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HUMPHREY MAY LOSE $22,500 POST AS CITY'S POVERTY PROGRAM BOSS

Floor-Length Dresses Too Much

MR. AND MRS. CASSIUS CLAY
Now He's Quiet And She's Talking

CHICAGO, Ill., —A firm and unwavering dislike for floor - length dresses was singled out by pretty, shapely Sonji Clay, Thursday, as the main reason for the disruption of her domestic life with heavyweight champion Cassius Clay.

Sonji was named defendant in a suit filed by Clay, Wednesday in Miami, seeking an annulment of their marriage of less than a year.

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"WHILE I wasn't aware that my husband had taken the action, I am not surprised by it," declared Mrs. Clay prior to going into seclusion at the Southside address where she has made her home the past three weeks.

Sonji blames Black Muslim leader Elijah Muhammad for her husband's decision to call their marriage quits.

She vowed Thursday she would fight an annulment "because I love him — I'll do anything I can to save my marriage."

She said Muhammad told Clay that "I was embarrassing the entire Black Muslim nation so he had to choose between me and them."

"I'm normal like other women," Sonji said. "I don't like to wear that stuff."

Mrs. Clay said she had complied with her husband's requests to stop smoking, change her diet and wear

—See Clay files, Page A-2

SMASHED EGGS AND WINDOWS—Denise Evans, 13, points to one of the spots where vandals splattered eggs in the home of her brother, Daniel Evans, at 17 S. Arlington Ave. After the egg and window smashing spree, which they believe was done by white neighbors, the Evans family is afraid to leave the house unattended.

Expect action by board on Tuesday

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

DR. M. J. HUMPHREY

Dr. Melvin J. Humphrey, director of the city's $4 million Anti - Poverty program, is scheduled to resign his $22,500 job, the AFRO learned late Thursday.

The resignation, it was learned, is to become effective July 30 and is expected to be accepted by the Community Action Commission at its Tuesday meeting.

The sudden and unexpected move looms exactly two months and six days after the former Morgan College professor was sworn in.

It also culminates weeks of rumors of reported dissension within the ranks of the commission and administrative staff of the program which had threatened to break into a public controversy.

Asked to comment on the report, Dr. Humphrey at first denied he was quitting.

"When, and if, I leave, it will be of my own free will," he said.

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PRESSED FOR a comment on the report that he has tendered his resignation, the director replied: "I have not given a letter of resignation to anyone."

"Have you written your letter of resignation?" he was asked.

"I'll have to say no com-

—See May lose, Page A-13

Baptists uphold race segregation

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI) — The American Baptist Association (ABA) passed a resolution Thursday reaffirming "Our position as believing that the segregation of the races in social activities is of Divine order."

The resolution was passed at the annual convention of the ABA in Memphis.

In their last day of the convention, 4,000 delegates selected the Rev. Vernon Lierly of Tulsa, Okla. to head the association.

New AFRO Contest adds more cash prizes for Clean Blockers

The AFRO's "Most Popular Clean Blocker Contest" is hooked up with the Regular Clean Block Contest and it offers an extra bonus to thousands of Baltimore children.

What do these lucky kids have to look forward to between now and the Aug. 14 deadline?

In addition to the many prizes they can win for "The Prettiest Block in Town," there will be extra prizes in the Clean Block Jamboree for the Clean Block Champ.

LOOK ON Page Two of this edition, (today), Friday. There you will find the First Coupon, all the rules and regulations of the New Contest.

The First Coupon (Page Two) is worth 100 votes.

To enter, you must have at least FIVE coupons. More coupons will come on Page Two of every AFRO out Tuesday and Friday until deadline, Aug. 14.

Only Clean Blockers (up to age 19) are eligible for the new contest.

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HERE'S WHAT the Clean Blockers with the most Coupons will get:

1st Prize - Stereo Record Player
2nd Prize - $100 cash

—See New contest, Page A-2

LBJ cheers ill Mrs. Irma Dixon with family photo

Mrs. Irma G. Dixon, 4th District House of Delegates member who has been ill and hospitalized most of the year, has received a cheering greeting from President Lyndon B. Johnson.

The President sent her a portrait in color of the Johnson White House family, inscribed with his note of appreciation for her services.

Mrs. Dixon was on the staff of the Democratic national voter registration campaign, leading up to the President's election last November.

She is in Montebello Hospital.

Vandals hit newlyweds in mixed neighborhood

"They even threw my wedding cake on the dining room floor. The little bride and groom were broken and I had to paste them back together."

Near tears, Mrs. Gwendolyn Evans was surveying the damage caused to her home at 17 S. Arlington Ave. by vandals Sunday night in what she believes was an attempt to drive her and her family out of the nearly all-white neighborhood.

Returning from a visit to her mother - in - law's home at about 10:30 Sunday night, Mrs. Evans said she and her husband, Daniel — one of two colored families in the neighborhood —found that "most of the windows had been smashed and about three dozen eggs had been thrown against the walls inside the house."

Altogether seven first and second floor windows of the row house were smashed by bricks, which the Evans found on the floors when

—See Vandals, Page A-2

Some drivers face sky-high policy rates

By MAX JOHNSON
AFRO Political Analyst

Newly enacted legislation, originally intended to save risky auto drivers money on their liability insurance, has been nullified by action of the State Insurance Department.

They have added new charges to the industry's required assigned risk plan, which allows rate increases as high as 200 per cent above the plan's former maximum.

In one instance, a driver who had last paid $160 a

—See Drivers told, Page A-13

NOW IS THE TIME

to sell that vacant lot you own. Use a want ad in the AFRO Classified Section Tuesday and Friday.

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$100,000 to Provident fund

Trustees of the Emanuel Chambers Foundation Thursday pushed the Provident Hospital Development fund drive to within $250,000 of its $2 million, $400 thousand goal.

Stuart Oliver, chairman of the trustee board presented $100,000 contribution to Samuel M. Hecht and George L. Russell Jr., co - chairmen of the drive.

The presentation was made at a progress report luncheon at the Lord Baltimore Hotel where leaders of the door - to - door phase of the fund raising projects were guests.

Charles Tildon, campaign director, said the gift pushes the total raised through public subscription to $2,150,000 to date.

In addition to Mr. Oliver, other trustees witnessing the presentation were Gaylord L. Clark, E. McClure Rou-

—See Provident, Page A-2

WINS AGAIN. — Sugar Ray Robinson, 5-time middleweight champ beat young Joe Walcott Thursday night in D.C. — Story on Sports Page.

Cold meals to Headstart children raise concern

The Rev. Robert T. Newbold, vice chairman, Community Action Agency, said after an inspection of the city's new Headstart project Thursday the program was doing well.

However, he said his agency is concerned because the children are not being served hot meals in the schools.

A qualifying provision for participating in the program requires that Headstart children be served one hot meal a day.

Participating churches, the Rev. Mr. Newbold stated, are complying by serving their children a hot meal.

MRS. ELAINE NOLAN, Headstart director, gave the AFRO this explanation:

"The reason is that all of the schools do not have cafeteria service, less than half of them. We don't feel we should serve hot meals to some, when we can't to others."

Mrs. Nolan said the children are attending class from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30, and are served a meal when they arrive and a mid - morning snack.

The enrollees are those who will be attending school for the first time in September, and the program is designed to do what it is called, give them a headstart in schooling.

Mrs. Nolan said there are 480 children participating in the CAA's anti - poverty project area in East Baltimore.

NOTICE
THE ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT
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MONDAY — JULY 5th
INDEPENDENCE DAY
All display (block - typed) ads for the Tuesday, July 6th issue should be in this office before 3 p.m., Friday, July 2nd . . . and all classified reader per word ads should be in this office before 4 p.m. on Friday, July 2nd.

'Gunsmoke' Defendants Freed Despite Judge's 'Tough In Here' Talk

A People's Court constable and a city school teacher, who were involved in what Criminal Court Judge Anselm Sodaro described as "something like Gunsmoke on a Saturday night," were freed Wednesday.

Beverly (Beechie) Burrell, 36, 3400 block Fairview Ave., the constable, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon and disorderly conduct.

The teacher, Miss Betty D. Rogers, 23, also of the 3400 block Fairview Ave., was accused of possession and firing a gun within city limits.

The charges grew out of a May 17 incident at a Pennsylvania Ave. night club, where Miss Rogers allegedly fired the gun after Mr. Burrell and Ambrose Robinson, 40, 2000 block N. Fulton Ave. became involved in an altercation.

In dismissing the couple, Judge Sodaro said, "I do not intend to police taverns and cocktail lounges."

Mr. Robinson, who was charged with being disorderly, was freed when the state, through Miss Lucy Ann Garvey, prosecutor, confessed not guilty.

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THE "GUNSMOKE" description by Judge Sodaro came while Mr. Robinson was testifying, with the consent of George L. Russell Jr., his attorney, as a state's witness.

Mr. Robinson said the altercation started when he attempted to speak to Mr. Burrell about an earlier incident involving Mr. Robinson's brother.

"I learned that he had drawn a pistol on my brother, and I wanted to talk to him about it. He started cursing me and hit me on the jaw," Mr. Robinson testified, adding:

"I hit him, knocked him down and tore his clothes off."

Asked why he tore off the constable's clothes, Mr. Robinson answered, "I was searching for the gun."

During the struggle, he continued, "I heard a shot and saw the gun in Mrs. Rogers' hand. She shot towards me."

After the gunfire, according to Mr. Robinson, Mr. Burrell took the gun from Miss Rogers and drew it on him.

When police arrived, the witness said, the constable hit him with the gun.

"And what did you do?" Miss Garvey asked.

"I knocked him down again," was the reply.

"This was a real bar brawl," Judge Sodaro injected at that point.

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THE REMARK brought chuckles from spectators as did the "Gunsmoke" reference and this exchange between Miss Garvey and Mr. Burrell:

Q - Who is Miss Rogers?
A - A friend.
Q - Girlfriend?
A - A friend.
Q - You live together, don't you?
A - No.
Q - Where does she live?
A - 3406 Fairview Ave.
Q - Where do you live?
A - 3406 Fairview Ave.

"It's an apartment," counsel for the couple volunteered.

"Yes," replied Judge Sodaro — "a small apartment."

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THE TRIAL also revealed the absence of official regulations covering the use of guns by constables.

"You are not supposed to carry a loaded revolver on duty. You don't have a permit from the Police

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