Felder E. Rouse Jr., 42, of Chester, Pa. and Barry L. Walley, 21, a student of Chester.

The three prayed a jury trial Thursday, through their NAACP attorney, Tucker R. Dearing, when brought up for a hearing at the police court in Rising Sun.

THEY WERE arrested Wednesday evening at the Conowingo Inn after the proprietor charged them with trespassing and failing to leave when they were refused service of alcoholic beverages.

This is the same establishment where two African students, taking part in a State Department sponsored educational program, were arrested on the same charge Dec. 26.

Charges against these students were later dropped.

Mr. Mitchell told the AFRO that if there is a complaint made to his agency in the current case, the commission will launch a determining investigation.

Commenting further on the need for clarifying legislation banning discrimination in all public places, Mr. Mitchell stated:

"The Interracial Commission does not know whether this facility is covered under state or federal law.

"Even if it should not be so covered, there is still no justification for refusing service to anyone because of the color of his skin."

Thugs beat, rob AFRO proofreader

An AFRO proofreader was beaten and robbed of $16 Tuesday night while enroute from work.

Lawrence Straughn, 29, 2500 block W. Lafayette Ave., said he was attacked by two men as he neared Pennsylvania Ave. and St. Mary St.

Mr. Straughn said his assailants struck him across the face with what appeared to be a broom handle and struck him several blows about the face and head with their fists.

The thugs fled in darkness after taking the money from his pocket, the proofreader added.

"I knew my nose was bleeding but I had no idea that it had been broken until I got home and looked in the mirror. My nose was pushed over to one side of my face," he remarked.

Mr. Straughn said he went to Lutheran Hospital where he was given temporary treatment and reported the incident to police.

He later was transferred to the Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital where he was treated for a fractured nose and facial abrasions and released.

$25 newstip prize for first '65 infant call

Alert AFRO readers shared cash awards this week because they were FIRST to report news events to this newspaper.

Top $25 prize goes to the nurse who reported the birth of the FIRST baby of the New Year.

Because she notified the AFRO first, Mrs. Elma Elizabeth Adams of N. Parrish St., won the AFRO's $100 prize for giving birth to the first 1965 baby.

DAUGHTER Sharon Elizabeth, weighed 6 pounds, 6½ ounces when she arrived at Provident Hospital at 12:31 a.m. The AFRO had the news sixty seconds later.

Other newstipsters shared the $50 weekly jackpot for reporting a variety of news events in the city, including a fatal accident, fire, assault, death of a prominent teacher, and auto accidents.

YOU, too, can share in the AFRO's $50 weekly newstip jackpot.

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IF YOU have a news flash or photo, simply pick up the phone and call MUlberry 5-8015, and ask for City Desk and say "I've got a news tip."

After 8:30 p.m., call LA. 3-3024.

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Are registered to vote in Baltimore. Are you?

28 per cent of the colored persons eligible to vote in Baltimore were not registered for the past November general election.

Here is how you can register:

Where — Supervisors of Elections, ground floor, People's Court Building, Fayette and Gay Sts.

When — Mondays through Wednesdays and on Thursdays 9 a.m. Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., to 7 p.m.

A good citizen is registered as an eligible voter.

Next election is the gubernatorial primary in the spring of 1966.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT—The Shriners chose Christmas Eve to present a $2,348 present to the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. Alfred A. Dixon, (seated at right) Imperial Oriental Guide of the Shriners, of the Jurisdiction of North and South America, hands the check to Jack Greenberg, director of the fund. Witnessing the event are Mrs. Constance Baker Motley, associate counsel and (standing, from left) Nobles of the Shriners Baster Jackson, Leon L. Berry, deputy Potentate of the New York Shriners; John W. Davis, and William C. Kilpatrick.

$85,000 bail on charges of assaulting woman, officer

A 27-year-old man was held for action of the grand jury last week on charges of assaulting a 21-year-old woman with intent to kill and striking a police officer who attempted to arrest him.

The young woman, Miss June C. Ferguson, of the 500 block of E. North Ave., told police on Dec. 23, that she had been attacked by a white man who placed a penknife at her chest and threatened to kill her if she refused to accompany him.

Miss Ferguson said she managed to break away from the man and sought help from Sgt. Stanley Nilka and Patrolman Kelly Smith who were in a patrol car at the corner of Garrison Blvd. and Dorchester Rd.

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THE OFFICERS said they and Miss Ferguson cruised the neighborhood and returned to the 3800 block Dorchester Rd., where the assault occurred.

Patrolman Smith, after being told by the victim that she last saw her assailant run between two homes, went to investigate and was struck on the head.

He stated he was knocked to the ground and as he was getting up saw a man fleeing with the woman's purse.

The officer reported he fired at the man as he fled.

Robert T. Anstine of the 3900 block Liberty Heights Ave., was arrested on Dec. 26, and charged. He was ordered held for action of the grand jury under bond of $85,000.

DURING THE hearing in Northwestern Municipal Court police revealed that Miss Ferguson picked the accused man out of a line up.

They stated that two other woman who were attacked in the area last year were unable to pick the man out.

Court test set in CRC order to union

The city's Law Deparment has filed an order in City Court requesting compliance with a decree to a union by the Community Relations Commission that it open its membership to colored.

The order is leveled at the Balto Photo Engravers Union on behalf of Taxwell Lewis, 342 Bloom St., and William Lewis, 1914 N. Monroe St.

Samuel T. Daniels, CRC executive secretary, said the case is the first of its kind to reach the court here.

After several months of negotiations and a public hearing, CRC ordered the union on last Aug. 6 to accept Messrs. Lewis, and thus drop its color bars.

WHEN THE union officials did nothing to comply, the case was referred on Nov. 16 to the Law Deparment.

Should the court comply with the CRC request for obedience to its order, the union can be held in contempt of court if it does not accept the two men.

"Unless the commission action is sustained by the court," Mr. Daniels stated, "any future respondents may do the same in future cases."

Mr. Daniels pointed out that previously, there has not been such prolonged resistance to a CRC order to cease discriminatory practices, as to require this action.

Dr. King at Hopkins on Monday

Dr. Martin Luther King, Nobel Peace prize winner and apostle of the non-violent struggle for freedom, will speak at Johns Hopkins University Monday evening.

The 60-minute address is scheduled for 5 p.m. in the auditorium of Shriver Hall on the Homewood Campus and is sponsored by the Hopkins Committee on Special Events.

The public is welcome to attend but it is advised that early arrival is necessary. The assembly is designed for faculty and students. Although all may not be present, there are 1,600 students and the auditorium seats only 1,400 persons.

Dr. King will land at Friendship Airport at 3 p.m. Monday afternoon and will proceed with his party and escorts to the Hopkins Campus.

Child dead, 5 hurt in explosion

ONE SPOT, Md. — A combination beauty salon-barber shop was turned into a flaming inferno here mid-day Wednesday leaving a nine-month girl dead and five persons injured.

The thriving business, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Julius Warren and located on U. S. Route 1 near Waterloo was left in smoldering rubble following an explosion, believed to have been caused by a gas leak.

Resulting debris and flames blocked traffic on the interstate highway for nearly nine hours and the fire was brought under control six hours after the explosion.

Dead is Fornan Warren, granddaughter of the owners, whose tiny body was pried from the charred wreckage at 7:45 p.m.

Treated for burns and other injuries sustained in the searing holocaust were:

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RUTGERS B. Colt Jr., 29, 2500 block Crest Rd., who was at the scene at the time of the accident.

Mrs. Sibetta Warren, proprietor;

Dorita Warren, 4-year-old granddaughter of the owners,

ers.

Miss Oreal Marshall, 27, an operator in the shop.

Miss Eleanor Moore, 38, of Laurel, a customer.

Miss Virginia Brown, 18, of Laurel, also an operator.

All victims were treated at hospitals or by private doctors and released.

Minutes before the flaming debris was rained on the quiet rural community, Mr. Colt reported to Mr. Warren that he smelled gas.

She answered that she had also detected a strong gas odor and reported that she had already called it to the attention of the gas company.

Before repairmen responded, however, Howard County Police Sgt. Robert Mathews said the building was shattered by the explosion.

"There is no question but that it was a gas leak,"

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Tawes backs police complaints to Moylan

"I still say when there are specific complaints, such complaints should be referred to the state's attorney."

Gov. J. Millard Tawes was speaking at his press conference Thursday afternoon, commenting on a telegram sent him by Delegate Clarence M. Mitchell 3rd (4th D.) urging him to curb police tactics in the Veney brothers search.

Mr. Mitchell termed the situation a "police state."

Gov. Tawes appeared reluctant to comment further.

Turning to other matters, he said he and Mrs. Tawes would be with the Maryland contingent in the inaugural parade in Washington Jan. 20, and he would deliver his state of the state message to the General Assembly the next day.

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HE WOULD not give an inkling of what it would contain, but said he wanted it to be "the best" he has ever delivered.

The governor said he would recommend that the Assembly authorize appointment of a blue ribbon commission to study problems surrounding the calling of a constitutional convention, to rewrite Maryland laws, many of which are antiquated.

Such a commission, he said, would report recommendations at the next session.

Asked if Baltimore can look forward to tax aids in the coming session, the governor replied he did not know now.

He said he wanted to wait and see just what the city would ask for.

As to his own legislative program, Gov. Tawes stated he was not going to reveal it now, because too many people might start "hitting at it."

$$'s FOR PROVIDENT — Charles M. Thomas, plant manager for the Baltimore Carling Brewery, presents a $1,000 check to H. J. Whyte, administrator of Provident Hospital. The contribution, an installment on Carling's pledge, will hasten the arrival of a new, $8,000,000 Provident. Giving smiling approval to the presentation is Miss Bernice Christian, assistant director of nursing services at the hospital.

New innovations at old Provident as funds drive enters third phase

For the first time in its more than 100 year history Provident Hospital in its antiquated building on Division St. will have a Recovery Room for surgical patients.

The Recovery Room and several other improvements at the hospital according to Dr. Saul Purdue, head of the facility's Board of Trustees, has been instigated by Henry J. White, since his arrival three months ago as administrator.

At that time, Mr. White admitted that he faced a man-sized job in the out-moded building.

"I consider this quite a challenge," he said, looking at the crowded furnishings in the hospital.

"But," he added, "I am going to enjoy it."

Where did he find space for a Recovery Room

"Well, it's just a matter of making better use of the limited space," he added.

"The new room will be able to take care of five patients after they come out of surgery."

The new room will be ready for the first patient on Jan. 15.

Dr. Purdue said the administration changes are conditioning personnel for the eventual move to the new Provident which will be constructed on a 22-acre tract in Northwest Baltimore.

The new $8 million facility will have a 300-bed capacity, twice that of the present building.

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THE THIRD phase of the campaign to raise approximately $2,400,000 which will be added to city, state, and Federal funds, for the construction of the hospital, is about to begin, Dr. Purdue said.

Business and residents of the city have already contributed $1,715,000, he said.

In discussing the new Recovery Room, Mr. White said that in the past the surgical patient has always been moved directly to his bed in his ward.

The change will offer the patient a more personal service from a team of specialists until he is ready to re-

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